

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

Tuesday, October 11, 2005, 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
John Donovan	Federal Highway Administration – Illinois
Sharon Durbin	Illinois Department of Transportation – Springfield
Mike Kane	City of Rock Island
Wally Mook	City of Bettendorf

OTHERS PRESENT

Doug DeLille	Bi-State Regional Commission
Marianne Doonan	Bi-State Regional Commission
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Lalit Patel	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the Minutes of the September 15, 2005 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting. Mr. Mook asked the members to review the September 15, 2005 Transportation Technical Committee minutes for comments and corrections. Ms. McCullough noted that the minutes should reflect that Mr. Kane was in attendance at the September 15, 2005 meeting. Additionally, a reference to I-74 Bridge Incident Management System had left out the word “Bridge”. Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved as corrected by consensus.
2. Project Progress Report. Representatives from jurisdictions present at the meeting provided either electronic, 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 Amendment to FFY06-08 Transportation Improvement Program. Ms. McCullough noted the request as stated on the agenda from the City of Davenport. In addition, a similar request was received from the City of Bettendorf after the agenda packet was sent. Both projects are requested to be amended into the FY06 Annual Element of the FFY06-08 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The projects are as follows:
 - **City of Davenport**, Rail Extension to Eastern Iowa Industrial Center (EIIC), Total Cost \$3,750,000, Federal Share \$3,000,000 HP4023 (80 percent) and Local Share \$750,000. (20 percent);

- **City of Bettendorf**, Middle Road at I-80 Interchange Justification and Environmental Assessment Study, Total Cost \$625,000 with Federal Share \$500,000 and Local Share \$125,000.

Hearing no objections, the Committee recommended to the Policy Committee by consensus that the projects be approved into the FFY06 Annual Element of the TIP.

4. Status of 2035 Quad City Area Long Range Transportation Plan and Presentation of Chapter V Multipurpose Trails and Pedestrian Network. Ms. McCullough directed the Technical Committee to their agenda packet for a copy of the draft text and map of Chapter V Multipurpose Trails and Pedestrian Network as part of the 2035 Quad City Area Long Range Transportation Plan. It was noted that Mr. DeLille would report on the trails/pedestrian chapter and Mr. Patel would report on the status of the modeling effort. Ms. McCullough reiterated the upcoming timeline and noted the need for monthly Technical Committee meetings:

- November 2005 – Transit Network
- December 2005 – Roadway Network and Full Draft
- January 2006 – Public Meetings and Final Draft
- February 2006 – Presentation to Bi-State Regional Commission
- March 2006 – Consideration of Adoption by Bi-State Regional Commission

As follow-up from the previous meeting by a request from Mr. Nelson, a summary of the input to date and survey results were included in the agenda packet for Technical Committee members to reference. The information may help with project development. Additionally, the initial roadway priorities (short term vs. long term) list was included in the agenda packet for review and comment in preparation for the modeling effort in the next couple of months.

Mr. DeLille reviewed the trails/pedestrian network chapter using a projected map of the planning area illustrating the trails network. The trails in the text correspond to the trails numbered on the map. A pedestrian network map is underway but not yet completed. The draft trail/pedestrian chapter of the plan has been distributed and comments are being requested. It will go to the Policy Committee at the end of the month. Trail comments from the survey of interest groups were received and considered in this initial draft Long Range Plan. Key comments included the need for north/south connections and the need to consider trail/pedestrian access with any new river crossing, for example new I-74 crossing. In regard to trails, they may be on-street, or separated paths. Mr. DeLille reviewed trail segments completed since the last plan update. Emphasis is on expansion of and connections to existing trails including:

- American Discovery Trail (ADT) from Delaware to California (national)
- Mississippi River Trail (MRT) from Minnesota to Louisiana (national)
- Grand Illinois Trail (GRT), a loop system in northern Illinois, and Hennepin Canal State Parkway (state)
- Kiwanis and Duck Creek Trails (regional)
- Interurban loop completions, e.g. Iowa Quad City riverfront trail with Duck Creek trail and Illinois Quad City riverfront trail with Hennepin Canal and Kiwanis Trail
- Additional trails along greenways (creeks, ravines and public right of way)

Pedestrian network will focus on the following concepts:

- Developing sidewalk information along major road network (for collectors and above).
- Encouraging sidewalk development along new or reconstructed roads and completing gaps in the existing system.
- Addressing Safe Routes to School as part of SAFETEA-LU, the new Federal Transportation Act, once information is known, new dollars may be available.

Mr. DeLille asked for comments as soon as possible to incorporate into the full draft which will be distributed in December.

Mr. Patel reviewed the modeling process through a computer projected presentation. A flow chart demonstrated the three step process of trip generation, trip distribution and trip assignment. There are 400 internal Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZs) and 44 external TAZs. Part of the trip generation step includes data collection. Mr. Patel reviewed the population and employment cap development process. After meeting with the communities to receive input on socio-economic data by TAZ, it was determined the totals exceeded the caps for population and employment. They will require follow-up. The population cap was exceeded by 1,500 and the employment cap was exceeded by 4,200. They will need to be reduced. It was emphasized the model is a macro model and not sensitive to price elasticity, e.g. rising fuel costs.

Ms. Doonan reported on the status of the transit chapter. Staff is currently projecting ridership and working with the transit systems on updates of the text. There has been several coordinated activities which will be included, such as the joint marketing and monthly universal pass.

5. Public Comments. No public comments were made.
6. Other Business. Ms. McCullough noted that a Surface Transportation Program submittal request was sent to the Iowa Quad Cities jurisdictions. The deadline for submission of projects is October 31, 2005. The submittal forms must be in by that date but supporting material can follow. She noted handouts available from a recent audio-conference on creating livable communities with considerations for the elderly and those with disabilities. At previous Technical Committee meetings, videos related to accessibility were shown to address transportation facility design for those with mobility impairments, low vision, and blindness. Another audio-conference is set for November 2 at 3:00 p.m. on the subject of transit-oriented development. Technical Committee members are welcome to attend the session at no cost in the Bi-State Conference room. The next Transportation Policy Committee meeting is set for October 25 at noon. Technical Committee members are encouraged to attend as appropriate to the agenda items.
7. Adjournment. Mr. Kane motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned by consensus prior to 11:00 a.m.