

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

Tuesday, October 28, 2008, 12:00 Noon
Third Floor Conference Room 320
Bi-State Regional Commission
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

Policy Members Present

Ray Ambrose	Davenport City Council
Jim Bohnsack	Rock Island County Board Chair
Kent Breechier	Moline City Council
John Donovan	Federal Highway Administration-Illinois Division
Helen Heiland	East Moline Council
Lyle Lohse	Mayor of Silvis
Larry Lorensen	MetroLINK Board
Becky Marruffo	Illinois Department of Transportation-Dixon
Mark Schwiebert	Mayor of Rock Island
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation-Davenport
Tom Sunderbruch	Scott County Board of Supervisors
Tracy Troutner	Federal Highway Administration-Iowa Division

Others Present

Mike Atchely	City of Davenport
Doub DeLille	Bi-State Regional Commission
Christian Hawkinson	US Army Garrison- Rock Island Arsenal
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Becky Passman	Bi-State Regional Commission- IAQC Transit Coordinator
Julie Pearson	Ament Engineering
Kathy Starling	IA-IL Center for Independent Living

1. Approval of the Minutes of the August 26, 2008 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting.
Mr. Lorensen asked for approval of the August 26, 2008 Transportation Policy Committee minutes. Mayor Lohse motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Ambrose seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. Consideration of FFY 2009-12 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments.
Ms. McCullough directed the Policy Committee to a listing of amendments provided on the agenda and included in their packet. Proposed amendments relate to the Federal Scenic Byway Program. Two projects were awarded funds and are required to be placed in the TIP, including: HA-09-01 Great River Road at Heritage Center on Mississippi River with Total Cost \$94,015 and federal share of \$75,211 for displays and observation deck; and MO-09-03 Great River Road at Sylvan Island Trailhead with Total Cost of \$363,274 and federal share of \$290,616 for street enhancements.

Following an overview, Mr. Ambrose motioned to approve the FFY 2009-12 TIP amendments. The motion was seconded by Mayor Schwiebert, and it carried. A revision was provided for information. IL-09-04 I-80 (Mississippi River to 0.8 mile north of IL5/92) was requested by the Illinois Department of Transportation to be revised for a minor cost increase. The project now stands at a total cost of \$25,400,000 with a federal share (National Highway System funds) of \$20,320,000.

3. Consideration of Public Participation Plan Revisions. The revisions were presented at the August 28, 2008 meeting and released for public review. A copy was included with the agenda packet. The revisions were provided to the Regional Transportation Advisory Group and media. No comments were received during the review period. Mr. Ambrose motioned to accept the revisions as prepared. Mr. Sunderbruch seconded the motion, and it carried.
4. Consideration of Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program Projects. The Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program- ICAAP requires a resolution from the MPO declaring conformance with transportation planning processes and plans. Resolutions are enclosed with Committee members' packets and have been recommended by the Technical Committee for approval. Ms. McCullough described the three projects briefly. The City of Bettendorf in partnership with Davenport and Metro submitted an application to the Iowa Department of Transportation for the establishment of a riverfront circulator route. The route would serve downtown attractions, such as the convention centers, casinos, museum, botanical center, hotels, etc. It will promote visits between downtowns and provide tourist oriented hours of service than the more traditional fixed routes. Ms. Passman further explained the project would include four vehicles to be purchased for \$800,000 (100% funds requested) and operations to be shared financially between the three systems, including \$175,000 match from Metro. The City of Bettendorf will operate the vehicles and administer the project. Projected ridership is 800 passengers per day with around 75 hours of service per week. Fares are expected to be \$1.00 per trip and allow for a sustainable project once ICAAP funds were expended. Another application was received from River Bend Transit to continue a commuter shuttle from Quad Cities to Muscatine with an additional park and ride accessibility. Ms. Passman answered questions from the Committee on both projects. Ms. McCullough noted the last application was from Bi-State Regional Commission to conduct another public education campaign with a focus on fine particulate voluntary emission reduction measures. All projects, if awarded, would be initiated after July 1, 2009. Decisions on the ICAAP applications will occur in spring 2009. Mr. Bohnsack motioned to approve the three resolutions. Mr. Ambrose seconded the motion, and it carried. It was noted that there are plans to provide transit service to the new casino location in Rock Island to provide access for casino employees and patrons.
5. Consideration of "Complete Streets" Policy Statement. Mr. DeLille noted the growing interest for accommodating a variety of users within public right-of-way. In January, Bi-State Regional Commission hosted a technical forum on the subject of "Complete Streets" to frame the issues with local community technical staff. He noted both state and federal activities on Complete Streets, including a State of Illinois law subjecting users of Motor Fuel Tax to Complete Streets requirements. He directed the Policy Committee to the "Complete Streets" policy statement recommended by the Technical Committee. It reads as follows:

“Complete Streets” refers to public right-of-way which is designed for the safety and accessibility of multiple users, regardless of ability. As a standard practice in the Quad City Area, a balanced approach in design and operation of the transportation system within public right-of-way will be taken as feasible, giving consideration to:

- *types of users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, motor vehicles and freight interests in design and operation;*
- *project surroundings in context with how and who will use the facility to determine to what accommodations users will be provided; and*
- *service levels for all users anticipated by adopted comprehensive or systemwide plans.*

Policy members discussed the need to coordinate this policy between cities. Mayor Schwiebert motioned to approve the “Complete Streets” policy statement as provided. Mr. Ambrose seconded the motion, and it carried.

6. Presentation on Certification Review Report. Mr. Troutner and Mr. Donovan, representing the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), presented the Certification Review Report to the Policy Committee. A copy of the document was provided in Committee members’ packets. Mr. Troutner spoke of the four-year cycle for review as a federal transportation planning requirement. There are three Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) greater than 200,000 population located in Iowa and four in Illinois that undergo this type of review. A comprehensive examination of the primary planning documents and processes were conducted in April 2008. Mr. Troutner walked through the report highlighting accommodations and recommendation. Key points related to fiscal constraint, performance measures, asset management, and model documentation. MPO staff is encouraged to seek best practices in these areas to further enhance transportation planning in the Quad City Area. It was noted that staff had participated in a FHWA Travel Model Improvement Program Peer Panel Review last week to hone travel demand modeling efforts, which will be important with the next long range transportation plan update. Expert panelists came from Chicago, Lansing and Orlando for the review. Mr. Troutner anticipates a more detailed review of congestion management processes in 2009. Following discussion on performance measures, Mr. Ambrose motioned to accept the Certification Review Report. Mr. Sunderbruch seconded the motion, and it carried.
7. Public Comments. No public comments were made.
8. Other Business. No other business was discussed.
9. Adjournment. Mayor Lohse motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ambrose. The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.