

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

Tuesday, February 27, 2007, 12:00 Noon
Third Floor Conference Room 320
Bi-State Regional Commission
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

Policy Members Present

Lyle Lohse	Mayor of Silvis
Larry Lorensen	MetroLINK Board of Trustees Chair
Becky Marruffo	Illinois Department of Transportation – Dixon
Virgil Mayberry	Rock Island County Board
Stan Peterson	Iowa Department of Transportation – Ames
Mark Schwiebert	Mayor of Rock Island
Tom Sunderbruch	Scott County Board
John Thodos	Mayor of East Moline
Don Welvaert	Mayor of Moline
Ed Winborn	Mayor of Davenport

Others Present

Doug DeLille	Bi-State Regional Commission
Marianne Doonan	Bi-State Regional Commission
Mark Hunt	Bi-State Regional Commission
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Becky Passman	Bi-State Regional Commission
Kathy Starling	Iowa-Illinois Center for Independent Living
John Walton and Other Representatives/Family	Roadway Express
Dan Wood	Illinois Department of Transportation-Law Enforcement Liaison
Al Zimmer	Citizen

1. Approval of the Minutes of the January 23, 2007 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mayor Thodos asked for approval of the January 23, 2007 Transportation Policy Committee minutes and ratification of actions of the January 23, 2007 meeting due to a lack of quorum. Mr. Lorensen motioned to approve the minutes as written and ratify the actions taken at the meeting. Mayor Welvaert seconded the motion and the motion carried.
2. Traffic Safety Partnership Award. Ms. McCullough explained that Mr. Mayberry brought to staff's attention, a very important safety accomplishment by a local Roadway Express driver. Mr. Walton of Moline, Illinois had received recognition from Roadway Express that he had driven over three million miles without a preventable accident. In the history of the company, few drivers achieve this milestone. The Division of Traffic Safety, Illinois Department of

Transportation, has a program to recognize important accomplishments in the area of safety. Mr. Wood, Law Enforcement Liaison with ILDOT presented Mr. Walton with the Illinois Traffic Safety Partnership Award for his safety achievement.

3. Presentation on Midwest High Speed Rail Association (MHSRA) and Updates in Illinois. Mr. Harnish spoke on the high quality, dependable rail service provided in Illinois. MHSRA lead the charge to double Amtrak train service in Illinois. The state has seen increases as much as 50%. He provided some statistics on rail service than asked what the local officials saw as important factors to service to the Quad Cities. The following items were noted:

- needs to be competitive with cars
- departure/arrival times important, such as leaving around 6 or 7 a.m. weekdays
- take air travel as example, using more successful flight times to gauge desired travel times
- consider amenities, such as wireless communication, larger windows, first-class options
- cost factor key, example of \$70-\$80 round trip would be competitive with cars, more if parking is considered

It was noted that Amtrak is studying the best route between Quad Cities and Chicago. Rockford service is also being studied from Chicago to Galena. There is also interest in the Peoria area. Mr. Harnish concluded that the more vocal an area is about service interest, the more likely they will be to see movement toward service. The Illinois mayors noted they will be meeting with state legislators at the end of March. Mr. Harnish noted that he could provide MHSRA talking papers to help the effort.

4. Consideration of Amendments to the FFY07-10 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Presentation of Administrative Revision. Mr. Hunt directed the Policy Committee to a handout listing the proposed amendments for consideration and revisions for information purposes. The Transportation Technical Committee recommended approval of the amendments to the FFY07-10 TIP as provided. Amendments were for FFY07 and FFY08, provided by the State of Illinois and MetroLINK. Mr. Lorensen motioned to approve the amendments as presented (attached to these minutes). Mr. Mayberry seconded the motion and the amendments were approved.
5. Consideration of Amendments to the Public Involvement Process. The Policy Committee was directed to their agenda packet and a draft copy of the proposed amendments to the Davenport-Rock Island-Moline Urbanized Area Public Involvement Process. Ms. McCullough noted that references to the new transit development plan were added to address a 14-day public comment period for adoption and consideration of amendments, similar to the ITS plan or TIP. The Technical Committee recommended approval of these amendments. Mr. Mayberry motioned to accept the changes as proposed and Mayor Welvaert seconded the motion. The motion carried.
6. Presentation on Regional Transit Development Plan (TDP). Ms. McCullough referenced the full draft report included in committee members' agenda packets. She presented information

on the regional transit development plan. The document is being required by the Iowa Department of Transportation (IADOT) and it will meet the need for a human services coordination plan as required in the federal transportation act, SAFETEA-LU. The Illinois Department of Transportation (ILDOT) is working to develop transit regions within the state and create a rural human services transportation plan statewide. These efforts are a result of Executive Order 13330 which calls 9 federal governmental departments to reduce duplication through coordination of their rules/regulations related to transportation services, to improve cost efficiency, and to simplify delivery of transportation services to a variety of customers, including individuals with disabilities, older adults, and those with lower incomes. SAFETEA-LU furthered the initiative by requiring human services coordination planning as part of programming of transit assistance. Coordination applies to Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Sections 5310 Special Needs/Elderly and Disabled Program, 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program, and 5317 New Freedom, a new program under SAFETEA-LU. The plan includes a regional profile and inventory of transit within the region. It outlines transit needs and priorities as well as defining a system to competitive rank projects for 5310, 5316, and 5317 funds in the metropolitan area. Following a general presentation of the document, Ms. McCullough requested comments on the plan. Consideration of adoption is being proposed for next month.

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