

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

Tuesday, September 25, 2007, 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 Chair
Fred Dean	Iowa Department of Transportation – Davenport
Brian Dumas	City of Davenport Alderman
Lyle Lohse	Mayor of Silvis
Dan Long	Illinois Department of Transportation – Dixon
Mark Schwiebert	Mayor of Rock Island
Tom Sunderbruch	Scott County Board of Supervisors
John Thodos	Mayor of East Moline
Ed Winborn	Mayor of Davenport

Others Present

Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Becky Passman	Bi-State Regional Commission – Iowa Quad Cities Transit Coordinator
John Rushton	ITN – Quad Cities
Chelsey Waterman	Bi-State Regional Commission
Randy Zobrist	River Bend Transit

1. Approval of the Minutes of the August 28, 2007 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting.  
Mayor Thodos asked for approval of the August 28, 2007 Transportation Policy Committee minutes. Mayor Winborn motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Sunderbruch seconded the motion and the motion carried.
2. Consideration of FFY08-11 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments.  
Ms. McCullough directed the Policy Committee to the reverse side of their agenda for the proposed amendments to the FFY08-11 Transportation Improvement Program. The list included four transit project additions in FY08 and three highway project additions, two in FY08 and one in FY09. The Technical Committee recommended approval of the following:
  - **AR-08-1** Association of Retarded Citizens of Rock Island County for two 7-passenger mini-vans with ramps; total cost of \$65,128 with federal share of \$52,102 (FTA Section 5310) and state share of \$13,026. To be added per grant award by Illinois Department of Transportation (ILDOT).
  - **BT-08-09** Bettendorf Transit to build bus washing facility; total cost \$450,000 with federal share of \$80,000 (FTA Section 5307) and local share of \$370,000. To be added per adjustments to 5307 funding.

- **ML-08-21** MetroLINK for three 14-passenger ADA vans; total cost \$158,619 with federal share \$126,895 (FTA Section 5310) and state share \$31,724. To be added per grant award by ILDOT.
- **PN-08-01** Project Now for two light-duty paratransit vehicles with lifts; total cost \$93,732 with federal share \$74,986 (FTA Section 5310) and state share \$18,746. To be added per grant award by ILDOT.
- **DA-08-01** [BRM-1827(64)-8N-82] Fairmount at Silver Creek, Davenport for bridge replacement; total cost \$734,000 with federal share \$587,200 (BRRP) and local share \$146,800. To be added per grant award by Iowa Department of Transportation (IADOT).
- **IA-08-11** [HDP-( ) – 3B-82] I-74 at Lincoln Road, Bettendorf for outside services engineering; total cost \$400,000 with federal share \$320,000 (HDP) and state share \$80,000. To be added at request of IADOT for bridge repair.
- **IA-09-11** [HDP-( ) – 3B-82] I-74 at Lincoln Road, Bettendorf for reconstruction; total cost \$4,400,000 with federal share \$3,520,000 (HDP) and state share \$880,000. To be added at request of IADOT for bridge repair.

Mayor Winborn motioned to approve the amendments and Mr. Bohnsack seconded the motion. The amendments were approved as indicated.

3. Consideration of Resolution for River Bend Transit Regional Commuter Shuttle Proposed for Iowa Clean Air Attainment (ICAAP) Funds. Ms. Passman, Iowa Quad Cities Transit Coordinator, explained that River Bend Transit was seeking ICAAP funds to initiate a second phase of a commuter shuttle between Davenport and Muscatine. River Bend Transit had received ICAAP funds to target employees working in Muscatine who lived in the Iowa Quad Cities. In an effort to maximize efficiencies, the subsequent grant request is seeking funds to carry passengers from Muscatine to the Iowa Quad Cities. River Bend Transit is anticipating ten round trips per day. It is roughly 70 miles round trip. Mr. Zobrist, River Bend Transit Executive Director, addressed comments and questions. There is a pilot project using Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) funds where 90+ HON employees utilize this program for shift specific purposes. The ICAAP grants expand this program and provide reciprocal rides. When fully implemented, the program could provide up to 250 rides per day. The program will link to the fixed route services in Davenport and Muscatine. Mr. Zobrist anticipated a one-way fare cost of less than \$5.00. The HON program charges \$10 per week per participating employee. Ms. McCullough directed the Policy Committee to a resolution of support and concurrence on consistency with transportation planning. She noted that the Region 9 Policy Committee approved a resolution for the first phase, now awarded, and the urban Policy Committee is being asked for approval for the second phase, to be applied for by the October 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. The key purpose of the program is to reduce trips and improve air quality within the Bi-State Region. The project is consistent with the long range plan. Mayor Schwiebert motioned to approve the resolution. Mr. Sunderbruch seconded the motion and it carried.
4. Presentation on Independent Transportation Network (ITN) Quad Cities. Mr. John Rushton, an employee of Scott County and the current Board Chair for ITN-Quad Cities, provided an

overview of the new program being established in the metropolitan area. The project stems from the Bettendorf Leadership Congress as an exercise for building leadership capacity in the Quad Cities. As a small group project, the participants identified a priority issue of meeting mobility needs for seniors. After researching the issue, a model in Portland, Maine was identified. ITN-Portland is a model being utilized across the county. Its founder is working to develop clusters throughout the United States. The program is to set-up a volunteer-based self-sustaining rides program through memberships, volunteer credits, and vehicle donations. An Illinois Department of Transportation grant accessed with the assistance of the Lt. Governors office and other donations have served as the catalyst for ITN-Quad Cities to become an affiliated organization. Affiliation includes technical assistance, dispatching and accounting software, as well as program training. ITN-Quad Cities is partnering with CASI and pursuing its non-profit status. The program is expected to roll-out by the end of the year. An average ride is expected to be approximately \$5.00. Mr. Zobrist mentioned that River Bend Transit has participated as part of the steering committee. The program would compliment existing transit services. The initial ITN-Quad Cities service area would be within the interstate loop of the Quad Cities operating a 24/7 program. Mr. Rushton answered other questions on the program. He invited Policy Committee members to an ITN-Quad Cities forum scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup> to promote the service. He distributed brochures on the program and directed Committee members to <http://itnquadcities.org> for more information.

5. Public Comments. No public comments were made.
6. Other Business. Ms. McCullough noted that the next Policy Committee meeting would be held on October 23, 2007 to consider the SAFETEA-LU Compliance addendum to the 2035 Quad City Area Long Range Plan. The public comment period is through October 8, 2007. To date, only one comment was received from the Federal Highway Administration – Iowa Division which will be incorporated into the final addendum. Ms. McCullough also noted that the transportation appropriations had passed the House and Senate as of September 12, 2007. In both proposals, the highway programs are funded at SAFETEA-LU authorized amounts while transit programs are slightly below authorized amounts. The bill is proceeding to a conference committee to resolve differences between the versions and prior to it going to the President.
7. Adjournment. Mayor Winborn motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mayor Schwiebert. The meeting adjourned prior to 12:45 p.m.