

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

Tuesday, December 3, 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 Breecher	Moline City Council
Mike Freemire	Mayor of Bettendorf
Bill Gluba	Mayor of Davenport
Lyle Lohse	Mayor of Silvis
Ross Monk	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

Others Present

Doug DeLille	Bi-State Regional Commission
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Donnie Miller	Quad City Bicycle Club/League of Illinois Bicyclists
Nathan Sonderoth	Davenport One
Kathy Starling	IA-IL Center for Independent Living
Chelsey Waterman	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the Minutes of the October 28, 2008 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mayor Thodos asked for approval of the October 28, 2008 Transportation Policy Committee minutes. Mr. Sunderbruch motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mayor Lohse 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 included in their packet. The information was also provided to the Regional Transportation Advisory Group as part of the public information process. Ms. Waterman outlined proposed changes. Three amendments were presented as additions to the FY09 Annual Element. They included:

- BT-09-04 Mississippi River Trail in Bettendorf for facilities and interpretive information at three sites between eastern city limits and I-74, Total Cost \$132,865 and Federal Share \$106,291- Scenic Byways;
- IA-09-15 Eastern Iowa Industrial Center (EIIC) Rail Spur in Davenport, Total Cost \$3,750,000 and Federal Share \$3,000,000 – Transportation Earmark; and

- ML-09-17 Construction of new bus stop at Quad City International Airport, Total Cost \$50,000 and Federal Share \$40,000 – FTA 5309.

Mr. Ambrose motioned to approve the FFY 2009 TIP amendments as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Freemire and it carried. Two administrative modifications/revisions were received from Davenport and provided to the Policy Committee for information, both relating to cost revisions as follows:

- DA-09-01 Clark Street over Blackhawk Creek as bridge replacement, Total Cost \$410,000 and Federal Share of \$260,000 Highway Bridge Replacement Program; and
- DA-09-02 Division Street (Cheyenne to Northwest Blvd.) for widening, Total Cost \$4,300,000 and Federal Share of \$2,979,200.

3. Consideration of Broadening Geographic Scope of the Quad City Air Quality Task Force. Ms. McCullough noted that the Quad City Air Quality Task Force is a subcommittee of the Transportation Policy Committee. Its mission is to promote voluntary emission reduction efforts and education related to the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). In light of the developments regarding the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's nonattainment boundary recommendations for fine particulates which suggested the metropolitan area and Muscatine County area, the Task Force recommended broadening the geographic scope of task force membership to include the full five county Bi-State Region. It was suggested invitations mirror the existing composition of the task force and be extended to larger businesses, health departments and health facilities, and local governments in Henry and Mercer Counties, Illinois and Muscatine County, Iowa. A broadened scope could be used as justification toward maintaining narrowly defined nonattainment boundaries while voluntarily taking a regional approach to emission reduction efforts. Mr. Sunderbruch motioned to approve the recommendation to broaden the geographic scope of the Air Quality Task Force to cover the Bi-State Region. Mayor Lohse seconded the motion and it carried. Staff will develop an expanded mailing list in preparation for the upcoming December 12th meeting of the Task Force.

4. Discussion of Requests for Remaining SAFETEA-LU Iowa Quad Cities Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funds. The Policy Committee was directed to the agenda and the requests from Cities of Bettendorf and Davenport for additional STP funds to be used toward existing programmed projects due to the significantly unanticipated rise in construction costs. City of Buffalo and Scott County have requested \$1,494,000 for Y-48 as a project of area significance. These requests would utilize the majority of the remaining SAFETEA-LU Iowa Quad Cities STP funds leaving \$1.347 million for programming. A spreadsheet was distributed to members for explanation. To address inflation and project development time, the Policy Committee has previously approved that projects may increase up to 33% of their original cost estimate. Due to the extreme rise in costs, the cities are requesting an additional adjustment. The following summarizes these requests:

- Belmont Road (Corral-Valley Drive), Bettendorf Total Cost Revised \$4,300,000 with Federal Share of \$3,440,000, representing an additional federal share request of \$248,000;
- Division St. (Cheyenne- Northwest Blvd.), Davenport Total Cost Revised \$4,321,000 with Federal Share of \$3,456,800, representing an additional federal share request of \$477,600; and
- Pine St. (Kimberly Road – 49th St.), Davenport Total Cost Revised \$3,000,000 with

Federal Share of \$2,400,000, representing an additional federal share of \$804,000.

Ms. McCullough noted that the project Kimberly Road at Division Street was programmed for a total cost of \$3,857,000 with a Federal Share of \$3,085,000. It was entered as a lesser project in the TIP but is already programmed by the Policy Committee for a federal share up to \$3,085,000. This would be corrected in the TIP. Ms. McCullough noted that the request from City of Buffalo/Scott County is not a programmed project. However, the project is of countywide significance since the roadway serves the Scott County landfill. The request for Y-48 would be a set amount of federal funds amounting to \$1,494,000. There is an estimated \$1.347 million remaining, based on the 2009 target provided by the Iowa Department of Transportation which would be available for an Iowa Quad Cities STP round. The Technical Committee recommended approval of the cost increases for Belmont Road, Division Street and Pine Street projects as noted, and approval of the Y-48 project as a set amount. Mayor Freemire motioned to accept the Technical Committee recommendation and approve the fund increases and programming for Y-48 as described. Mayor Gluba seconded the motion and it carried. It was noted that a STP round for the remaining funds would occur later in the spring.

5. Public Comments. No public comments were made.

6. Other Business. No other business was discussed. The next Policy Committee meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at noon.

7. Adjournment. Mr. Ambrose motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mayor Freemire. The meeting adjourned prior to 1:00 p.m.