

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

Tuesday, May 24, 2011, 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, Silvis, Illinois
Mike Freemire	Mayor, Bettendorf, Iowa
Jeff Justin	Davenport City Council
Tom Kelso	Illinois Department of Transportation-OPP
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation-Davenport
John Thodos	Mayor, East Moline, Illinois
Betsy Tracy	Federal Highway Administration-Illinois Division
Tracy Troutner	Federal Highway Administration-Iowa Division
Don Welvaert	Mayor, Moline, Illinois
Robert Wilson	Mayor, Port Byron, Illinois

Others Present

Tom Caldwell	Illinois Department of Transportation
Heather Roberts	MetroLINK-RICMMTD
Denise Bulat	Bi-State Regional Commission
Stacy Lentsch	Bi-State Regional Commission
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Becky Passman	Bi-State Regional Commission
Lalit Patel	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the Minutes of the March 22, 2011 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting.
Mayor Welvaert asked for approval of the March 22, 2011 Transportation Policy Committee minutes. Mr. Ambrose motioned to approve the minutes as written, and Mayor Thodos seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.
2. Presentation on 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Update and Public Review Process.
Ms. McCullough informed the Committee that there have been some changes to the *2040 Long Range Transportation Plan* draft on the Bi-State website. These changes include crash data and working with the Transportation Technical Committee on fiscal constraint and moving projects from the short range to the long range. Ms. McCullough invited the Transportation Policy Committee to attend the public meetings for the *2040 Long Range Transportation Plan*.

Ms. McCullough presented a slide presentation summarizing the *2040 Long Range Transportation Plan*. She stated that this plan complies with SAFETEA-LU and explained the public involvement plan and the public input hearing dates, times, and locations. Ms. McCullough described the 2040 LRTP planning goals and objectives. She went on to describe existing conditions, including employment industries and top employers in the Quad Cities Area. Also shown was a table of population, school enrollment, occupied housing units, and employment from the travel demand model for base year 2006, horizon year 2020, and horizon year 2040. Ms. McCullough mentioned some transportation highlights and priorities. A chart showing fiscal constraint was presented. The projected project costs add up to slightly more than the projected revenues. A handout was also provided detailing the revenues and expenses. The Transportation Policy Committee was presented the projected revenues in January, and Bi-State recently reviewed the costs with the Technical Committee. Table 8.2 shows the roadway network priorities from 2011-2020 and 2021-2040. Mayor Welvaert inquired if inflation was taken into account. Ms. McCullough stated that yes, the projects are in year of expenditure dollars. Mr. Troutner asked if they used specific years for year of expenditure or 2020 and 2040. Ms. McCullough replied that it was left up to the local engineers, but the expectation was for year of expenditure to be 2020 or 2040. The I-74 Mississippi River Corridor was discussed. Last week a meeting was held asking local public safety officials what features might be needed to ensure safety during the project. The project is broken into seven pieces, with the Lincoln Bridge already completed and work on the 53rd St/I-74 interchange beginning. There were several slides showing the Volume-to-Capacity Ratio on the network. It is important to note that the travel demand model is a 24-hour model and not a peak-hour model. Ms. McCullough stated that Bi-State will continue efforts to reduce emissions and improve air quality. Mr. Ambrose asked how the message is getting out to the public. Ms. McCullough responded that public notice appeared in both newspapers, there will be a press release next week, notices were sent out to RTAG, Greater Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and similar organizations, and five public libraries were notified and provided a copy of the draft plan.

3. Public Comments. No public comments were made.
4. Other Business. It was noted that I-74 lane restrictions will not be lifted during the train festival or RAGBRAI. There is an administrative modification to CV-11-02. The cost increase was in local funding and will not require action. Mayor Thodos asked about the switchyard in Rock Island. He stated that trains block traffic in East Moline. Mayor Fox added that originally the Rock Island switchyard was a receiving yard. Ms. Bulat stated that discussions to move the switchyard have occurred, but while some switching may be relocated, the railroads continue to reserve the switching area in Rock Island. Ms. McCullough notified the Policy Committee that Bi-State will be bringing a TIP draft to the next meeting and will hold a public meeting at the same time.
5. Adjournment. Mr. Justin motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ambrose. The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.