

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

Tuesday, May 23, 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 Chairman
Fred Dean	Iowa DOT, Davenport Office
Ian Frink	City of Davenport Alderman
Larry Lorensen	MetroLINK Board of Trustees Chair
Mark Schwiebert	Mayor of Rock Island
John Thodos	Mayor of East Moline
Don Welvaert	Mayor of Moline
Norma Wren	Mayor of Riverdale

Others Present

Lisa Biggs	Iowa DOT
Cathy Cutler	Iowa DOT
Doug DeLille	Bi-State Regional Commission
Marianne Doonan	Bi-State Regional Commission
Charles Heston	City of Davenport
Scott Hinton	City of Moline
Mark D. Hunt	Bi-State Regional Commission
Becky Marniff	Illinois DOT
Carl Mikyska	Illinois DOT
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Tammy Nicholson	Iowa DOT
Lalit Patel	Bi-State Regional Commission
Lidia Pilecky	CH2MHILL
Kathy Starling	Citizen

1. Public Hearing on FFY 2007 – 2010 Transportation Improvement Program. Mayor Freemire opened the meeting to comments from the public. None were provided. The committee approved a motion to close the public hearing.

2. Approval of Minutes and Ratification of Actions of the March 21, 2006 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mayor Thodos made motion to approve the minutes and actions of the March 21, 2006 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lorensen and passed without further discussion.
3. Consideration of FFY 2007–2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Hunt notified the committee that before they approved the FFY 2007–2010 TIP, they needed to first consider two additions to the current FFY 2006–2008 TIP. The two additional projects were identified as ML-06-18 and ML-06-19 and were submitted by MetroLINK. The projects would allow MetroLINK to receive funding through the federal Job Access and Reverse Commute programs and the New Freedoms program. Mayor Welvaert motioned to approve the additions to the FFY 2006–2008 TIP. Mr. Bohnsack seconded, and the motion carried without further discussion.

Mr. Hunt then referred the committee to the TIP documents included in the meeting packet. Summary tables in the document showed that approximately \$19.2 million in federal transportation assistance is programmed for the region in FFY 2007. Additionally, a combined total of \$4.1 million in transportation funding is to be provided by the States of Iowa and Illinois. Mr. Hunt noted that the funds programmed for use by the area's transit providers show an increase from \$18.8 million in FFY 2007 to \$25.1 million by 2010. Mr. Hunt then identified for the committee some of the larger federal roadway projects scheduled for FFY 2007 and explained that approving the FFY 2007–2010 TIP as presented would include the continued use of Iowa Quad Cities STP funds for the Statewide Urban Design and Specifications (SUDAS) program. Ms. McCullough provided a further explanation of the SUDAS program. Mr. Hunt provided an overview of the programming process for federal earmarks from the recently passed federal transportation bill. Mayor Thodos made a motion to approve the FFY 2007–2010 TIP as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Frink and passed without further discussion.

4. Consideration of Revisions to the Transportation Planning Public Involvement Process. Ms. McCullough notified the committee of changes made to Bi-State's Transportation Planning Public Involvement Process. The changes were shown in the materials provided in the meeting packet. The changes were proposed at the request of the Iowa DOT and would be included in the publication of the FFY 2007–2010 TIP and the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan. The new process specifies the number of days in advance that the public and interested parties will be notified of transportation planning activities by the MPO, such as changes to the TIP or Transportation Work Program. In response to questions from the committee, Ms. McCullough explained that consideration of approval of the TIP and amendments to the TIP are posted publicly 14 days prior to the meeting date, and that persons needing special accommodations should notify Bi-State seven days prior to a meeting. Mayor Welvaert made a motion to accept the changes to the Public Involvement process as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Frink and passed by the committee.

5. Status of I-74 Iowa-Illinois Mississippi river Corridor Study. Ms. Lidia Pilecky of CH₂M Hill provided a slideshow to the committee detailing the status of the study and identified the four basic bridge types being recommended by CH₂M Hill. The four bridge types considered feasible to replace the I-74 bridge over the Mississippi River are a true arch, tied arch, modified arch, and a cable stay system. In her presentation, Ms. Pilecky showed digital images of each bridge type as it would look if it were built at the specified crossing just east of the current I-74 bridge. Ms. Pilecky stated that there were not significant differences in construction or maintenance costs for the four designs. A public meeting to gather input from citizens regarding the aesthetics of the four bridge types was scheduled that evening at the Mark of the Quad Cities from 4 to 8 p.m. After selecting a final design type, CH₂M Hill will provide a preliminary bridge design.
6. Public Comments. No public comments were made.
7. Other Business. Ms. McCullough reminded the committee members that an Iowa transit mobility workshop would be held May 25th at the Bettendorf Public Library. She also noted that Illinois communities have until June 2 to submit their projects for consideration of federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds.
8. Adjournment. Upon a motion by Mayor Schwiebert, which was seconded Mr. Lorensen, the committee agreed to adjourn at 12:50 p.m.