

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

Tuesday, December 18, 2012, 12:00 Noon
Third Floor Conference Room 320
Bi-State Regional Commission
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ray Ambrose	Davenport City Council
Phil Banaszek	Rock Island County Board Chair
Mark Betchel	Federal Transit Administration, Region VII
Bob Gallagher	Mayor, City of Bettendorf
Jeff Justin	Davenport City Council
Larry Lorensen	Chair, MetroLINK
Larry Minard	Scott County Board of Supervisors
Mary O'Boyle	Mayor, City of Eldridge
Dennis Pauley	Mayor, City of Rock Island
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation – Davenport
John Thodos	Mayor, City of East Moline
Kris Tobin	Illinois Department of Transportation – Dixon
Betsy Tracy	Federal Highway Administration – Illinois Division
Tracy Troutner	Federal Highway Administration – Iowa Division
Don Welvaert	Mayor, City of Moline
Bob Wilson	President, Village of Port Byron

OTHERS PRESENT

Denise Bulat	Bi-State Regional Commission
Mike Clarke	City of Davenport
Doug DeLille	Bi-State Regional Commission
William Fox	Mayor, City of Silvis
Craig Harper	Bi-State Regional Commission
Tom Kelso	Illinois Department of Transportation – Springfield
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Brandon Melton	Bi-State Regional Commission
Geoff Olson	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 November 27, 2012 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mayor Welvaert asked for approval of the November 27, 2012 Transportation Policy Committee minutes. Mr. Ambrose motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mayor Pauley seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. Presentation on 2012 Certification Review Report. Policy Committee members were directed to their agenda packets for a full report on the 2012 Certification Review of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The MPO Certification Review is conducted every four years for areas over 200,000 in population. The review

examines how the transportation planning process is conducted in relation to the federal requirements and what products are produced. Mr. Troutner, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) – Iowa Division and Ms. Tracy, FHWA- Illinois Division, overviewed the process and results of the review. Mr. Bechtel, Federal Transit Administration, Region VII, participated in the review process and was present at the meeting via teleconferencing. Mr. Troutner said that the formal review occurred April 16-18, 2012 at Bi-State Regional Commission. Public input on the transportation planning process was held in conjunction with the April 17 Transportation Policy Committee meeting. However, it is anticipated that the federal partners will work with Bi-State staff in the next four-year review to try another format and encourage greater public participation, which was limited at the April 17 meeting. He outlined the review team composition and responsibilities. The review resulted in no corrective actions, 6 commendations, and 14 recommendations with 36 sub-recommendations. Mr. Troutner and Ms. Tracy highlighted the recommendations and commendations. Mr. Bechtel commented on the sustainability efforts of MetroLINK and working toward a joint maintenance facility in the Iowa Quad Cities. Ms. McCullough noted that staff had presented the results to the Technical Committee in August and were working towards the recommendations made in the report. As an example, for the travel demand model comments, staff has secured funding and is working on a consultant contract for a household travel survey to enhance model trip generation results.

3. Consideration of the Surface Transportation Program (STP) Evaluation Process Candidate Projects for Project Selection. The Policy Committee was directed to a summary of Technical Committee recommendations of STP candidate projects enclosed in Committee members’ packets. Nineteen projects were received from Bettendorf (1), Davenport (4), Iowa Department of Transportation (1), Moline (3), Rock Island (7), Rock Island County (2) and Silvis (1). The estimated amounts of STP funds to be programmed through FFY2017 were noted on the agenda as \$2.38 million in Illinois Quad Cities and \$11.27 million in the Iowa Quad Cities. Subsequently, new targets were made available, and the total available funds through FFY2017 are \$2.6 million in the Illinois Quad Cities and \$11.8 million in the Iowa Quad Cities. Total project funds being requested are \$24.5 in the Illinois Quad Cities and \$22.3 million in the Iowa Quad Cities. Selected projects are required to be amended into the TIP after consideration of approval.

Mr. Patel outlined the project selection process that quantitatively evaluates projects based on level of service, safety, and physical condition for up to 450 points. Additionally, jurisdictions can request special considerations related to the project for additional points toward the project. Mr. Patel reported the ranking of projects based on the evaluation process and the Technical Committee recommendation illustrated by the table and provided as a handout at the meeting.

ID No.	Jurisdiction	Project Location	Score	Total Cost	Federal Share
IOWA QUADCITIES					
IA - 02	Bettendorf	Forest Grove Drive(Eagle Ridge Road to International Drive)	211.2	\$9,250,000	\$7,800,000
IA - 03	Davenport	76th Street(E. of Hancock Ct. to Division St)	263.9	\$4,000,000	\$3,200,000
IA - 01	Iowa DOT	US Hwy 67(Valley Dr. in Riverdale to May St. in LeClaire)	208.6	\$1,000,000	\$800,000
IA - 06	Davenport	Eastern Avenue(46th Street to Veterans Memorial Parkway)	201.5	\$4,500,000	
IA - 04	Davenport	(US 6) Kimberly Road Intersection with Forest Road	197.4	\$1,300,000	
IA - 05	Davenport	Utica Ridge Road(56th Street to Forest Grove Road)	196.4	\$2,250,000	
		Total		\$22,300,000	\$11,800,000
ILLINOIS QUADCITIES					
IL - 11	Moline	16th Street(52nd Avenue to John Deere Road)	245.5	\$673,423	\$538,739
IL - 12	Moline	River Drive(23rd Street to 34th Street)	239.5	\$936,937	\$749,550
IL - 15	Rock Island	38th Street(31st Avenue to Black Hawk Road (IL5))	231.3	\$1,639,640	\$1,311,712

ID No.	Jurisdiction	Project Location	Score	Total Cost	Federal Share
IL - 10	Moline	12th Avenue(34th Street to 48th Street)	222.0	\$875,000	
IL - 14	Rock Island	38th Street(18th Avenue to 31st Avenue)	217.7	\$1,500,000	
IL - 17	Rock Island	IL 92 Relocation, East Reconfiguration, 38th Street to Moline border	199.4	\$3,825,000	
IL - 13	Rock Island	20th Street(1st Avenue (IL92) to 18th Avenue)	191.9	\$2,300,000	
IL - 16	Rock Island	Rock Island Parkway(US 67 to 14th Street West)	180.3	\$3,000,000	
IL - 19	Rock Island	Rock Island Parkway(IL92 (Andalusia Road) to 35th Street West)	178.8	\$3,000,000	
IL - 07	Silvis	Crosstown Avenue, 10th Street – Intersection Improvements	175.0	\$183,561	
IL - 18	Rock Island	IL 92 Relocation, West Interchange at 11th Street	159.6	\$3,900,000	
IL - 08	RICO	Barstow Rd: 1.25 miles E and 1.25 miles W of the I-80 overpass	155.5	\$2,585,000	
IL - 09	RICO	CH 6 (52nd Ave N) from IL 84 to County Highway 15	153.5	\$550,000	
		Total		\$24,968,561	\$2,600,000

For the Iowa Quad Cities, it was noted that the Bettendorf project was recommended for highest priority for its connectivity to the roadway network and continuation of Forest Grove Drive. Additionally, IA-02 was recommended to be awarded 80% federal share of the original total cost, plus \$400,000 and then adjust the total cost accordingly (\$9,750,000) to reflect the change in the federal share as 80%, per the footnote on the handout.

Mayor Gallagher motioned to accept the Technical Committee recommendation with the top three ranked projects in the Iowa and Illinois Quad Cities, respectively, being selected for programming of funds. The motion was seconded by Mayor Thodos, and it carried.

4. Revisions to the FFY2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Melton distributed a handout with revisions to the TIP and anticipated revisions as a result of the STP evaluation process. Ms. McCullough indicated that the handout did not reflect the STP programming action in agenda item 3. Ms. Bulat indicated that staff had anticipated a revision by the City of Davenport for their STP projects' request. The city expressed interest in reducing funding for their 76th Street project to fund 80% of their Kimberly Road at Forest Road project. While the project didn't rank as high, it is ready to go and could move forward in FFY2013. Mayor Thodos motioned to revise the TIP amendments to reflect the actions from agenda item 3, and the motion was seconded by Mayor Gallagher. Mr. Kelso noted the total costs for the Illinois Quad Cities reflected more than 80% share based on the total cost. The total costs were correct on the STP evaluation handout but not on the TIP revisions handout. Mayor Thodos motioned to rescind the motion that he had just made for the TIP and to rescind the action in agenda item 3 approving the STP projects. This was seconded by Mr. Ambrose and carried. Mayor Gallagher and Mr. Justin supported making the corrections and settling the issue during the meeting. Due to the confusion on the STP project selection, Mr. Lorensen made the motion to table that discussion until the January Policy Committee meeting. Mayor Thodos seconded the motion, and the motion carried with one nay vote. Mayor Thodos motioned to postpone a decision on the TIP revisions until the January meeting. Mr. Minard seconded, and the motion carried.
5. Recommendation to Utilize the Urban Area Boundary for MAP-21 Funding Allocation Decisions (Surface Transportation Program and Transportation Alternatives) in the Iowa Quad Cities. A draft joint agreement between the Iowa Quad Cities metropolitan area and Region 9 was enclosed in Committee members' packets for recommendation by the Technical Committee. A map with Urbanized Area Boundary, Urban Area

Boundary, and Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary was also included in members' packets for illustration. Ms. McCullough explained the agreement specifies that the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) would use the Urban Area Boundary (UAB) as the boundary and the respective population for determining Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding between the Iowa Quad Cities and Region 9. A population difference of 4,801 between the Urban Area Boundary and Urbanized Area Boundary was noted. The Census Urbanized Area (UZA) Boundary, the most narrowly defined, is the default boundary. Iowa DOT allows this variation while Illinois DOT defaults to the UZA.

Ms. McCullough provided an illustrative example of the difference in funds between the boundaries. While using the UAB results in a smaller amount for the urban area compared to the Metropolitan Planning Boundary (MPA), it allows Scott County, eligible in the urban area and Region 9, to better compete for funds. Mayor O'Boyle asked for clarification on how this might affect Eldridge. Since Eldridge is currently within the Census UZA, the city would continue to be eligible for urban monies and would not be affected by the designation.

2010 Boundary Areas	2010 Population by Boundary Area	2010 Population by Boundary Area (IA Only)	IAQC Funding Scenario MPO	IAQC Funding Scenario RPA
Census Urbanized Area	280,051	142,901	\$3,482,640	\$1,386,947
Urban Area Boundary	288,798	147,702	\$3,600,323	\$1,314,672
Metro Planning Area	297,986	150,729	\$3,674,129	\$1,268,353

Mayor Thodos motioned to accept the Technical Committee recommendation for the Iowa Quad Cities to utilize the Urban Area Boundary for the noted funding distributions. Mr. Minard seconded the motion, and it carried.

6. Public Comments. No public comments were made.
7. Other Business. No other business was discussed.
8. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at the call of the chair. The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.