

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

Tuesday, June 21, 2011, 12:00 Noon
Third Floor Conference Room 320
Bi-State Regional Commission
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

Policy Members Present

Lisa Brown	Bettendorf City Council
Jeff Justin	Davenport City Council
Larry Lorensen	MetroLink Board Chair
Larry Minard	Scott County Board of Supervisors
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation - Davenport
Kris Tobin	Illinois Department of Transportation - Dixon
Tracy Troutner	Federal Highway Administration – Iowa Division
Don Welvaert	Mayor, City of Moline
Bob Wilson	Mayor, Village of Port Byron

Others Present

Jeff Anderson	City of Moline
Denise Bulat	Bi-State Regional Commission
Doug DeLille	Bi-State Regional Commission
William Fox	Mayor, City of Silvis
Aaron Grandquist	HR Green, Inc.
Stacy Lentsch	Bi-State Regional Commission
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Becky Passman	Bi-State Regional Commission-IAQC Transit Coordinator
Lalit Patel	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Public Hearing on 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. Mayor Welvaert opened the public hearing at 12:10 p.m. Ms. McCullough directed the Policy Committee to the agenda where information was provided that notices of the hearing were published on May 20th and 25th, respectively in the Quad City Times and Dispatch/Argus newspapers announcing five public informational hearings and the June 21st Transportation Policy Committee public hearing. Twelve distinct commentors provided a response for public comments during the review period. These comments were provided to the Policy Committee in their agenda packets. No additional public comments were made at this public hearing. Mr. Justin motioned to close the public hearing and Mr. Lorensen seconded the motion. The hearing closed at 12:11 p.m.
2. Public Hearing on FFY2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mayor Welvaert opened the public hearing at 12:11 p.m. Ms. McCullough explained that the public hearing was set to receive comments on the draft FFY2012-2015 TIP. A public notice, per the Public Participation Plan procedures, was published in the Dispatch-Argus and Quad Cities Times noting the availability of the draft for comments and information on the public hearing. The Regional Transportation Advisory Committee received notice of the TIP availability for comment. The draft was posted on the website at www.bistateonline.org/ser/tra/tip.shtml. No comments were received prior to this meeting or at

this public hearing. Mr. Minard moved to close the public hearing and Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried and the public hearing was closed at 12:13 p.m.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the May 24, 2011 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mayor Welvaert asked for approval of the May 24, 2011 Transportation Policy Committee minutes. Mr. Lorensen motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Justin seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
4. Consideration of 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. Ms. McCullough provided a progress report on the status of the plan update. She reviewed the public input hearings schedule and comments received to date. Summary and response pages were included in the agenda packets which detail all comments received so far about the *2040 Long Range Transportation Plan*. She referred to this summary which contained the comments from the Federal Highway Administration-Iowa Division (FHWA-IA), Federal Transit Administration, Illinois and Iowa Departments of Transportation, City of Eldridge and other public comments on alternative transportation, passenger rail, bridge bottlenecks, transit limitations and service needs, emphasis on national trails and the convention and visitors bureau acting as the emergency travel center. Ms. McCullough went through some of the key comments.

She also directed the Committee to a revised Chapter 8 provided in their agenda packets. She stated that FHWA-IA commented with concerns over fiscal constraint calculations and documentation. FHWA-IA also wanted trail expansion priorities called out in the last chapter summarizing costs. Staff developed cost estimates which are presented in the revised Chapter 8 draft. A federal funding table summarizing a 10-year history from FFY2001-2010 TIP documents was added to Chapter 8, as well as some mitigation language. In the draft, part of the I-74 phasing table was cut off, but has since been fixed. Ms. McCullough stated that Bi-State worked to resolve the 2021-2040 horizon year cost projection issue, using 4% growth by showing documentation for the historical trends of locally allocated Surface Transportation Program (STP) dollars. Mr. Lorensen motioned to recommend the *2040 Long Range Transportation Plan* approval to the Bi-State Regional Commission based on the revisions/modifications discussed and presented. Mr. Minard seconded the motion and the motion carried. Mr. Troutner indicated that MPO staff worked hard to address the comments and to meet the SAFETEA-LU compliance requirements.

5. Consideration of FFY2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Amendment to FFY2011-2014 TIP. Ms. Lentsch directed the Policy Committee to their agenda packets where a draft TIP was included for Committee members. A full draft of the TIP was also made available on the Bi-State website. A map of the FFY2012 project locations was distributed at the meeting. Ms. Lentsch also distributed changes to the FFY2012-2015 Annual Element Tables since the Policy Committee mailing on June 14th. Ms. Lentsch noted projects in the TIP must be derived from the Quad City MPO Long Range Transportation Plan, must be fiscally constrained and show year of expenditure dollars. She reported on a number of regionally significant projects listed in the TIP, including I-74 Mississippi River Corridor. She noted since the development of FY2011-2014 TIP a new table has been created and includes illustrative projects that are seeking funding but not programmed with specific funding sources to date. This has been labeled as “Unmet Needs”. This table addition addresses strengthened fiscal constraint requirements and guidance from SAFETEA-LU. Projects will receive a TIP number but will require an amendment to move into an Annual Element once funding is identified. The Technical Committee recommended approval of the document as presented to the Policy Committee with the understanding that approval of the TIP included programming of Iowa Quad Cities Surface Transportation Program funds for the continuation of the urban

specifications/design program (SUDAS) and pavement management program.

Mr. Minard motioned to approve the FFY2012-2015 TIP as recommended by the Technical Committee with the revisions noted at this meeting and contingent on the adoption of the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan by Bi-State Regional Commission on June 22, 2011. Mr. Justin seconded the motion and discussion followed. Mr. Troutner commented that the TIP represents a program of projects and should program all funding sources throughout each year of the four year program. Within the FFY2012-2015 TIP, Ms. McCullough explained that Surface Transportation Program funds are programmed through 2012. She indicated there is a standing balance of funds in both the Iowa and Illinois Quad Cities, as outlined in Tables 2.2 and 2.3. The Technical Committee has discussed programming STP funds this fall after the 2040 LRTP was adopted and the TIP was approved. Once project selection and programming occurs then the TIP would be amended with the results. Mr. Troutner held that projects in the MPO FFY 2012-2015 TIP will not be authorized by the FHWA-IA Division until STP funds are programmed. Ms. McCullough respectfully disagreed with the FHWA-IA Division interpretation of programming of dollars, noting the FFY12-15 TIP represents four years of programming as identified at this time and identifies that a balance is available for programming. Further clarification from peer MPOs and the FHWA-IL Division was being requested on this interpretation. Hearing no other objections, the Policy Committee approved the motion as presented with one abstaining vote from Mr. Shea, Iowa Department of Transportation. (Federal Highway Administration is an ex-officio non-voting member on the Policy Committee.) The motion carried.

Mr. Justin motioned to approve the FFY2011 TIP amendment request in the FY2011-2014 TIP for ML-11-23 a Multi-Modal Station in Moline with a total estimated cost of \$16,634,250 and Federal share of \$10 million in TIGER II funds. The motion is contingent on the June 22nd approval of the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. Ms. Brown seconded the motion and it carried.

6. Other Status Reports. Ms. McCullough quickly briefed Policy Committee members on air quality. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is reviewing the ozone standard and is expected to release a revised threshold by the end of July 2011. There have been no exceedances of ozone in 2011 with monitors being activated April 1st. In light of the time, no other updates were provided.
7. Public Comments. No public comments were made.
8. Other Business. No other business was conducted.
9. Adjournment. Mayor Welvaert called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Minard motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Justin. The meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.