

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

Tuesday, May 28, 2013, 12:00 P.M.
Bi-State Regional Commission
Third Floor Conference Room 320
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ray Ambrose	Alderman, City of Davenport
Phil Banaszek	Rock Island County Board Chair
Tom Conrad	Mayor, Silvis
Bob Gallagher	Mayor, City of Bettendorf (Chair)
Larry Lorensen	Board Chair, MetroLINK
Marty O'Boyle	Mayor, City of Eldridge (Small Community Rep. – Iowa)
Dennis Pauley	Mayor, Rock Island
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation – District 6
Kris Tobin	Illinois Department of Transportation – Dixon
John Thodos	Mayor, City of East Moline (Vice Chair)
Betsy Tracy	Federal Highway Administration – Illinois Division

OTHERS PRESENT

Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation – Dixon
Tom Kelso	Illinois Department of Transportation – Springfield
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Brandon Melton	Bi-State Regional Commission
Lalit Patel	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the Minutes of the March 26, 2013 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mayor Gallagher called the meeting to order and requested a motion for approval of the March 26, 2013 minutes of Transportation Technical Committee. Mr. Ambrose motioned to approve said minutes. Mayor Thodos seconded the motion which carried.
2. Consideration of Public Participation Plan Revisions. Ms. McCullough presented to the committee proposed changes to the Bi-State's Public Participation Plan. She called attention to a letter to the Regional Transportation Advisory Group included in the agenda packet which outlined the purpose of the proposed changes. The changes are meant to reflect the most recent transportation bill (MAP-21) and standard public participation requirements, including those related to non-discrimination. Mayor Thodos motioned to approve the changes as presented. Chairman Banaszek seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
3. Discussion on Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Project Selection Process. Ms. McCullough outlined the draft TAP project selection process. The criteria were modeled after the Iowa DOT's transportation enhancement application. Ms. McCullough noted that there was a consensus on the following at the Transportation Technical Committee meeting earlier that month:
 - Limit eligible sponsors to local and state government, and transit agencies.
 - Allow non-eligible project sponsor (such as non-profit) to partner with eligible co-sponsor in applying for funds.
 - Allow up to 80% federal share.
 - Have minimum federal funding limit of not less than \$100,000.

- Allow Safe Routes to Schools Infrastructure/construction only eligible projects, not non-construction.
- Utilize the former IAQC TEP evaluation criteria with minor modifications of text as noted in slides/handouts AND group projects into priorities as noted in the slides for the total project scoring.
- Allow funds to be utilized for design and construction, not planning.

A draft application guide will be prepared for consideration at the next Transportation Technical Committee meeting (June 11th).

4. Status of Travel Model Enhancements and Travel Model Timeline for the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Update and Household Travel Survey. Mr. Patel outlined the model update schedule for the committee. The update will convert to a person trip model. It will not be a full scale transit model, but it will allow for some transit analysis. Bi-State staff intends to meet with communities beginning this fall to discuss future land use, employment, and residential development. Restructuring TAZs will help enhance the 2045 model. Ms. McCullough reviewed the current status of the Household Travel Survey. URS is under contract and is teaming with ETC and TTI to conduct the survey. The survey is likely to be conducted in September and October. Mayor Gallagher stressed the importance of educating the community on the need for accurate and complete survey responses and suggested that public education be strongly considered as part of the survey process. Ms. McCullough indicated that this was an important part of the process and Bi-State staff would be heavily involved in this type of communication.
5. Public Comments. None.
6. Other Business. Ms. McCullough directed the committee's attention to a letter drafted on behalf of the Transportation Policy Committee requesting \$150,000 in planning assistance funds from the US Army Corps of Engineers to prepare a multimodal, intermodal freight plan for the two-state, five-county Bi-State Region. This \$150,000 would be matched by contributions from Bi-State Regional Commission, Illinois Department of Transportation and Iowa Department of transportation at the amount of \$50,000 each. Mayor Thodos motioned to approve the content of the communication. Chairman Lorensen seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Ms. McCullough provided the committee with a summary of the potential contribution which would be required from each Illinois community to fund a pavement management data collection effort for Illinois Quad City area roads. Surface Transportation Program funding of \$40,000 was being suggested in addition to a \$10,000 match from the Illinois Communities. Ms. McCullough wanted to gauge Policy Committee members' impressions of the project as details were being pursued to bring an actionable item to the Committee at a later date. There was some concern from committee members regarding budgeting for the match. The committee agreed to discuss this prospect as an item on next month's agenda.

The purchase of a sandbagging machine for use in the Quad Cities area was discussed. Some committee members reported success with such machines. It was mentioned that the machine would likely cost approximately \$40,000.

7. Adjournment. Mayor Thodos motioned to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 12:50 p.m.