

**MINUTES OF THE
DAVENPORT-ROCK ISLAND-MOLINE, IOWA-ILLINOIS
URBANIZED AREA
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, September 21, 2010, 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
William Fox	Mayor, City of Silvis
Jeff Justin	Davenport City Council
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
John Thodos	Mayor, City of East Moline
Kris Tobin	Illinois Department of Transportation - Dixon
Don Welvaert	Mayor, City of Moline

Others Present

Doug DeLille	Bi-State Regional Commission
Stacy Lentsch	Bi-State Regional Commission
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Chelsey Waterman	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the Minutes of the August 24, 2010 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mr. Sunderbruch asked for approval of the August 24, 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 Amendment to the Public Participation Plan. The proposed amendment of the Public Participation Plan was enclosed in Committee members' agenda packets. They were provided to the Regional Transportation Advisory Group for comment with 30 days notice prior to consideration by the Policy Committee. The Technical Committee recommended approval of the amendment. Ms. Waterman explained that Federal Transit Administration recommended including a statement addressing the "Program of Projects" for the area transit systems being addressed through the MPO's public participation plan. Clarification for notice of public hearings being published in local newspapers of general circulation and posting of the notice was also addressed. Mr. Ambrose motioned to accept the amendment of the Public Participation Plan, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Justin. The motion carried.

3. Consideration of Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program Projects. The Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP) requires a resolution from the MPO declaring conformance with transportation planning processes and plans. The City of Davenport plans to submit two grant applications for traffic signal synchronization. Twenty traffic signals along West Locust to link at the Bettendorf City Limits is one project. The other is seven traffic signals along West 53rd Street to link at the Bettendorf City Limits. Traffic synchronization is an Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) improvement supported by the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan and the ITS Architecture. This type of improvement aids uniform traffic flow in a corridor and assists with reducing congestion and air emissions. The resolutions were recommended for approval by the Technical Committee. Mayor Thodos motioned to approve the resolutions. Mayor Welvaert seconded the motion, and it carried.
4. Status of 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Update. Ms. McCullough reported briefly on the status of the Long Range Transportation Plan development. Efforts continue toward preparing the projected data sets that feed into the travel-demand model. It is anticipated that initial draft of the freight transportation network chapter will be presented at the October Technical Committee meeting. Work is underway on the existing roadway network chapter as well.

Mr. DeLille presented on the Non-Motorized and Intermodal Transportation Network Chapter for the 2040 Quad City Urban Area Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The chapter addresses the growing interest and acceptance of sustainability, livability, quality of life, safety, accessibility, connectivity, and the many other beneficial components to be derived from a fully integrated non-motorized and alternative transportation network. The chapter addresses developing trends such as Complete Streets; consistent codes for trails, side paths, and sidewalks; active and healthy communities; and bicycle friendly communities. The multipurpose trails component of the plan identifies the different trail types based on AASHTO classifications. Both existing and planned/proposed trails are shown on the Trails Map included in the Plan. Updates have been made to the pedestrian network section to address new safety and mobility practices and guidelines. The Pedestrian Network Map as well as the Trails and Greenways Map have been updated to reflect progress and changes from the 2035 LRTP. Some of the information from the 2035 LRTP is still useful and applicable to the pedestrian network and is retained in the non-motorized transportation chapter of the 2040 LRTP. Federal, state, regional, and local plans and initiatives were identified and utilized for the development of the chapter.

5. Other Status Reports. Iowa Quad Cities Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) projects were due September 10, 2010 to Bi-State Regional Commission. Six projects were received. There is \$2.076 million in Iowa Quad Cities TEP funds available. Results of the evaluation process will be discussed at the October Policy Committee meeting. Bi-State staff also worked with five communities on submission of Illinois TEP online applications that were due August 31, 2010. There is \$70-80 million available in the State of Illinois, half for the Chicago area and half for downstate.

Ms. Waterman provide an update on the status of the request made by Mr. Ayew-ew of the

Iowa-Illinois Center for Independent Living. At the August meeting, a situation was noted about night service to the Western Illinois University campus at 60th Street in Moline for a blind student attending night courses. Ms. Waterman spoke with MetroLINK who was working to make an accommodation for transit service. She also reported that the boundaries on the Passenger Transportation Map referenced by Mayor Thodos have been corrected to reflect the updated city limits in East Moline. Ms. McCullough noted that staff also followed up on Mayor Welvaert's inquiry about the Wyanet connection, which is currently undergoing an environmental review process. No work has begun to date.

Ms. McCullough noted that copies of the final FFY11-14 Transportation Improvement Program and FY11 Transportation Planning Work Program were enclosed in Committee members' packets. She also invited Policy Committee members to upcoming ozone informational meeting hosted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Thursday, September 30, 2010 from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. at the Davenport Library at Eastern Avenue. The purpose of the meeting is to overview upcoming changes to the ozone standard and potential implications of nonattainment designation as well as resources to reduce emissions.

6. Public Comments. No public comments were made.
7. Other Business. The next Policy Committee meeting will be held on October 26th and subsequent meetings are being planned for November 16th, December 21st and January 25th.
8. Adjournment. Mr. Sunderbruch called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned by consensus prior to 1:00 p.m.