

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

Tuesday, September 25, 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
William Fox	Mayor, City of Silvis
Bob Gallagher	Mayor, City of Bettendorf
Jason Gordon	Davenport City Council
Larry Lorensen	Chair, MetroLINK
Larry Minard	Scott County Board of Supervisors
Marty O'Boyle	Mayor, City of Eldridge
John Thodos	Mayor, City of East Moline
Kris Tobin	Illinois Department of Transportation – Dixon

OTHERS PRESENT

Doug DeLille	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
Lalit Patel	Bi-State Regional Commission
Eric Wilke	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the Minutes of the June 26, 2012 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting.
Mr. Minard chaired the meeting in Mayor Welvaert's absence and asked for approval of the June 26, 2012 Transportation Policy Committee minutes. Mr. Ambrose moved that the minutes be approved as written. Mayor Thodos seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved as written.
2. Consideration of FFY2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Revisions.
Mr. Melton presented to revisions to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He noted the administrative modifications that required no action, TP-12-05 and IL-15-05, were shifts from FFY2012 to FFY2013. Project amendments that require committee action included:
 - New project in FFY2013 Annual Element: IL-13-16: U.S. 6 (Green River Road to SE of Edwards Road) for tree removal with total estimated cost of \$29,000

with a Federal share of \$26,000 (Highway Safety and Improvement Program-HSIP).

- New project in FFY2013 Annual Element: IL-13-17: I-74/U.S. 6 Mississippi River Corridor land acquisition with a total estimated cost of \$4,115,000 with a Federal share of \$3,292,000 (SAFETEA-LU High Priority Project – HPP).
- Moved to FFY2013 and change in Federal funds >30%: IL-12-24: US 6, 0.1, 0.2, & 0.5 miles east of Green River Road and E/W of 720th east of Colona, culvert replacement project with a total estimated cost of \$600,000 and Federal share of \$480,000(Surface Transportation Program – STP).
- Moved to FFY2013 and change in Federal funds >30%: IL-12-25 U.S. Mineral Creek (1.2 mi E of Osco Road), bridge replacement project with total estimated cost of \$700,000 and federal share of \$560,000 (Surface Transportation Program – STP).
- New project in FFY2013: RD-13-01 Mississippi River Trail (adjacent to highway 67 from S. Bellingham St. to Fenno Rd., Riverdale) with a total estimated cost of \$706,792 and Federal share of \$494,956 (Scenic Byways).

Mr. Ambrose motioned to approval the amendments as presented. Mayor Thodos seconded the motion, and the amendments were approved.

3. Status of the Bi-State Regional Intelligent Transportation System Architecture (ITS).

Mr. Patel presented an overview of Bi-State Regional ITS Architecture and the need for communication between city, county, and state agencies using intelligent transportation systems technology. His overview included defining the National ITS Architecture and how it is used as a “blueprint” to help guide ITS deployment. The regional ITS Architecture is based on 33 transportation-related ITS User Services, such as incident management, traffic operations, travel information, etc. Mr. Patel described how developing a Regional ITS Architecture would assist in the communication between agencies within the Bi-State area using technology. The Regional ITS Architecture would assist in identifying integration opportunities among regional transportation systems, and would also allow the deployment of projects consistent with the plan/regional architecture. The update process will assist in identifying gaps in existing services.

4. Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) Transportation Reauthorization.

Ms. McCullough presented an overview on Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) Transportation Reauthorization. The reauthorization was signed into law on July 6, 2012 and becomes effective October 1. She outlined the major themes of the new bill and its performance goals. Population thresholds for Metropolitan Planning Organizations remained unchanged with Bi-State classified as a Transportation Management Area with a population over 200,000.

Under MAP-21, Ms. McCullough reported that total funding level for public transit would

remain fairly constant. Job Access/Reverse Commute (JARC) 5316 and New Freedom (NF) 5317 programs were combined with existing formula programs- JARC with 5307 (Urbanized Area formula) and NF with 5310 (Seniors/Disabilities program). Ms. McCullough stated that under MAP-21, operating costs could be eligible up to 75% in federal funds for grantees in areas with populations greater than 200,000 and that operate certain number of buses in fixed-route service during peak hours (rail fixed guideway excluded). Surface Transportation Program (STP) would remain relatively the same with some funding flexibility, and 50% of funds subject to suballocation based on population. Local STP funds are estimated for IL \$1.16 million/year and \$3.6 million/year depending on how the states allocate the monies. Ms. McCullough reported that a call for STP projects is scheduled to be sent out in early October.

Under MAP-21, there is a new program titled Transportation Alternatives (TA). Transportation Alternatives program incorporates eligibilities from many current programs:

- Most (but not all) formerly Transportation Enhancement-eligible activities
- Recreational trails program (IA proposed to OPT-Out)
- Safe Routes to Schools program
- Planning, designing, or constructing roadways within the ROW of former interstate or other divided highways

Under the TA program, Ms McCullough reported a TMA can limit what applicants are eligible for local programming, such as to local government as well as the types of projects that can be funded. Ms. McCullough suggested that with limited funding available there may be interest in limiting projects to only construction types for trails and sidewalks. Staff will work with the Technical Committee on a recommendation as more guidance is made available from the federal level.

5. Public Comments. No public comments were made.
6. Other Business. No other business was brought forward to the committee.
7. Adjournment. Mayor O' Boyle motioned to adjourn. Mayor Fox seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.