

Minutes of the

DAVENPORT-ROCK ISLAND-MOLINE, IOWA-ILLINOIS  
URBANIZED AREA  
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 11, 10:00 A.M.  
Bi-State Regional Commission  
Third Floor County Conference Room  
1504 Third Avenue  
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Atchley	City of Davenport
Fred Dean	Iowa Department of Transportation-Davenport
Sharon Durbin	Illinois Department of Transportation-Springfield
Rick Gualandi	Illinois Department of Transportation-Dixon
Charlie Heston	City of Davenport
Justin Johnson	City of Rock Island
Bill Lauper	City of East Moline
John Massa	Rock Island County
Larry Mattusch	Scott County
Wally Mook	City of Bettendorf
Ray Nees	Rock Island County
Jeff Nelson, Chair	MetroLINK
Gary Statz	City of Davenport

OTHERS PRESENT

Marianne Doonan	Bi-State Regional Commission
Mark Hunt	Bi-State Regional Commission
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Lalit Patel	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the Minutes of the April 12, 2005 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting. Mr. Mattusch asked the members to review the April 12, 2005 Transportation Technical Committee minutes for comments and corrections. Mr. Mook moved the minutes be approved as written. Mr. Statz seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as written. Introductions were also made.
2. Project Progress Report. Representatives from jurisdictions present at the meeting provided verbal and/or written progress reports to Bi-State Regional Commission staff of street/highway, enhancement and/or transit projects to record for the next meeting.
3. Consideration of FFY06-08 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Hunt directed the Committee to a copy of the draft FFY06-08 Transportation Improvement Program distributed at the meeting. He emphasized the FFY06 Annual Element and noted significant projects, Surface Transportation Program (STP) projects and those of a sizable dollar amount. He noted a State of Illinois project, IL-06-07 IL5/Blackhawk Road (24<sup>th</sup> – 38<sup>th</sup> Sts.), is a \$7 million state project for land acquisition and a retaining wall. Ms.

McCullough drew attention to page TIP-II-8 where the STP targets were updated. She noted that there has been interest in conducting the STP rankings for fall. The Illinois Quad Cities targets reflect a sizable increase in FFY05, but ILDOT requested that out years reflect an average between FFY04 and FFY05. There is roughly \$960,863 remaining in the Illinois Quad Cities STP funds through FFY05 and two projects programmed, but yet to be completed, including the Avenue of the Cities transit project and 85<sup>th</sup> Avenue West in Rock Island. The Iowa Quad Cities STP funds are targeted at \$2.973 million annually through FFY08. Ms. McCullough asked if there is any consideration of examining the STP ranking process, that it be requested prior to fall. Two typographic corrections were noted during the meeting. The Technical Committee was asked to review the document for any other corrections and get the information back to staff as soon as possible. Mr. Nelson asked for a motion to recommend the FFY06-08 TIP to the Policy Committee for approval with minor revisions, as provided. Mr. Lauper motioned, as stated, and Mr. Mook seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Status of 2035 Quad City Area Long Range Transportation Plan and Presentation of Chapter I Introduction. Ms. McCullough directed the Technical Committee to their agenda packet for a copy of the draft Chapter I Introduction of the 2035 Quad City Area Long Range Transportation Plan. The introduction includes the transportation goals approved by the Transportation Policy Committee in August 2004. The chapter also examines background information on Bi-State Regional Commission as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the committees related to transportation planning. She noted that the Great River Trail Council was removed as a delegated authority of Bi-State and replaced with the Bi-State Regional Trail Committee, reaching a broader cross-section and coordinating within the region. The chapter includes an area profile with demographics and natural resources noted. Federal requirements are emphasizing more environmental considerations within the Long Range Transportation Plan. In addition to the environmental justice aspects, represented by minority population and income maps, the 2035 plan will include mapped water resources and a relief map to illustrate topography and areas of significant slope. These new maps, distributed at the meeting, will aid in preliminary environmental evaluation of transportation projects. Ms. McCullough directed Committee members to a revised timeline and revised survey results. The final tabulation showed a 40% return rate for the survey with 90 returned of 225 mailed. She noted that the next Technical Committee meeting would likely occur in August with a presentation of the trails and intermodal chapters. The transit chapter is expected to be presented in September while the remaining chapters, roadway network and conclusion would be later in the year. She emphasized that the document needs to be adopted by March 2006 or federally funded transportation projects will be halted until a plan is adopted. Staff is working to meet the deadline in a timely manner. The Technical Committee members will be contacted in the next few weeks regarding discussion of future projections to the Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZs) and roadway project information will be requested to be updated. Mr. Nelson asked that comments on the introduction be provided to staff. He noted that a final compilation of the document would be presented in the fall and this was the first draft.
5. Report on Safety Conscious Planning Efforts/Information. Ms. McCullough noted that there is federal interest in promoting safety conscious planning, e.g. the proposed reauthorization is known as SAFETEA. Recently, staff attended meetings in Illinois and Iowa related to safety conscious planning – a comprehensive system-wide multimodal,

proactive process that better integrates safety into surface transportation decision-making. She distributed a handout on the concept and a factsheet. The Illinois Department of Transportation held a workshop for MPOs statewide to discuss examples of safety conscious planning and the development of the Illinois Comprehensive Highway Safety Program. In the program, there are 10 emphasis areas such as alcohol/drug impaired driving, improved driver behavior and awareness, intersection safety, work zone safety, etc. Ideas shared at the Illinois workshop included the Iowa Quad Cities Community Awareness of Roadway Safety (CARS) interdisciplinary team of local engineers, planners, law enforcement and emergency response officials. Another aspect was improving crash data availability and format for analysis, such as geo-referencing the data for graphic illustrations and analysis. Mr. Patel attended a similar conference in Iowa where he also shared information on the CARS group. He explained the most recent crash analysis software available to communities in Iowa and inquired about interest in training locally. He demonstrated potential uses of the software via computer projector. Bi-State utilizes crash data in the Surface Transportation Evaluation ranking process with safety accounting for one third of the points per project. Annually Bi-State coordinates a multi-disciplinary group meeting between the Iowa and Illinois Quad Cities to feature projects and discuss issues. Bi-State staff is interested in reinstating its intersection crash report depending on staff availability. These are examples of safety conscious planning within the metro area.

6. Public Comments. No public comments were made.
7. Other Business. Ms. McCullough directed the Technical Committee to a legislative alert related to reauthorization. The Senate is proposing to add \$ 11.2 billion to the reauthorization bill. The additional revenue was projected to come from enforcement of fuel tax evasion and changes in tax credits to less fuel efficient vehicles. This moves the bill closer to the \$299 billion that the conference committee had agreed to last year.

Ms. McCullough noted that Technical Committee members received a copy of the Specialized Transportation Services Inventory. The resource was noted in a triennial review with the Bettendorf Transit system and updated recently after a number of years.

8. Adjournment. Mr. Lauper motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Massa seconded the motion and it was adjourned prior to 11:00 a.m.