

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

Tuesday, May 26, 2009, 12:00 Noon  
Third Floor Conference Room 320  
Bi-State Regional Commission  
1504 Third Avenue  
Rock Island, Illinois

Policy Members Present

Ray Ambrose  
Jim Bohnsack  
Ian Frink  
Dan Long  
Larry Lorensen  
Dennis Pauley  
Tom Sunderbruch  
Don Welvaert

Davenport City Council  
Rock Island County Board Chair  
Davenport City Council  
Illinois Department of Transportation - Dixon  
Metro  
Mayor of Rock Island  
Scott County Board of Supervisors  
City of Moline

Others Present

Brian Dockery  
Bill Fox  
Tom Kelso  
Gena McCullough  
Kathy Starling  
Chelsey Waterman

Riverstone Group  
Mayor of Silvis  
Illinois Department of Transportation-Springfield  
Bi-State Regional Commission  
IA-IL Center for Independent Living  
Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Public Hearing on FFY2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program. Following introductions, Mr. Sunderbruch opened the public hearing to accept comments on the FFY2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A notice was published in the Quad City Times and Dispatch/Argus announcing the public hearing and notice was provided to the Regional Transportation Advisory Group and Regional Transit Advisory Group-Urban Interests with a factsheet on the TIP document. Hearing no public comments, Mr. Ambrose motioned to close the public hearing, and Mr. Lorensen seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. Approval of the Minutes of the March 24, 2009 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mr. Sunderbruch asked for approval of the March 24, 2009 Transportation Policy Committee minutes. Mr. Ambrose motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Frink seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
3. Consideration of FFY10-13 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A copy of the FFY10-13 TIP was enclosed in Committee members' packets. Ms. Waterman provided a handout with changes since the mailing was sent. The TIP outlines projects expected to be

implemented in the corresponding fiscal years with the first year being important for moving a project from programming to construction or implementation. Ms. Waterman highlighted larger transportation projects listed in the FY2010 Annual Element. She noted that both the Iowa and Illinois DOTs have programmed funding toward the I-74 bridge replacement in current and future fiscal years. The Iowa DOT specifically recently increased funding for I-74 engineering from \$4,000,000 to \$18,500,000 in FY2009. She reviewed changes in the document related to project revision requirements and air quality attainment status. SAFETEA-LU requires more specific language for revisions to the TIP. A revision is either an amendment or an administrative modification. An amendment requires approval by the Transportation Policy Committee. An administrative modification is a change that can be addressed by Bi-State staff without Policy Committee approval. She reviewed these changes and noted more specific language on addressing placeholders. For air quality, a discussion of fine particulate matter was added.

Next, Ms. Waterman reviewed the annual element pages. She pointed out the City of Silvis requested a project amendment for its American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) stimulus project for FY09. Instead of a project on 19<sup>th</sup> Street at 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, they changed the project to a road resurfacing on 10<sup>th</sup> Street. She also noted revisions for State of Illinois projects released since the document was sent to the Policy Committee. In the appendices, staff developed a page to address self-certification documentation in response to recommendations of the 2008 Certification Review by Federal Highway and Transit Administrations. For the Iowa Quad Cities, it is assumed continuation and use of Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds for the Pavement Management Program and SUDAS for roadway specifications. The FFY10-13 TIP was recommended for approval by the Technical Committee. Mr. Ambrose motioned to approve the FY09 amendments and FFY10-13 TIP document with the changes provided. Mr. Bohnsack seconded the motion for approvals as presented at the meeting. The motion carried. Mayor Welvaert inquired on progress toward the John Deere Road project. Mr. Long indicated it was in the design stage and set for \$41 million as part of the state capital bill.

4. Status Report. Ms. McCullough briefed Policy Committee members on a number of issues.
  - a. Passenger Rail. A handout was distributed on the various funding sources set of passenger rail both at federal and state level. The Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 provides five years of funding for Amtrak and authorized three programs: intercity passenger rail capital assistance, congestion grants and high-speed corridor development. Three million dollars was set aside for rail in Iowa's I-JOBS bill with approval of Iowa Senate File 151 technical bill defining passenger rail. There was a ceremonial train ride from Iowa City to Quad Cities with state and local officials on May 5<sup>th</sup>. National train day was celebrated on May 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Air Quality. There have been no exceedences of ozone or fine particulates in Scott County yet this calendar year. There were three exceedences of the fine particulate standard in Muscatine through April 13<sup>th</sup>. Ozone season is monitored

between May and September while fine particulates are monitored year-round. There will be a Transportation Alternatives and Air Quality Summit set for Fall as part of the Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program grant to Bi-State Regional Commission.

- c. American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) Project Status. Iowa Quad Cities received \$5.9 million and has let four highway projects to date. Illinois Quad Cities received \$3.1 million and is working through the process toward lettings. Public transit systems in the Quad Cities received \$5.2 million and are preparing their grant applications.
  - d. Long Range Plan Update. Staff held a technical modeling workshop May 6<sup>th</sup> for local government engineering and planning staff. Bi-State staff are working on population and employment data as input to the travel demand model. A transportation public input survey is being readied to distribute within the next month or so.
  - e. Transportation Act Reauthorization. There is a shortfall in the Highway Trust Fund of \$2-4 billion for FY09, so there will likely be a request to transfer additional monies from the general fund. It has been communicated that the FY10 Appropriations will likely have earmarks, using the general fund to supplement the estimated \$940 million left in the Highway Trust Fund. A significant challenge will be funding as transportation needs continue to mount, coupled with rising construction costs and reductions in monies flowing into the trust fund. With discussions of reauthorization underway, several messages are being conveyed: focus on areas of national and regional significance, provide authority at state and local level for projects, emphasize federal role of connecting transportation nationally, and transparency/accountability. The Federal Surface Transportation Policy and Planning Act of 2009 bill was introduced by the House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure. It outlined a number of goals but the Administration is pushing for continuing resolutions and reauthorization in 18 months. SAFETEA-LU is set to expire on October 1, 2009.
  - f. Bridge Restrictions. Staff is working on an update. With the closure of I-80 Westbound, both Departments of Transportation (DOT) are communicating daily and working to reopen the bridge. ILDOT took extraordinary measures to remove restrictions on EB I-74 to aid traffic congestion. They are hoping to hold the I-74 resurfacing until I-80 is reopened.
5. Public Comments. No public comments were made.
  6. Other Business. No other business was discussed.
  7. Adjournment. Mr. Ambrose motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mayor Welvaert. The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.