

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

Tuesday, January 24, 2006, 12:00 Noon
Third Floor Conference Room
Bi-State Regional Commission
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

Policy Members Present

John Cater	Federal Highway Administration, Iowa
Fred Dean	Iowa Department of Transportation-Davenport
John Donovan	Federal Highway Administration, Illinois
Brian Dumas	City of Davenport Alderman
Mike Freemire	Mayor of Bettendorf
Lyle Lohse	Mayor of Silvis
Larry Lorensen	MetroLINK Board of Trustees Chair
Larry Minard	Scott County
Ross Monk	Illinois Department of Transportation-Dixon
John Thodos	Mayor of East Moline
Don Welvaert	Mayor of Moline
Ed Winborn	Mayor of Davenport

Others Present

Mike Atchley	City of Davenport
Marianne Doonan	Bi-State Regional Commission
Sharon Durbin	Illinois Department of Transportation
Jennifer Garrity	MetroLINK
Scott Hinton	City of Moline
Mark Hunt	Bi-State Regional Commission
Bill Lauper	City of East Moline
Holly Liles	Federal Highway Administration, Iowa
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Jeff Nelson	MetroLINK
Lalit Patel	Bi-State Regional Commission
Kathy Starling	Illinois Iowa Center for Independent Living
Ed Tibbets	Quad City Times

1. Approval of the Minutes of the December 20,2005 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mayor Freemire asked for approval of the December 20, 2005 Transportation Policy Committee minutes. Mr. Lorensen motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mayor Lohse seconded the motion and it carried.

2. Consideration of 2035 Quad City Area Long Range Transportation Plan for Release and Public Review. Ms. McCullough directed Policy Committee members to their agenda packet for a copy of the full draft plan document. Ms. McCullough summarized the transportation planning process with its emphasis on system preservation. She explained that pending Committee approval, the document would be released for a 30-day public input period. In addition to posting the document on the Bi-State website and notifying the media, the plan would be presented in a series of public hearings, as tentatively scheduled in a hand out provided to the Committee. The draft will be presented to Bi-State Regional Commission at its February 22, 2006 meeting. The document will be tabled by the Commission pending the public comment period. On recommendation of the Policy Committee, the plan will be considered for adoption at the Commission's March 22, 2006 meeting.

Ms. McCullough provided a brief overview of plan chapters that had been previously presented to the Policy Committee, including model projections, roadways, intermodal, transit, and trails. She noted that recent changes received from the City of Davenport and the transit agencies would be incorporated in the draft released for public review. She introduced the final chapter, which discusses financial feasibility and environmental review early in the planning process. The financial portion describes the costs of priority transportation projects and access to funding. She noted that the I-74 bridge project had moved from being an illustrative project in the previous plan to being included in the financially constrained budget for the current plan. She also noted that approximate dollars for enhancement projects with match would be added to the Transportation Expenses. A federal review of the proposed budget recommended that forecasted enhancement revenues be balanced out by estimated projected costs. The financial summary will be adjusted accordingly.

Ms. McCullough commented that the Transit Chapter was most substantially changed from the previous plan because of recent studies regarding transit alternatives, consolidation, and rapid transit options. Mayor Freemire noted that Bettendorf would like to be included in consideration of transit expansion in the 65th and 67th street growth corridors.

Mayor Welvaert asked whether the high speed rail project proposed between the Quad Cities and Geneseo was included in the transportation plan financial summary. Ms. McCullough explained that the plan primarily addresses federal funding and the rail project, as proposed, would use State of Illinois funds. Since there has been no official information from the State on this project, it is not included in the plan's financial considerations. Mr. Minard asked whether the proposed route is part of the same route proposed for the Chicago to Omaha service. There was discussion of the proposed project and how it fits in with the Midwest Rail Initiative.

Mr. Minard asked whether the I-74 bridge and corridor improvements would impact local traffic patterns and if that was reflected in the plan. Mr. Patel answered that the I-74 Bridge and improvements were included in the transportation model. He noted that impacts are reflected in Map 2.18 showing future capacity.

Mr. Lorensen commented that there was an apparent inconsistency in the number of railroads discussed between Chapters 1 and 4 of the document. Ms. McCullough said that this would be checked. She pointed out that Map 2-20 (Future Year 2035 Average Daily Traffic) is still being prepared. She noted that the map and any other changes brought to staff's attention will be incorporated into the plan as received.

Mayor Fremire asked for a motion to approve release of the 2035 Quad City Area Long Range Transportation Plan for public review. The motion was made by Mayor Welvaert. Mayor Winborn seconded. The motion was approved.

3. Public Comments. No public comments were made.
4. Other Business. Ms. McCullough said that following the public review period for the Long Range Plan, the final document would be presented to the Policy Committee for consideration of recommendation to the Bi-State Regional Commission for adoption. The next meeting of the Policy Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 2006 at noon.
5. Adjournment. Mayor Welvaert motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lorensen. The meeting adjourned prior to 12:40 p.m.