

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

Tuesday, February 24, 2009, 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
Ian Frink	Davenport City Council
Lyle Lohse	Mayor of Silvis
Larry Lorensen	Metro
Mark Schwiebert	Mayor of Rock Island
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation-Davenport
Robert Scannell	Mayor of LeClaire
Tom Sunderbruch	Scott County Board of Supervisors
Kris Tobin	Illinois Department of Transportation - Dixon
Don Welvaert	City of Moline

Others Present

Doug DeLille	Bi-State Regional Commission
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Becky Passman	Bi-State Regional Commission-IAQC Transit Coordinator
Lalit Patel	Bi-State Regional Commission
Julie Pearson	Ament, Inc.
Kathy Starling	IA-IL Center for Independent Living
Ed Tibbits	Quad City Times
Chelsey Waterman	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the Minutes of the January 27, 2009 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mayor Thodos asked for approval of the January 27, 2009 Transportation Policy Committee minutes. Mr. Lorensen motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mayor Lohse seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. Consideration of FFY09-12 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments and Administrative Modifications. Proposed amendments and administrative modifications/revisions were enclosed in Committee members' packets. They were also sent to the Regional Transportation Advisory Group and Regional Transit Interest Group- Urban. Consideration of approval was predicated on the status of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act details. Ms. McCullough noted an updated handout with projects proposed for the stimulus funds was distributed for consideration. Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) allocated \$5.9 million in stimulus funds for locally selected projects. In addition, Iowa DOT programmed stimulus monies for resurfacing on I-74 and U.S.6. The Illinois DOT programmed stimulus monies for six resurfacing and bridge projects. The State of Illinois is anticipating receipt of approximately \$1 billion in stimulus funds. A firm allocation for the Illinois Quad Cities has not yet been determined but estimated at \$1.1 million.

Federal Transit Administration (FTA) indicated there would be \$5.2 million for transit projects in the metropolitan area distributed amongst the three public transit systems, similar to FTA 5307 monies. Both Davenport and Bettendorf transit systems had identified bus replacements for these funds while Metro has developed a priority list but not yet determined which projects would be forwarded for stimulus.

Similarly, the Illinois Quad Cities has identified approximately \$9 million in potential stimulus projects but will likely have to identify priorities once a firmer target is set. Under the ARRA, projects already listed in a TIP can be moved into the current annual element for FFY09 and revised to include stimulus funds as an administrative revision. It was noted that the mentioned transit and highway projects from the Illinois Quad Cities would be amended and/or modified to show as locally-funded but seeking stimulus until more information would allow for further prioritization. Mr. Ambrose motioned to approve the amendments and concur with the administrative modifications provided at the meeting. Mayor Welvaert seconded the motion, and it carried. These amendments and modifications are attached with the minutes for the record.

3. Consideration of Revision to Metropolitan Planning Boundary for 2040 Quad City Long Range Transportation Plan and Status Report. A copy of the boundary revision was enclosed in Committee members' packets. A Long Range Transportation Plan (LRP) presentation handout was distributed at the meeting. Initial efforts for the LRP include consideration of the Metropolitan Planning Boundary revision, development of a public involvement plan for input to the LRP, and development of the socio-economic data to be part of the travel demand model. Ms. McCullough briefly reviewed a timeline with final adoption of the plan required by March 2011. The Technical Committee recommended approval of the boundary revisions. They are being made to align with Census boundaries at the preliminary recommendation of the Travel Model Improvement Program peer review. Federal Highway Administration provided comments on the boundary revision citing the standards for designating boundaries. They must include the Census Urbanized Area which is addressed and may consider nonattainment boundaries. Since the 2006-2008 design values indicate the Quad City Area as attaining the fine particulate standard and a request has been submitted by Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and Iowa Department of Natural Resources to rescind the proposed nonattainment boundary, this aspect of designating the MPO Boundary was not considered. Mr. Lorensen motioned to approve the MPO Planning Boundary revisions as presented. Mayor Lohse seconded the motion, and it carried. Ms. McCullough noted that a 2007 base year will be used for the travel model development. The Census boundaries are from the 2000 Census. Mr. Shea asked if there were any changes being developed as part of the next decennial census. Ms. McCullough indicated the 2010 Census efforts were underway but the data and information would not be available for the current plan update.
4. Public Comments. No public comments were made.
5. Other Business. No other business was discussed.
6. Adjournment. Mr. Frink motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mayor Lohse. The meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.