

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

Tuesday, November 27th, 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
Bob Gallagher	Mayor, City of Bettendorf
Larry Lorensen	Chair, MetroLINK
Larry Minard	Scott County Board of Supervisors
Doug Rick	Iowa Department of Transportation
John Thodos	Mayor, City of East Moline
Kris Toban	Illinois Department of Transportation – Dixon
Don Welvaert	Mayor, City of Moline
Bob Wilson	Mayor, City of Port Byron (Small Community Representative – Illinois)

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
Lalit Patel	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the Minutes of the September 25th, 2012 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mayor Welvaert chaired the meeting and asked for approval of the September 25th, 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 noted three projects for committee approval in FFY2013 TIP Annual Element. The first was a new project pavement rehabilitation project on IA 130 from the Cedar County boarder to Y52 (TIP# IA-13-15). The total estimated cost of the project was set at \$6.5 million with a federal share of \$5.2 million from the Surface Transportation Program (STP). There was a question regarding the location of the project. Ms. McCullough confirmed that a small portion of the project did fall within the MPA boundary and needed to be included in the Urban TIP. The second project was for bridge replacement, turn lane and bridge approach maintenance for the Shaeffer Creek Bridge one mile west of the Henry County boarder (TIP# IL-12-23). The estimated cost for the project was \$3.5 million with a federal share of \$2.8 million from STP. The federal funding for the project was increased by an amount greater than 30%. The third project to be considered for amendment was a new project for culvert rehabilitation over Mud Creek one-half mile west of I-80 on I-74 (TIP# IL-13-18). The cost of the project is estimated at \$1.4 million with a federal share of \$1.12 million from the National Highway System fund. A number of TIP amendments were noted for awareness of the committee. Mayor Gallagher motioned to approve the amendments as provided. Mr. Lorensen seconded the motion and it carried.
3. Status of I-74 Mississippi River Corridor Reconstruction. Mr. Rick presented a status report to the committee of the I-74 Mississippi River Corridor Reconstruction. Mr. Rick gave a brief overview of the entire corridor project and then focused in on the main section which included the bridge itself as well as approaches and realignments of local streets. Mr. Rick communicated that the Iowa DOT is currently in the process of acquiring properties in Bettendorf for the realignment of local roads. Staging for the local road work is set for

2015. The final designs are on track for 100% unapproved by December. The plans will then be shared with utilities so that they commence with their ROW acquisition and planning. Possible advanced roadwork in Moline is being discussed. \$83 million in federal money has been put toward the project to date. Iowa intends to program dollars toward the project in 2018 which will be included in their next 4-year Program. Illinois has \$73 million programmed for 2018 in their 5-year Program.

4. Status of the Air Quality, Bridge Restrictions, Household Travel Survey/Model Enhancements and Passenger Rail Service. Ms. McCullough provided an overview on a number of subjects pertinent to the Bi-State Region. Ms. McCullough reported that in 2012 there had only been one exceedance of ozone levels in the Quad Cities while there were 24 sulfur dioxide and 4 fine particulate exceedances in Muscatine. Ms. McCullough also noted that there were USEPA Outreach Meetings in Muscatine in August of 2012. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Muscatine were partnering in a diesel retrofit partnership for transit vehicles. Proposed standards revisions were communicated by Ms. McCullough to the committee. She noted that the 24-hour standard for fine particulates will be retained but a lower annual standard is under consideration. The lowest standards would put Scott and Muscatine counties at risk for non-attainment. Ozone standards are scheduled for reconsideration in 2013.

Ms. McCullough reported on scheduled bridge restrictions for Mississippi River crossings for 2013. A complete restriction notice will be posted at <http://bistateonline.org/ser/tra/brn.shtml>.

The next status report was in regards to the household travel survey and travel model enhancements. Ms. McCullough informed the group that the last comprehensive origin destination study in the Quad Cities MPO was conducted in the 1960s. Interim trip generation data had been extrapolated via mathematical scaling by trip purpose and surrogates from the Des Moines MPO. It was recommended that a new study be conducted in both the 2008 peer and 2012 certification reviews that a new household travel survey be conducted. Several sources have been secured for grant funding and match, including Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program, Illinois Special Planning & Research Funds, and Illinois State Metropolitan Planning Funds. Two proposals had been received with selection committee recommendation with the constraint that the contract is not to exceed \$400,000.

The final status report for Ms. McCullough was on passenger rail from Chicago to the Quad Cities to Omaha. Iowa Department of Transportation held Passenger Rail Advisory Committee meetings in 2010/2012 wherein the status of the draft Tier I Environmental Impact Statement was reviewed. The Illinois Department of Transportation held public meetings along the route. Tier I Environmental Assessment was completed in 2009. The Federal Rail Administration had a finding of no significant impact in 2011. Signal and communications work began in 2012 and track reconstruction is expected to begin in 2013.

5. Public Comments. No public comments were made.
6. Other Business. Mr. Kelso distributed information from the Governor's Office regarding pension impacts to Illinois Department of Transportation programs for Illinois Transportation Policy Committee members. Ms. McCullough noted that the next meeting is scheduled for December 18th where Bi-State staff will present the Surface Transportation Program evaluation process and programming.
7. Adjournment. Mr. Minard motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ambrose seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM.