

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

Tuesday, December 20, 2011, 12:00 Noon
Third Floor Conference Room 320
Bi-State Regional Commission
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

Policy Members Present

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| Ray Ambrose | Davenport City Council |
| William Fox | Mayor, City of Silvis |
| Bill Gluba | Mayor, City of Davenport |
| Jeff Justin | Davenport City Council |
| Larry Lorensen | Chair, MetroLINK |
| Larry Minard | Scott County Board of Supervisors |
| Sam Shea | Iowa Department of Transportation - Davenport |
| Kris Tobin | Illinois Department of Transportation - Dixon |
| Don Welvaert | Mayor, City of Moline |
| Bob Wilson | President, Village of Port Byron |

Others Present

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| Gena McCullough | Bi-State Regional Commission |
| Brandon Melton | Bi-State Regional Commission |
| Becky Passman | Bi-State Regional Commission-IAQC Transit Coordinator |
| Lalit Patel | Bi-State Regional Commission |

1. Approval of the Minutes of the September 27, 2011 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mayor Welvaert asked for approval of the September 27, 2011 Transportation Policy Committee minutes. Mr. Ambrose motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Justin seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. Consideration of FFY2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Revisions. Mr. Melton noted that there were two additions to the requests for amendments that went out in Committee members' agenda packets. He distributed a handout of the updated information. The City of Buffalo, Iowa, State of Illinois and MetroLINK requested amendments to the FFY12 Annual Element. These included:

BU-12-01 Mississippi River Trail, Wild Cat Den Avenue to Utah Avenue for Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Work with a Total Cost of \$565,570, Federal Share of \$453,070 (SAFETEA-LU Transportation Improvements No.132), State Recreation Trails Funds \$108,500 and Local Share \$4,000.

IL-12-30 Illinois 5 at I-74 Bridge, Bridge Maintenance with a Total Cost of \$900,000, Federal Share \$720,000 (National Highway System) and State Share \$180,000.

ML-11-15 MetroLINK to replace up to 12 ADA buses with a Total Cost of \$5,400,000, Federal Share \$3,000,000 (FTA 5309) and Local Share \$2,400,000.

ML-11-24 MetroLINK to construct Rock Island Transfer Station with a Total Cost \$2,603,000, Federal Share \$2,082,400 and Local Share \$520,600.

Mr. Ambrose motioned to approve the amendments as presented. Mr. Lorensen seconded the motion and it carried. The administrative modifications were presented for information, including annual element shifts for DA-11-08, RI-12-04, RI-12-05 and the addition of two projects from East Moline into the Unmet Needs table of the document which is not part of the fiscally constrained TIP since federal funding has yet to be identified for these projects.

3. Consideration of Revisions to Quad Cities MPO Planning Boundary Per 2010 Census and Traffic Analysis Zone Delineations. The item was tabled to clarify and review technical revisions brought to light at the southern boundary of the MPO.
4. Consideration of the MPO Cooperative Transportation Planning and Programming Agreement. The Policy Committee was directed to a copy of the proposed revisions to the MPO Cooperative Transportation Planning and Programming Agreement by Ms. McCullough. The Cooperative Agreement is between the jurisdictions in the urbanized area, the Iowa and Illinois Departments of Transportation (DOTs), MetroLINK and Bi-State Regional Commission (BSRC). BSRC delegates authority to the Transportation Policy Committee through this agreement. The proposed amendments addressed eligible jurisdictions that were generalized to represent those jurisdictions within the urbanized area as determined by the appropriate U.S. government authority. This has typically been the U.S. Census Bureau. To reduce the number of changes to the agreement, a general reference to the current transportation act was made. It was clarified that Article II. Membership, Voting and Quorum B. the Chair of the Rock Island County Metropolitan Mass Transit District (RICMMD) could be represented by a voting member of the RICMMD Board. Article VII. B. clarified that this agreement is subject to amendment when a majority of all voting representatives of the Transportation Policy Committee adopts the amendment. Mr. Lorensen motioned to accept the amendments as presented and clarified. Mr. Ambrose seconded the motion. The amendments were accepted by: Mr. Ambrose, Mr. Wilson, Mayor Gluba, Mr. Lorensen, Mr. Justin, Mr. Minard, Mr. Shea, Ms. Tobin, and Mayor Welvaert. Mayor Fox concurred with Mayor Wilson who acted as the Illinois Quad Cities small communities' representative on this motion. The motion carried.
5. Presentation on "Make Outdoor Air Quality Visible" Strategic Plan. Ms. McCullough presented the status of the "Make Outdoor Air Quality Visible" Strategic Plan effort. The program was funded through Illinois Special Planning and Research funds. Using the US Environmental Protection Agency Community Action for Renewed Environment (CARE) model, the Bi-State Region Air Quality Task Force with the assistance of Bi-State Regional Commissions staff reviewed emission inventories, examined land use and facility locations and identified potential strategies that would help reduce emissions and encourage greater participation in the Bi-State Clean Air Partnership. A copy of the strategies for the next five years was provided to Policy Committee members as priorities included increasing voluntary emission reductions through the Partnership, promoting eco-driving, alternative transportation, green fleets/equipment, energy conservation and the USEPA Smartway program and freight initiatives to reduce emissions. Policy Committee members discussed partnerships with the school districts and their own or contracted bus fleets and a note that the public transit systems are partnering with the schools to increase fixed route ridership. Mr. Melton reported on the December public outreach including a newspaper tab, radio ads and newspaper ads promoting eco-driving, alternative transportation and reducing trips or trip chaining. Overall, there were no ozone or fine

particulate exceedences of the national standards in 2011 within the Quad Cities.

6. Status Reports. It was noted that affected jurisdictions will be meeting in January to discuss diversion routes for the I-74 Mississippi River Corridor Reconstruction Project. Diversion routes will be identified if incidents should occur during the reconstruction. No other reports 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. Mayor Gluba motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mayor Fox. The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.