

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

Tuesday, February 28, 2012, 12:00 P.M.
Bi-State Regional Commission
Third Floor Conference Room 302
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ray Ambrose	Davenport City Council
Jim Bohnsack	Chairman, Rock Island County
William Fox	Mayor, City of Silvis (Small Community Representative – Illinois)
Larry Lorensen	Chair, MetroLINK
Gene Meeker	Alderman, City of Davenport
John Thodos	Mayor, City of East Moline
Kris Toban	Illinois Department of Transportation – Dixon
Don Welvaert	Mayor, City of Moline

OTHERS PRESENT

Craig Harper	Bi-State Regional Commission
Tom Kelso	Illinois Department of Transportation
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Brandon Melton	Bi-State Regional Commission
Donnie Miller	Bicycle Safety Consultant
Lalit Patel	Bi-State Regional Commission
Bob Wilson	Mayor, City of Port Byron (Small Community Representative – Illinois – Alternate)

1. Approval of the Minutes of the December 20, 2011 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mayor Welvaert chaired the meeting and asked for approval of the December 20, 2011 Transportation Policy Committee minutes. Mr. Lorensen moved that the minutes be approved as written. Mayor Thodos seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved as written.
2. Consideration of FFY2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Revisions. Mr. Melton summarized the TIP Revisions table included in the agenda packet. Amendments requiring committee action included:

IL-12-28 (FY2012) had an increase in federal funds greater than 30% and a major change in project scope.

IL-12-31 (FY2012) Illinois DOT submitted a new project for bridge pier and sign foundation shielding in Henry, Rock Island, and Whiteside Counties for consideration.

TP-12-05 (FY2012) A household travel survey for the urbanized Quad Cities area was submitted by Bi-State Regional Commission for consideration as well. The survey will be funded 80% (\$240,000) by an ICAAP grant awarded to the commission with a 20% (\$60,000) match from Bi-State.

EM-12-03 (FY2012) East Moline offered up a Safe Routes to School project for consideration. The \$150,000 project will be funded 100% by federal Safe Routes to School funds.

It was noted that these amendments were recommended by the Transportation Technical Committee. Mr. Bohnsack moved to approve the amendments as outlined in the agenda packet. Mayor Fox seconded the motion, and it carried.

Administrative modifications included a new project, IA-12-19, from the Iowa DOT for pavement rehab of Business 61 from 35th Street to 59th Street. This \$1.3 million project is expected to be entirely state funded. CV-11-02 will be moved to FY2012. Citi Bus is dividing bus purchases (CB-10-06) into two projects (CB-10-07 & CB-10-08) that will be programmed for separate fiscal years. This change will be considered an administrative modification because the cumulative cost is equivalent to the original TIP approved project cost.

3. Consideration of the Surface Transportation Program (STP) Evaluation Process. Mr. Patel reviewed revisions to the STP Evaluation Process. Changes to the process included: scoring of traffic congestion, physical improvements, and transit alternatives and using dot standard data for pavement condition in the scoring of the physical condition category. A copy of the STP manual was included in the agenda packet with additions noted in bold, added lines were underlined, and items to be removed were shown with strikethroughs. Ms. McCullough noted that updates to the STP targets were not included in Tables 1.2 and 1.3 in the distributed STP Manual revisions. She advised the committee that the changes were recommended by the Transportation Technical Committee for approval. Mayor Thodos motioned to accept the revisions to the STP Evaluation Process including the changes to STP targets on Tables 1.2 and 1.3. Mr. Ambrose seconded the motion, and it carried.
4. Consideration of Project Changes in Scope of Work for Locally Programmed Projects. The City of Bettendorf submitted a request for change in scope for their Iowa Quad Cities Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) funded project for Middle Road Recreation Trail. The requested change will alter the southwest terminus of the trail from Parkway Drive to 18th Street. This change in scope is the result of two major concerns of affected residents. The first being that the existing right of way between 18th Street and Olympia Drive is quite narrow. This section of the original alignment is in close proximity to a residential area, and construction of the trail would likely remove screening vegetation for the neighborhood. The second concern is that the trail would cross nine drive ways in a two block area resulting in potential safety hazards. Mr. Ambrose motioned to accept the change in scope. Mayor Thodos seconded the motion, and it carried.

The City of Silvis has submitted a request for a change in scope for their Illinois Quad Cities Surface Transportation Program (STP) funded project for Crosstown Avenue. It was determined that the costs for resurfacing and trail construction would exceed the \$700,000 awarded for the project. Based on recommendations from ILDOT District 2 Staff, the project scope will be changed to include only resurfacing. Silvis intends to apply for Transportation Enhancement funds to complete the trail portion of the project. Mr. Bohnsack motioned to accept the change in scope. Mayor Thodos seconded the motion, and it carried.

5. Status Report. Ms. McCullough reminded the committee that calls for project programming had been sent out for Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC), New Freedom, and Iowa Quad Cities Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) by Bi-State Regional Commission that are due March 2, 2012, and Illinois TEP by Illinois Department of Transportation (ILDOT) due on May 29, 2012.

Ms. McCullough also briefly discussed the Reauthorization of the Federal Transportation Act. She commented that that it is unlikely the reauthorization will be passed before this year's election.

6. Public Comments. No public comments were made.
7. Other Business. There was no other business to address.
8. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 12:35 p.m