

**Minutes of the
DAVENPORT-ROCK ISLAND-MOLINE, IOWA-ILLINOIS
URBANIZED AREA
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, May 31, 2005, 12:00 Noon
Third Floor Conference Room
Bi-State Regional Commission
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

Policy Members Present

Mike Freemire, Vice Chair	Mayor of Bettendorf
Charlie Brooke	Mayor of Davenport
Tom Engelmann	City of Davenport Alderman
Lyle Lohse	Mayor of Silvis
Larry Lorensen	MetroLINK Board of Trustees Chair
Larry E. Minard	Scott County Board Chair
John Thodos	Mayor of East Moline
Kris Tobin	Illinois Department of Transportation – District 2
Don Welvaert	Mayor of Moline

Others Present

Denise Bulat	Bi-State Regional Commission
John Hoffstatter	Howard R. Green Company
Mark Hunt	Bi-State Regional Commission
Pat Lynch	Ament Inc.
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Lalit Patel	Bi-State Regional Commission
Kathy Starling	IJCJL

1. Public Hearing on Consideration of Adoption of the FFY 06-08 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Gena McCullough reported that a public notice of the upcoming publication of the Quad Cities: Davenport-Rock Island-Moline Urbanized Area FFY 2006-08 Transportation Improvement Program ran in both the Quad City Times and Rock Island Argus/Dispatch newspapers per the required 14 day public comment period of the adopted Public Involvement Process. Copies of the TIP annual elements, which list transportation projects by year, were provided to members of the Regional Transportation Advisory Group as well as one-page general explanation of the document purpose and process. As of May 31st, Bi-State Regional Commission staff had received no public comments regarding the TIP. There were no public comments regarding the TIP voiced during the Committee meeting.
2. Election of Transportation Policy Committee Chair Denise Bulat notified the Committee that, due to the retirement of former Moline Mayor Stan Leach, a new Chair and Vice Chair must be elected. Ms. Bulat advised the Committee that the Chair and Vice Chair could not be from the same state. Mayor Freemire requested nominations for Chair. Mr. Minard brought a motion before the Committee to elect Mayor Freemire as Chair. Mayor Thodos seconded the motion. The motion to elect Mayor Freemire as Committee Chair carried. A motion to elect Mayor Thodos as Vice Chair was brought by Mayor Lohse and seconded by Mr. Minard. The motion to elect Mayor Thodos Vice Chair carried.
3. Approval of Minutes of the April 26, 2005 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Larry Lorensen moved that the April 26, 2005 Transportation Policy Committee Minutes be approved as presented. Mr. Engelmann seconded the motion for approval. The motion carried.

4. Consideration of the FFY 2006-08 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Mr. Hunt provided a summary report of the FFY 2006-08 TIP, noting that the report was subject to change due to last minute submissions by local governments and final staff verification. Based on summary tables in the draft TIP, Mr. Hunt reported that approximately \$34.7 million are programmed for roadway projects in the Urban Area for FFY 2006. Of this total, \$8.4 million are federal funds and \$13 million are state funds. Projects approved under the Long Range Transportation Plan, continue to account for the majority of allocated roadway funds, while maintenance remains the second leading justification for fund expenditures. In FFY 2006, the Illinois portion of the Urban Area is programmed for \$7 million in federal roadway funds, while the Iowa portion is programmed for \$0.8 million in federal funds. For FFY 2006, the combined federal funding programmed for both roadway and transit projects in the Illinois portion of the Urban Area is \$34.6 million. For FFY 2006, the combined federal funding for both roadway and transit projects in the Iowa portion is \$2.1 million. Programmed federal transit funding for FFY 2006 in the urban area breaks down as follows: Operating Expenses \$7.2 million; Capital Expenses \$21.9 million; Planning Expenses \$0.2 million. Mr. Hunt noted that the FFY 2006 TIP included seven roadway projects funded under the federal Surface Transportation Program (STP). The largest STP project programmed is BE-06-04, a reconstruction project of Bettendorf's Middle Rd. between Belmont Rd. and 53rd Ave. The Middle Rd. project has a total projected cost of \$2.0 million, with federal funding of \$1.6 million. Following the report, Mayor Thodos motioned for the committee to accept the TIP and recommend forwarding the final document to the Federal Highway Administration of State of Iowa and Illinois DOT. Mr. Tom Engelmann seconded and the motioned carried.
5. Status of the 2035 Quad City Area Long Range Transportation Plan and Presentation of Chapter I: Introduction Ms. Gena McCullough updated the committee on the status of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRP) and briefly reviewed the contents of the plan's introductory chapter. Ms. McCullough informed the Committee that the 2035 LRP must address environmental justice issues related to transportation. The plan update will include an environmental matrix for reviewing proposed projects. Ms. McCullough also notified the Committee of the results of a transportation survey that is part of the 2035 Long Range Plan (LRP) public involvement initiative. A mail survey was sent to all members of the Regional Transportation Advisory Group (RTAG) and Air Quality Task Force. The survey had a 40% response rate. Survey results will be part of the LRP text. Respondents generally had a favorable opinion of transportation in Quad City Area and nearly 50% percent reported carpooling to work recently. Other preliminary data from the survey indicates that 60% of respondents use the area's bike trail. Respondents seemed to be most concerned about congestion along the I-74/Elmore Ave. and 53rd St. corridor. Ms. McCullough reminded the Committee that the goals, listed in Chapter I of the LRP, were previously shared with the Committee in August 2004. Following the report, Mayor Welvaert asked what was the current standard width for bike lanes. Ms. Bulat responded that ASHTO standards indicate five-feet per lane.
6. Public Comments No public comments were made.
7. Other Business Ms. Bulat reported that the long awaited Federal Highway Bill was about to enter conference committee, where differences between the House and Senate versions would be addressed. Area delegates of the conference committee include Illinois Senator Barack Obama, Iowa Senator Charles Grassley and Iowa Congressman Jim Nussle. Funding for the bill is not likely to surpass the President's threshold of \$283.9 billion.
8. Adjournment Upon a motion by Mr. Minard and second by Mr. Engelmann, the Committee adjourned at 12:40 p.m.