

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

Tuesday, August 26, 2008, 12:00 Noon
Third Floor Conference Room 320
Bi-State Regional Commission
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

Policy Members Present

Ray Ambrose	City of Davenport Alderman
Jim Bohnsack	Rock Island County Board Chair
Cathy Cutler	Iowa Department of Transportation – Cedar Rapids
Lyle Lohse	Mayor of Silvis
Larry Lorensen	MetroLINK Board
Mark Schwiebert	Mayor of Rock Island
Tom Sunderbruch	Scott County Board of Supervisors
Kris Tobin	Illinois Department of Transportation – Dixon

Others Present

Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Diane Morford	Rock Island County Senior Center/Project Now
Becky Passman	Bi-State Regional Commission – IAQC Transit Coordinator
Lalit Patel	Bi-State Regional Commission
Chelsey Waterman	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the Minutes of the May 27, 2008 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting.
Mayor Schwiebert asked for approval of the May 27, 2008 Transportation Policy Committee minutes. Mr. Ambrose motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Lorensen seconded the motion and the motion carried.
2. Consideration of FFY 2009-12 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments.
Ms. Waterman directed the Policy Committee to a listing of amendments provided in the agenda packet. She also noted administrative revisions. A request for twenty-three amendments were received from Illinois Department of Transportation (DOT) and two were received from Scott County. The Illinois request was related to timeline differences between the state TIP and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) TIP. The two Scott County projects were found to be located within the MPO boundary and had originally be placed in the Region 9 TIP.

Following an overview by Ms. Waterman, Mr. Lorensen motioned to approve the FFY 2009-12 TIP amendments. The motion was seconded by Mayor Lohse and it carried. The listing of approved projects is attached with the minutes. The revisions were provided for information.

3. Consideration of Public Participation Plan Revisions. Ms. McCullough directed the Policy Committee to the agenda packet for a copy of the revisions to the Public Participation Plan. As follow-up to the MPO certification review, it was noted that the Public Participation Plan is required to have a 45-day public review period prior to adoption or for amendments as specified in the federal transportation act. The current plan has a 30-day review period. The plan, formerly referred to as the Public Involvement Process, needs to encourage broad engagement of interested parties and resource agencies. A copy of the Regional Transportation Advisory Group (RTAG) was attached with the Public Participation Plan revisions. Having reviewed the amendments, the Policy Committee agreed to put the document out for public review and consider the amendments at the October 28, 2008 meeting.
4. Consideration of Transportation Technical Committee Meeting Procedures. The Policy Committee was directed to the agenda packet to a copy of draft meeting procedures for the Transportation Technical Committee. Ms. McCullough explained that the Technical Committee is a subcommittee of the Transportation Policy Committee. Although the Policy Committee has formal meeting procedures, the Technical Committee has not had procedures formally adopted. Meeting procedures are intended to clarify roles and responsibilities in light of more frequent transitions in committee representation, staffing and greater emphasis on processes by state and federal partners. The Technical Committee recommended approval of these procedures. Mr. Lorensen motioned to accept and approve the Technical Committee meeting procedures. Mayor Lohse seconded the motion and it carried.
5. Public Comments. No public comments were made.
6. Other Business. Ms. McCullough provided a brief update on air quality issues. She distributed a copy of a newspaper tab promoting voluntary emission reduction activities, such as using the transit systems. Ms. McCullough shared early discussions on reauthorization status, recently released by the U.S. Department of Transportation under the current administration. The current act expires October 2009.
7. Adjournment. Mr. Sunderbruch motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ambrose. The meeting adjourned prior to 1:00 p.m.