

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

Tuesday, April 22, 2008, 12:00 Noon  
Third Floor Conference Room 320  
Bi-State Regional Commission  
1504 Third Avenue  
Rock Island, Illinois  
John Thodos, Chair

Policy Members Present

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| Ray Ambrose    | City of Davenport Alderman                         |
| Mark Bechtel   | Federal Transit Administration – Region 7          |
| Jim Bohnsack   | Rock Island County Board                           |
| John Donovan   | Federal Highway Administration – Illinois Division |
| Mike Freemire  | Mayor of Bettendorf                                |
| Peter Hallock  | Iowa Department of Transportation – Ames           |
| Lyle Lohse     | Mayor of Silvis                                    |
| John Thodos    | Mayor of East Moline                               |
| Kris Tobin     | Illinois Department of Transportation – Dixon      |
| Tracy Troutner | Federal Highway Administration – Iowa Division     |

Others Present

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| Jeff Anderson    | City of Moline                                      |
| Denise Bulat     | Bi-State Regional Commission                        |
| Rick Carlson     | ARC of Rock Island County                           |
| Denny Coon       | Scott County Health Department                      |
| Marianne Doonan  | Bi-State Regional Commission                        |
| Becky Hiatt      | Federal Highway Administration – Iowa Division      |
| Norm Johnson     | Illinois Department of Transportation – Springfield |
| Curtis Jones     | Illinois Department of Transportation – Springfield |
| John Lowry       | Project NOW   |
| Gena McCullough  | Bi-State Regional Commission                        |
| Phil Mescher     | Iowa Department of Transportation – Ames            |
| Jeff Nelson      | MetroLINK   |
| Les Nunes        | Illinois Department of Transportation – Springfield |
| Lalit Patel      | Bi-State Regional Commission                        |
| Bruce Peterson   | Port Byron Planning Commission                      |
| Kathy Starling   | Iowa-Illinois Center for Independent Living         |
| Greg Tast        | River Action  |
| Margaret Walker  | Illinois Department of Transportation – Springfield |
| Chelsey Waterman | Bi-State Regional Commission                        |
| Tom Wittig       | Davenport CitiBus                                   |
| Randy Zobrist    | River Bend Transit                                  |

1. Approval of the Minutes of the March 25, 2008 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mayor Thodos asked for approval of the March 25, 2008 Transportation Policy Committee minutes. Mr. Ambrose motioned to approve the minutes. Mayor Freemire seconded the motion and the motion carried.

2. Consideration of Public Review for Amendment to 2035 Quad City Area Long Range Transportation Plan (LRP). The City of Bettendorf has requested an amendment to the LRP to consider transferring the I-80/Middle Road Interchange from an illustrative project to a short-range priority project, estimated to be constructed prior to 2015. A letter of request was enclosed in Committee members' agenda packet. An interchange justification review for the reconstruction the I-80/Middle Road interchange is underway. By consensus, the Technical Committee has recommended the amendment be opened to the 45-day comment period prior to consideration. The City estimates the project would be \$29 million in year of expenditure dollars and would be within the 10% margin allowed in the plan for fiscal constraint. Mr. Bohnsack motioned to open the request for amendment up for public review and Mayor Lohse seconded the motion. It carried and staff will proceed with the public review process.
3. Consideration of Amendments to FFY08 Annual Element of the FFY08-11 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The following projects were approved for programming at the February Policy Committee meeting. They are being requested to be amended into the FFY08 Annual Element of the FFY08-11 TIP to facilitate upcoming transit grant applications to draw funds.
  - ML-08-08: Extension of fixed-route service to connect low-income minority area to major transportation employers on Andalusia Road corridor. Total Cost: \$251,082 with \$125,901 Federal Share (Job Access and Reverse Commute-JARC) 50/50 matching grant for operations.
  - RBT-08-01: Provide after-hours service for low-income individuals in Iowa Quad City Area for employment transportation and employment related activities. Total Cost: \$287,546 with \$143,773 Federal Share (Job Access and Reverse Commute-JARC) 50/50 matching grant for operations.
  - RBT-08-02: Provide paratransit service beyond ADA requirements in Iowa Quad City Area. Total Cost: \$133,914 with \$66,957 Federal Share (New Freedom-NF) 50/50 matching grant for operations.

Mr. Bohnsack motioned to approve the amendments and Mayor Lohse seconded the motion. The motion carried and the amendments were approved as provided.
4. Public Hearing on Transportation 2008 Planning Certification Process. Representatives from the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration overviewed the Certification Review Process and accepted comments on the major elements of the Quad City Area metropolitan transportation planning process, such as organization and management of the planning process, cooperation and coordination, project selection, transportation improvement programming, long range planning, and other elements. Written comments can be directed to Mark Bechtel, Federal Transit Administration – Region VII, 901 Locust Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106 or by email at [Mark.Bechtel@dot.gov](mailto:Mark.Bechtel@dot.gov) for the next 60 days. A certification review agenda was enclosed in Committee members' packets and Policy members are invited to attend any and all of the elements over the next few days. Comments were received from Mayor Freemire, Mr. Ambrose, Mr. Zobrist, Mr. Peterson, and Mr. Wittig and will be included as part of the record of the Certification Review by the federal partners.
5. Public Comments. No public comments were made.
6. Other Business. Ms. McCullough noted that the next Policy Committee meeting will occur on Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at noon.
7. Adjournment. Mr. Ambrose motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mayor Lohse. The meeting adjourned prior to 1:00 p.m.