

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

Tuesday, October 27, 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
Ian Frink	Davenport City Council
Dan Long	Illinois Department of Transportation – Dixon
Larry Lorensen	MetroLINK Chair
Dennis Pauley	Mayor, City of Rock Island
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation – Davenport
Tom Sunderbruch	Scott County Board of Supervisors
Tracy Troutner	Federal Highway Administration – Iowa Division
Don Welvaert	Mayor, City of Moline
Bob Wilson	President, Village of Port Byron

Others Present

Jenna Anderson	Bi-State Regional Commission
Tom Kelso	Illinois Department of Transportation – Springfield
Gene McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Becky Passman	BSRC – Iowa Quad Cities Transit Coordinator
Lalit Patel	Bi-State Regional Commission
Chelsey Waterman	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the Minutes of the August 25, 2009 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting.
Mr. Sunderbruch asked for approval of the August 25, 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 FFY2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments and Administrative Modifications. A copy of the FFY2010-2013 TIP revisions was enclosed in Committee members' packets, and Ms. Waterman distributed an update at the meeting. Ms. Waterman presented administrative modifications and two proposed amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for consideration. Illinois Department of Transportation requested an amendment for project IL-10-02 I-74/U.S. Mississippi River Corridor for land acquisition to add \$719,000 in Bridge Discretionary Funding. The total project cost amounts to \$2,799,000 with a federal share of \$2,319,000 (HPP, Bridge Discretionary Funds) and state share of \$480,000. The second amendment request came from the Village of Coal Valley. Project CF-10-01 First Street (Village hall to 2nd Avenue) Safe

Routes to Schools is proposed for a total cost of \$250,000 with 100% federal funds. Ms. Waterman also reported on the administrative modifications that included a number of deletions due duplication in other annual elements of the TIP. The Technical Committee recommended approval of the amendments. Mr. Ambrose motioned to approve the amendments and accept the administrative modifications. Mayor Welvaert seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. Consideration of Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program Project. Ms. McCullough directed the Policy Committee to the agenda packet. A resolution has been drafted of support and concurrence on consistency with transportation planning as part of an Iowa Clean Air Attainment Grant application. Bi-State Regional Commission submitted a request for \$50,000 to conduct public education efforts to affect emission reduction activities. Air quality issues are noted in the long range transportation plan and TIP. The proposed activities in the application are consistent with these plans. The Bi-State Region Air Quality Task Force recommended approval of the resolution. Mayor Freemire motioned to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lorrensens, and it carried. The resolution will be sent out following the meeting.
4. Status of Long Range Transportation Plan Update. Ms. McCullough and Mr. Patel presented on the status of the Long Range Transportation Plan update. Ms. McCullough reviewed items related to SAFETEA-LU compliance and tasks completed to date, including revisions to the MPO boundary, approval of a public involvement outline and completion of a public input survey. A summary of the public input survey was included in members' agenda packets. Of the 203 completed surveys, 171 were completed on-line between mid-July to mid-August 2009. On the whole, respondents rated the overall quality of the transportation system as neither high or low and expressed similar opinions for how well the roadway system operates in the Quad City Area. Nearly 50% considered traffic congestion a slight problem. The most frequent response to what needed improvement was the need for bicycle and pedestrian facilities. While the most frequent response to what the biggest transportation problems are included lack of bicycle/pedestrian facilities, need for bridge improvements, and poor pavement conditions. In addition to the survey work, staff has been preparing the base year socio-economic data and refining the model roadway network. Employment data has been requested from both states, and requests were being processed. Mr. Patel noted his research related to trip generation rates and discussions with Rockford, Peoria, and Iowa's statewide model.
5. Status Reports. Ms. McCullough briefed Policy Committee members on a number of issues.
 - *Passenger Rail.* The Iowa and Illinois Departments of Transportation submitted applications for Federal High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) discretionary grant program (ARRA) on October 2. The application was for new and enhanced passenger rail services, including from Chicago to Iowa City via the Quad Cities. The Federal Railroad Administration Director announced that 45 applications were submitted by 24 states totaling approximately \$50 billion to advance high-speed rail corridor programs. This figure includes the Chicago-Quad Cities-Iowa City application.
 - *Air Quality.* There have been no exceedences of ozone or fine particulates in Scott County yet this calendar year. However, there were elevated levels of fine particulates in early

September that may affect Muscatine's attainment status. Ozone season is monitored between May and September while fine particulates are monitored year-round. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is considering whether or not to re-evaluate the ozone standard. This may occur in December with an official notice published in the Federal Register. The Transportation Alternatives and Air Quality Summit was held September 29-30, 2009 as part of the Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program grant to Bi-State Regional Commission. There was excellent local government participation. Area officials have been invited and encouraged to participate in the Bi-State Regional Clean Air Partnership. In addition to the ICAAP application, a request for \$40,000 was submitted to Illinois Department of Transportation for special research funds to further the emission reduction efforts in the Bi-State Region.

- *American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) Projects and Transportation Reauthorization.* Iowa Quad Cities received \$5.9 million and has let five highway projects to date with two trail engineering contracts under negotiation. Illinois Quad Cities received \$3.1 million and has let one project in Coal Valley. Moline and Rock Island County and 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 completed their grant applications and are in process of ordering buses.

SAFETEA-LU expired on October 1. Congress passed a one-month extension through October 31, 2009. There are a variety of discussions related to continuing resolutions from three, six, or eighteen months extension of the act until a reauthorization can occur. A reauthorization is not expected for twelve to eighteen months.

6. Public Comments. No public comments were made.
7. Other Business. Ms. McCullough noted that an annual bridge restrictions meeting was scheduled for the end of the week to discuss work planned for next calendar year.
8. Adjournment. Mr. Ambrose motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Frink. The meeting adjourned prior to 1:00 p.m.