

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

Tuesday, March 23, 2010, 12:00 Noon
Third Floor Conference Room 300
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
Jeff Justin	Davenport City Council
Tom Kelso	Illinois Department of Transportation – Springfield
Dennis Pauley	Mayor, City of Rock Island
Robert Scannell	Mayor, City of LeClaire
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation – Davenport
Tom Sunderbruch	Scott County Board of Supervisors
Betsy Tracy	Federal Highway Administration – Illinois Division
John Thodos	Mayor, City of East Moline
Don Welvaert	Mayor, City of Moline
Bob Wilson	President, Village of Port Byron

Others Present

Aaron Granquist	Howard R. Green – Moline Office
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Ross Monk	H.W. Lochner Inc.
Meesa Otani	Federal Highway Administration – Illinois Division
Lalit Patel	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the Minutes of the January 26, 2010 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting.
Mr. Sunderbruch asked for approval of the January 26, 2010 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 Revisions to the FFY2010-13 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
Ms. McCullough directed the Committee to pages in their agenda packets. One page included amendments requiring action and administrative modifications for informational purposes. The other page provided on green paper was a list of amendments contingent on the passage of a Stimulus II bill. Two amendments requests each were received from Davenport and Metro to add:
 - **DA-10-04/TPMS#14959:** 65th/67th Street (Eastern Avenue to Jersey Ridge Road), Davenport. Pavement rehabilitation and widening. Total cost \$3,780,000 with federal share of \$3,024,000 in Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds, programmed at the January 26th Policy Committee meeting.
 - **DA-11-04/TPMS#13967:** I-74 at 67th Street Bridge, Davenport. Replacement. Total cost \$2,623,000 with federal share of \$1,602,000 using Highway High Priority funds (SAFETEA-LU earmark), formerly IA-11-08.
 - **ML-10-14:** Purchase 4 hybrid paratransit vehicles by Metro. Total cost \$504,000 with 100% federal TIGGER funds.

- **ML-10-15:** Purchase solar thermal hot water system for maintenance facility by Metro. Total cost \$600,000 with 100% federal TIGGER funds.

Mr. Ambrose motioned to approve the amendments as presented. Mayor Thodos seconded the motion and it carried. Ms. McCullough noted an administrative revision for East Moline's 12th Avenue project using ARRA funds where local funds were added to address a shortfall.

Ms. McCullough directed the Committee to a listing of potential Stimulus II projects. Refer to the attached sheet for listing. Ms. McCullough indicated that if a Stimulus II bill were to become eminent, staff would outreach further with the small communities in the Illinois Quad Cities. The current listing only addressed projects for East Moline, Moline, Rock Island and Rock Island County. At the time, funding was assumed to be at levels similar to Stimulus I or ARRA funds. Mayor Thodos motioned to approve the listing of projects to be amended into the TIP contingent on the passage of a Stimulus II bill. Mayor Welvaert seconded the motion and it carried. Ms. McCullough indicated that speculation in a Stimulus II has a 50/50 chance of being passed. However, the listing is approved and ready for action if passage would occur.

3. Presentation on FY11 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP). A draft FY11 TPWP was enclosed in Committee members' agenda packets. Annually the TPWP document for the Quad Cities metropolitan planning area is revised to reflect Bi-State transportation staff activities for the coming fiscal year. The FY11 TPWP is developed to aid cooperative, continuing and comprehensive transportation planning. The document also outlines the history of organizations playing a role in transportation planning.

In the metropolitan area, major transportation issues include:

- River Crossing Capacity Improvements
- Air Quality, Congestion Management & Mobility, and Intelligent Transportation System Activities
- Modal Coordination – Passenger Rail and Intermodal Connections
- Long Range Plan Planning and Implementation
- Coordination with Human Service & Specialized Transportation Providers
- Integration of Safety and Security
- Transportation Planning Requirements & Reauthorization

Accomplishments from FY10 include:

- Update Transit Development Plan (TDP) and process competitive selection process for urban JARC & New Freedom funds
- Update FFY10-13 Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs)
- Provide Grant Assistance – ICAAP, Rec. Trails, RISE, SRTS, Scenic Byways, TCSP and ARRA transportation programming
- Hold Complete Streets activities
- Attend IA Trails Summit, Moving IA Forward, IA & IL Safety Summits conferences
- Provide technical assistance – model scenarios, traffic studies, accident analysis, ITS coordination, trail planning, RFPs, etc.
- Served Technical and Policy Committees, Bi-State Regional Trail Committee, Air Quality Task Force, CARS & joint ITS/Safety group
- Implementation of Certification Review recommendations
- Continued urban Long Range Transportation Plan update

A draft work program budget was outlined in the slide presentation. There were no comments by the Technical Committee on the FY11 TPWP on the activities. The document will be forwarded to the Policy Committee for comment. Approval of planning work activities and allocation of funding to work program categories are reviewed by the Policy Committee. Resolutions authorizing filing federal grant applications and execution of grant contracts are approved by Bi-State Regional Commission.

4. Status of Long Range Transportation Plan Update. Ms. McCullough reported briefly on the status of the Long Range Transportation Plan development, including participation at the two public input LRTP kick-off meetings in February. There were 49 participants between both meetings, held at Centre Station, Moline and Davenport Police Station. Efforts continue toward preparing the data sets that feed into the travel-demand model. Staff is setting up meetings with the individual cities and counties to discuss future housing and employment in the horizon years as well as non-motorized transportation. A more thorough report is expected at the May Committee meeting.
5. Status Reports. Ms. McCullough briefed Policy Committee members on a number of issues.
 - Passenger Rail. The Iowa and Illinois Departments of Transportation received notice that they did not receive \$239,632,800 ARRA award from the federal High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) discretionary grant program (ARRA). At the Iowa Passenger Rail Advisory Committee, Governor Culver's staff indicated they had met with the Director of Federal Railroad Administration as a follow-up to the grant. Indications were given that the application was meritorious and deemed eligible as well as a model for other states. However, awarded applications were founded on the following: demonstrated history of funding passenger rail; host railroad endorsements (in place); strong planning process (advisory committee and state long range plan); and mid-range plan (currently being developed by HDR consultants for Iowa DOT). Another round of applications is expected to be solicited by FTR in spring for \$2.5 billion. These funds will require a 20% match. At the request of Larry Minard, Scott County Board, Bi-State staff prepared a letter urging matching funds be supported by the Iowa legislature.
 - Air Quality. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is reviewing the ozone standard. The Policy Committee received a copy of the letter sent to the docket. An official notice published in the Federal Register came out earlier in the month. QC in Motion – Alternative Transportation week will be held May 15-22nd, promoting the use of transit, bicycles and walking in lieu of cars.
 - Bridge Coordination. Closure of the Moline viaduct to the Arsenal reviewed as being underway and concluding in October 2010. The I-80 Bridge at the Mississippi River will begin repair work April 5th with the closure of lanes and only one westbound lane open through mid-July at the latest, based on incentives for early completion by mid-June. From mid-July through the fall, traffic will be head-to-head, one lane in each direction for the remainder of the project. Mayor Scannell noted efforts to "Keep Coming Our Way" and working to get a ferry crossing in the interim. Work is also to begin south the I-74 Mississippi River bridges to complete the resurfacing project as part of ARRA funding.
6. Public Comments. No public comments were made.
7. Other Business. No other business was conducted.
8. Adjournment. Mayor Welvaert motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bohnsack. The meeting adjourned prior to 1:00 p.m.