

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

Tuesday, August 25, 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
Jim Bohnsack	Rock Island County Board Chair
Mike Freemire	Mayor, City of Bettendorf
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation – Davenport
Tom Sunderbruch	Scott County Board of Supervisors
John Thodos	Mayor, City of East Moline
Kris Tobin	Illinois Department of Transportation – Dixon
Don Welvaert	Mayor, City of Moline
Bob Wilson	President, Village of Port Byron

Others Present

Jenna Anderson	Bi-State Regional Commission
Charles Curry	World Relief – Volunteer
Doug DeLille	Bi-State Regional Commission
Tom Kelso	Illinois Department of Transportation – Springfield
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Becky Passman	BSRC – Iowa Quad Cities Transit Coordinator
Lalit Patel	Bi-State Regional Commission
Amy Rowell	World Relief – Director
Chelsey Waterman	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the Minutes of the May 26, 2009 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting.
Mr. Sunderbruch asked for approval of the May 26, 2009 Transportation Policy Committee minutes. Mr. Ambrose motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mayor Welvaert seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. Consideration of FFY10-13 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments and Administrative Modifications. A copy of the FFY10-13 TIP was enclosed in Committee members' packets at the May meeting. In the current agenda packet, Committee members received a summary of administrative modifications prepared as a result of comments from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) prior to final printing of the document. Ms. Waterman reviewed the outline. Of the eight revisions, she highlighted two new tables that illustrate fiscal constraint of the Surface Transportation Program dollars by fiscal year. She also clarified a reference "federally funded" projects that are added or deleted in the TIP constitute an amendment. After reviewing the administrative modifications, Ms. Waterman reported on

the two project requests for amendment. IL-12-19 Illinois Route 5 (W. of 38th St. to W. of 53rd St.), Moline for reconstruction at a total cost of \$19,377,175 and all state funding. The second project DA-10-09 Fairmount Street over Silver Creek, Bridge Replacement for a total cost of \$954,000 and federal share of \$763,200 was added. DA-10-09 had been in FFY08 annual element but was removed in FFY09. It is currently being requested to be placed in FFY10. Mr. Ambrose motioned to accept the administrative modifications and to approve the two amendments presented. Mayor Welvaert seconded the motion and the projects were approved and accepted. Mayor Welvaert inquired about IL5 beyond 53rd Street. Ms. Tobin indicated the 53rd to 70th Street segment was outside the time horizon of the current TIP. IL-12-19 is two to three years until construction would occur.

3. Consideration of Letter to Federal Legislators to Ensure Sufficient Transportation Funds in Highway Trust Fund to Honor Current Federal Commitments to Highways and Transit. Ms. McCullough directed the Policy Committee to their agenda packet. A letter has been drafted to the area's federal legislators requesting their support to ensure enough funds are contained in the Highway Trust Fund to maintain its solvency and honor transportation commitments. The shortfall of the Highway Trust Fund may cause delays in payments to states and local communities very soon. Last year Congress provided just over \$8 billion in General Fund revenues to fulfill FY08 obligations through a transfer to the Highway Trust Fund. The U.S. Department of Transportation estimates need for \$5-7 billion in additional revenue for FY09 and another \$8-10 billion for FY10 to maintain current investment levels. Mayor Welvaert motioned to authorize the signing of the letter by TPC Chair Tom Sunderbruch on behalf of the Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ambrose and it carried. The letters would be sent out following the meeting.
4. Presentation on Quad City Area Intersection Crash Report, 2007 Data. Jenna Anderson outlined the purpose, methodology and findings of the report. Bi-State prepared the *Quad City Area Intersection Crash Report* to fit within the missions of SAFETEA-LU legislation, Iowa and Illinois Highway Safety Plans and the Bi-State Long Range Transportation Plan. The report emphasizes improving safety at Quad City intersections using the principles of the 4 E's: Education, Enforcement, Engineering and Emergency Services. The presentation included a description of the report's contents which consist of background on the purpose and data of the report, a methodology section, a summary of findings, detailed analyses of intersections, updates on previously ranked intersections, resources for local agencies and appendices.

The analyses were based on three factors: frequency, weighted severity, and crash rate. These factors correspond to a points system which was then used to rank the intersections. The top ranked intersection for Iowa was Harrison Street and West Locust Street in Davenport with 16 crashes and a score of 26. The top ranked intersection in Illinois was Kennedy Drive and Avenue of the Cities in East Moline with 38 crashes and a score of 45. The presentation ended with examples of how agencies can use the information and tools contained in the report to make decisions about improving safety at intersections. These examples used the appendices to evaluate the possible cause of crashes at the top ranked intersections, what countermeasures could improve safety, an estimate of the cost of the selected countermeasure, and the percent reduction in crashes that could be realized if the chosen countermeasure was implemented. A presentation was made at the Technical Committee meeting and the joint traffic safety meeting of engineers, law enforcement and emergency services representatives. A published copy was

provided to the Policy Committee. Technical Committee members and the local police departments will receive final copy in CD format.

5. Status Reports. Ms. McCullough briefed Policy Committee members on a number of issues.
 - a. *Passenger Rail*. The Governors of Iowa and Illinois participated with four other states in signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to coordinate passenger rail service development. Other MOUs were being developed between Iowa and Illinois in advanced preparation to initiate service. Both states are working on a joint stimulus application for rail funds. Iowa Department of Transportation recently released its draft state rail plan that included freight and passenger service.
 - b. *Air Quality*. There have been no exceedences of ozone or fine particulates in Scott County yet this calendar year. However, due to exceedences of the fine particulate standard in Muscatine area this year, they are within one exceedence of 28.8 ug/m^3 for nonattainment designation based on a three-year average. 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 September 29-30, 2009 as part of the Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program grant to Bi-State Regional Commission. Area officials have been invited to participate in the kick-off to a new initiative, the Bi-State Region Clean Air Partnership.
 - 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 has let one project in Coal Valley. Moline and Rock Island County are working towards November lettings with the remaining to be let in January 2010. Public transit systems in the Quad Cities received \$5.2 million and finalizing their grant applications.
 - d. *Long Range Plan Update*. A transportation public input survey was developed and released in July and closed in August. There were 203 respondents compared to 90, responding to a similar survey completed in 2005. Staff is also working on the socio-economic data.
6. Public Comments. No public comments were made.
7. Other Business. No other business was discussed.
8. Adjournment. Mr. Ambrose motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mayor Thodos. The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.