

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

Tuesday, February 21, 2006, 12:00 Noon
Third Floor Conference Room
Bi-State Regional Commission
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

Policy Members Present

Mike Freemire, Chair	Mayor of Bettendorf
Jim Bohnsack	Rock Island County Board Chair
Fred Dean	Iowa Department of Transportation-Davenport
Ian Frink	City of Davenport Alderman
Lyle Lohse	Mayor of Silvis
Larry Lorensen	MetroLINK Board of Trustees Chair
Mark Schweibert	Mayor of Rock Island
John Thodos	Mayor of East Moline
Don Welvaert	Mayor of Moline
Ed Winborn	Mayor of Davenport
Norma Wren	Mayor of Riverdale

Others Present

Denise Bulat	Bi-State Regional Commission
Doug DeLille	Bi-State Regional Commission
Marianne Doonan	Bi-State Regional Commission
Mark Hunt	Bi-State Regional Commission
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Jeff Nelson	MetroLINK
Lalit Patel	Bi-State Regional Commission
Gary Statz	City of Davenport

1. Approval of the Minutes of the January 24, 2006 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mayor Freemire asked for approval of the January 24, 2006 Transportation Policy Committee minutes. Mr. Lorensen motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mayor Wren seconded the motion and the motion carried.
2. Status of 2035 Quad City Area Long Range Transportation Plan. Ms. McCullough directed the Policy Committee to the agenda packets for a summary of comments to date and how staff planned to address various comments. Since the public release of the draft *2035 Quad City Area Long Range Transportation Plan* following the January Policy Committee meeting, series of public meetings had been scheduled and geographically distributed in the five larger Quad Cities at various days and times to accommodate a variety of schedules. Four public hearings had been held to date with approximately 30 participants. The most

heavily attended was in East Moline at the South Moline Township Hall prior to Monday noon bingo. Ms. McCullough distributed a handout of the full range of public input/media opportunities during the plan development process. The final public hearing was scheduled for February 23, 2006 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Center in Rock Island. On the Long Range Plan page of the Bi-State Regional Commission website www.bistateonline.org, there were more than 125 page views between January -February time period with the highest viewing during the week of January 23, 2006. She reviewed the summary of comments received to date and staff's suggestions on how items would be addressed in the final plan document. One suggestion noted that there were no proposed sidewalks on the pedestrian network map. Staff recommended that the proposed roadway network projects be examined for the feasibility of adding sidewalks with new roadway development. An e-mail will be sent to the Technical Committee requesting this information. A discussion ensued on how the various communities fund sidewalk improvements, such as matching 50/50 cost with residents. The public review period will conclude March 2, 2006. At the next Policy Committee, members will be asked to consider a recommendation of approval of the Plan to Bi-State Regional Commission.

3. Discussion and Consideration of Iowa Quad Cities Surface Transportation Program (STP) Evaluation Process and Ranking. Ms. McCullough directed the Committee members to their agenda packets for a copy of project submittal forms. Since the original request for project submittals, the total STP funds estimated to be available has been adjusted to \$16,402,015 based on the most recent information received from the Iowa Department of Transportation on the STP target dollars. The submittal projects amount to \$58 million in requests. The City of Davenport had submitted fourteen projects and the City of Bettendorf had submitted four projects. Project response forms and a spreadsheet showing the availability of STP funds was distributed at the meeting. Project ranking information was also distributed for consideration.

Mr. Patel reviewed the Surface Transportation Program (STP) evaluation process, including the evaluation categories of level of service, safety, physical condition and special considerations (air quality, alternative modes and project readiness). Projects can receive a maximum of 400 points without special considerations. Mr. Patel described the special considerations and other parameters approved by the Technical Committee. The following projects were submitted for ranking from Davenport:

- 06-01 West 76th from 1,100 feet East of M.A.Ford to Division Street;
- 06-02 46th Street (E. of Tremont to Eastern Avenue);
- 06-03 Pine Street (Kimberly Road to 49th Street);
- 06-04 67th Street (Jersey Ridge Road to Elmore Avenue);
- 06-05 67th Street (Eastern Avenue to Jersey Ridge Road);
- 06-06 67th Street (Elmore Avenue to East City Limits);
- 06-07 53rd Street (Fairmount Street to Thornwood);
- 06-08 Division Street (Northwest Boulevard to 76th Street);
- 06-09 Hickory Grove (S. of Duck Creek to Kimberly Road);
- 06-10 Eastern Avenue (46th to 53rd Streets);

- 06-11 Division Street (Cheyenne to Northwest Boulevard);
- 06-12 Fairmount Street (Kimberly Road to 53rd Street);
- 06-13 U.S.6/Kimberly Road at Division Street; and
- 06-14 Wisconsin Avenue (Locust to 11th Streets).

The following projects were submitted for ranking from Bettendorf:

- 06-15 Forest Grove Drive (Devils Glen to Middle Roads);
- 06-16 Forest Grove Drive (West City Limits to Devils Glen Road);
- 06-17 Belmont Road (End of 4-lane near Corral Court to Valley Drive); and
- 06-18 Middle Road (Crow Creek Road to Forest Grove Drive).

Based on the ranking of projects, Mr. Patel indicated that the Technical Committee recommended approval of the top four projects as “A” priorities, including 06-11 Division Street (Cheyenne Ct.-Northwest Blvd.)-272.95 points, 06-03 Pine Street (Kimberly Rd.-49th St.)-270.00 points, 06-17 Belmont Rd. (Corral Ct.-Valley Drive)-256.99 points and 06-13 Kimberly Rd. at Division St.-255.00 points. After a brief discussion, Mayor Winborn motioned to accept the recommendation of the Technical Committee and approve the top four projects 06-11, 06-03, 06-17 and 06-13 as described above. Mayor Wren seconded the motion and it carried.

4. Public Comments. No public comments were made.
5. Other Business. No other business was noted.
6. Adjournment. Mayor Thodos motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mayor Lohse. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.