

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

Tuesday, September 26, 2006, 12:00 Noon
Third Floor Conference Room 320
Bi-State Regional Commission
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

Policy Members Present

Jim Bohnsack	Rock Island County Board
Brian Dumas	City of Davenport Alderman
Mike Freemire	Mayor of Bettendorf
Lyle Lohse	Mayor of Silvis
Dan Long	Illinois Department of Transportation – Dixon
Larry Minard	Scott County Board of Supervisors
Craig O’Riley	Iowa Department of Transportation – Ames
John Thodos	Mayor of East Moline
Don Welvaert	Mayor of Moline
Norma Wren	Mayor of Riverdale

Others Present

Marianne Doonan	Bi-State Regional Commission
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Patty Pearson	Bi-State Regional Commission
Kathy Starling	Iowa-Illinois Center for Independent Living

1. Approval of the Minutes of the August 22, 2006 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mayor Freemire asked for approval of the August 22, 2006 Transportation Policy Committee minutes. Mayor Welvaert motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mayor Thodos seconded the motion and the motion carried.
2. Consideration of Resolution for Quad City Area Transportation Mobility Enhancement Program Proposed for Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP) Funds and Status of Air Quality. Ms. McCullough directed the Policy Committee to their agenda packet for a resolution in support of a grant application and concurring with its consistency to the Long Range Transportation Plan. Ms. McCullough outlined the content of an application submitted to the Iowa Department of Transportation for Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP). An outreach program is being proposed by Bi-State Regional Commission to further public awareness on air quality issues and to encourage the use of public transit. With efforts to improve regional passenger transportation or transit mobility within the region, the project proposes to encourage emission reductions through travel demand management, energy alternatives, public transit usage, and efforts to facilitate transit priority corridors. The application and matching requirements were being taken to

the Bi-State Regional Commission board meeting on September 27, 2006 with a request of \$40,000 in federal air quality funds (ICAAP). Mayor Thodos motioned to approve the resolution of support and concurrence and Mayor Wren seconded the motion. The motion carried. Ms. McCullough also distributed a recent Iowa Department of Natural Resources media release on changes to fine particulate standards. The new standards were being enacted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and would likely create non-attainment areas in Clinton and Muscatine, Iowa. The Quad City Area would be nearing non-attainment of the fine particulate standard based on the more stringent threshold. She noted that the ICAAP grant will further the on-going voluntary emission reduction message that has been stressed in the Quad City Area.

3. Presentation on Impacts of Ethanol on Iowa's Transportation System. Mr. Craig O'Riley, with Systems Planning of the Iowa Department of Transportation, presented information on the impacts of ethanol production on the transportation system. He noted the gradual increase of Iowa grain production and the value-added benefits of ethanol production to farmers. The State of Iowa leads the nation in ethanol production, 1,562 million gallons compared to Illinois with 768 million gallons. He reported that 27% of corn produced in Iowa goes to ethanol while 24% is exported for other uses. Between 2002 and 2006, the state went from 9 existing ethanol facilities to 25 with additional facilities under construction or planning. Ethanol facilities rely heavily on rail and roadways. One 100-million gallon facility produces 160-inbound and 160-outbound truck trips per day or 41,200 trips per year. Mr. O'Riley concluded the future outlook pointed toward more truck movements to rail sites and local markets, fewer rail shipping points, and counties importing corn to meet the demand for ethanol production. Mr. O'Riley responded to questions and comments.
4. Public Comments. No public comments were made.
5. Other Business. No other business was noted.
6. Adjournment. Mayor Welvaert motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mayor Lohse. The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.