

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

Tuesday, February 26, 2013 12:00 Noon  
Third Floor Conference Room 320  
Bi-State Regional Commission  
1504 Third Avenue  
Rock Island, Illinois

Policy Members Present

Ray Ambrose	Davenport City Council
Jeff Justin	Davenport City Council
Mary O'Boyle	Mayor, City of Eldridge
Todd Poppish	Illinois Department of Transportation - Chicago
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation - Davenport
John Thodos	Mayor, City of East Moline
Don Welvaert	Mayor, City of Moline
Bob Wilson	President, Village of Port Byron

Others Present

Doug DeLille	Bi-State Regional Commission
William Fox	Mayor, City of Silvis
Craig Harper	Bi-State Regional Commission
Janet Henderson	Images
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 January 22, 2013 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mayor Thodos asked for approval of the January 22, 2013 Transportation Policy Committee minutes. Mr. O'Boyle motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mayor Welvaert seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. Consideration of Revisions to the FFY2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program. Policy Committee members were directed to their agenda packets for a copy of the proposed amendments and administrative modifications. Mr. Melton explained the Illinois Department of Transportation (ILDOT) has recently awarded Transportation Enhancement Program-TEP projects, including \$742,830 to Moline Avenue of the Cities Streetscape and \$1,965,220 to East Moline/Silvis/Carbon Cliff Grand Illinois-Union Trail. These projects are required to be amended into the TIP. Another TIP revision included changes to IL-12-28 to reflect an updated cost estimate and addition of Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding source. Mr. Melton also shared two projects IL-13-12 and IL-12-23 that required administrative modifications. The projects requiring amendments were presented as follows and recommended by the Technical Committee for approval:
  - **MO-13-01 Avenue of the Cities (34<sup>th</sup> – 41<sup>st</sup> Streets), Moline.** Streetscaping. Total Cost \$928,540 with \$742,830 in federal TEP funds and \$185,710 as the local share. FFY2015.
  - **EM-13-04 Grand Illinois Trail (Union Trail Segment), East Moline, Silvis and Carbon Cliff.**

Trail Construction. Total Cost \$3,525,840 with \$1,965,220 in federal TEP funds and \$1,560,620 as the local share. FFY2016.

- **IL-12-28 IL92 (.4 miles N. of Brights Court to 115<sup>th</sup> Street W.), Andalusia.** Pavement widening and shoulder reconstruction. Total Cost \$5,000,000 with \$3,277,000 and \$1,087,000 in federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and STP funds and \$636,000 as the state share. FFY2013.

Mayor Thodos noted that East Moline was the lead for the multi-jurisdiction trail project which included East Moline, Silvis and Carbon Cliff. Mayor O'Boyle motioned to recommend these amendments as outlined to the Policy Committee for approval. Mayor Welvaert seconded the motion and it carried. Mr. Kammler noted that the EM-13-04 project was funded less than 80% and the City would be seeking additional federal funds to lessen the gap. Mr. DeLille also mentioned a potential to review the scope of the project with ILDOT to see what might not have been funded. Mr. Melton shared two additional administrative revisions which required no action.

3. Consideration of Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP) Projects. Ms. McCullough directed the Policy Committee to their agenda packets for a copy of two resolutions supporting Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program projects being prepared by the City of Davenport. The projects included traffic flow coordination and operations improvements for 19 signals along Kimberly Road (Fairmount Street to Elmore Avenue), and installation of a centralized office-based traffic control platform system. Each project will aid greater traffic flow, either in the Kimberly Road corridor or within the signal system of the city. Even flow of traffic reduces vehicle idling and results in improvements to air quality and less emissions. The resolutions were in support of the project and indicate they are consistent with the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. Mr. Ambrose motioned to approve both resolutions. Mr. Justin seconded the motion and it carried. There was an inquiry on the total cost of each project. This information wasn't provided but Bi-State staff would check and send the information to Policy Committee members. The grants were being prepared to be submitted by March 1<sup>st</sup>.
4. Status Report on Chicago-Quad Cities Passenger Rail Service. Mr. Poppish, Illinois Department of Transportation Rail Program Planning Section Chief, provided slides on the status of the Midwest Rail Network and more specifically, the status of the Chicago-Quad Cities passenger rail route. He introduced Ms. Henderson with Images who has been assisting with the project. Mr. Poppish outlined the greater Midwest Rail Network and status of various routes. He reviewed the status of the Chicago-Quad Cities passenger rail route, including current environmental assessments underway, timeline for environmental reviews to be completed, construction timing and passenger service implementation. He also reported on the status of the equipment purchases, including rail cars and locomotives. Rail cars are planned to be built by Nippon located in Rochelle, Illinois. During his overview, he fielded questions. Mayor Welvaert expressed concern for the gap between when the Moline station would be completed in 2014 versus when the rail improvements and signals would be completed in fall 2015. It was noted that the Committee would like regular updates on the status of the project and conveyed that they would not want to see any slippage and encouraged project acceleration to reduce the gap. Information on the project status can be found at [www.connectthemidwest.com](http://www.connectthemidwest.com). Mr. Poppish indicated his willingness to provide updates to the Committee in order to monitor the project status.
5. Public Comments. No public comments were made.

6. Other Business. Ms. McCullough noted that there will be a March 26<sup>th</sup> Policy Committee to consider approval of the regional Intelligent Transportation System Architecture update and the regional Transit Development Plan. A presentation will also be made on the Transportation Planning Work Program. The Policy Committee expressed interest in electronic scheduling of meetings and packets. Staff will work towards this end. Mr. Ambrose inquired on the status of The Loop. Ms. Passman explained Bettendorf, Davenport and MetroLINK staff are working towards continuation of service, looking at budgets and hours of service.
7. Adjournment. Mr. Welvaert motioned to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Mr. O'Boyle. The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.