

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

Tuesday, February 14, 2006, 10:00 A.M.
Bi-State Regional Commission
Third Floor County Conference Room
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeff Nelson, Chair	MetroLINK
Jeff Anderson	City of Moline
Mike Atchley	City of Davenport
Jon Burgstrum	Scott County
John Donovan	Federal Highway Administration-Illinois
Charles Heston	City of Davenport
Mike Kane	City of Rock Island
Roger Larson	Iowa Department of Transportation-Ames
Bill Lauper	City of East Moline
John Massa	Rock Island County
Larry Mattusch	Scott County
Wally Mook	City of Bettendorf
Dennis Snyder	City of Bettendorf
Gary Statz	City of Davenport

OTHERS PRESENT

Lisa English	Bi-State Regional Commission
Mark Hunt	Bi-State Regional Commission
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Phil Meraz	Iowa Department of Transportation-Ames
Lalit Patel	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the Minutes of the January 10, 2006 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting. Mr. Nelson asked for introductions. Following introductions, he asked members to review the January 10, 2006 Transportation Technical Committee minutes for comments and/or corrections. Hearing none, Mr. Mook motioned to accept the minutes as written and Mr. Kane seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.
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. Mr. Hunt briefly reviewed updates on federally funded projects received electronically. It was noted that the electronic updating has been working well.

3. Status of 2035 Quad City Area Long Range Transportation Plan. Ms. McCullough noted that the 2035 Quad City Area Long Range Transportation Plan had been approved for release to the public by the Policy Committee on January 24, 2006. A series of public meetings were scheduled geographically distributed in the five larger Quad Cities and at various days and times to accommodate a variety of schedules. Four public hearings have been held to date with approximately 30 participants. The most heavily attended was in East Moline at the South Moline Township Hall prior to Monday noon bingo. Ms. McCullough distributed a handout of the full range of public input/media opportunities during the plan development process. The final public hearing was scheduled for February 23, 2006 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Center in Rock Island. On the Long Range Plan page of the Bi-State Regional Commission website www.bistateonline.org, there were 123 page views between January 1-February 14, 2006, with the highest viewing during the week of January 23, 2006. She also directed the Technical Committee to the agenda packet for a summary of comments received to date and staff's suggestions on how they would be addressed in the final plan document. One suggestion noted that there were no proposed sidewalks on the pedestrian network map. Staff recommended that the proposed roadway network projects be examined for the feasibility of adding sidewalks with new roadway development. An email will be sent to the Technical Committee requesting this information. The public review period will conclude March 2, 2006.

4. Discussion and Consideration of Iowa Quad Cities Surface Transportation Program (STP). Ms. McCullough indicated that the Iowa Quad Cities Surface Transportation Program evaluation was conducted by Mr. Patel and Ms. English. Since the original request for project submittals, the total STP funds estimated to be available has been adjusted to \$16,402,015 based on the most recent information received from the Iowa Department of Transportation on the STP target dollars. The submittal projects amount to \$58 million in requests. The Technical Committee received the project submittal forms in their agenda packets. The City of Davenport had submitted fourteen projects and the City of Bettendorf had submitted four projects. Project response forms and a spreadsheet showing the availability of STP funds was distributed at the meeting.

Mr. Patel reviewed the Surface Transportation Program (STP) evaluation process, including the evaluation categories of level of service, safety, physical condition and special considerations (air quality, alternative modes and project readiness). Projects can receive a maximum of 400 points without special considerations. The following projects were submitted for ranking from Davenport:

- 06-01 West 76th from 1,100 feet East of M.A. Ford to Division Street;
- 06-02 46th Street (E. of Tremont to Eastern Avenue);
- 06-03 Pine Street (Kimberly Road to 49th Street);
- 06-04 67th Street (Jersey Ridge Road to Elmore Avenue);
- 06-05 67th Street (Eastern Avenue to Jersey Ridge Road);
- 06-06 67th Street (Elmore Avenue to East City Limits);
- 06-07 53rd Street (Fairmount Street to Thornwood);
- 06-08 Division Street (Northwest Boulevard to 76th Street);

- 06-09 Hickory Grove (S. of Duck Creek to Kimberly Road);
- 06-10 Eastern Avenue (46th to 53rd Streets);
- 06-11 Division Street (Cheyenne to Northwest Boulevard);
- 06-12 Fairmount Street (Kimberly Road to 53rd Street);
- 06-13 U.S.6/Kimberly Road at Division Street; and
- 06-14 Wisconsin Avenue (Locust to 11th Streets).

The following projects were submitted for ranking from Bettendorf:

- 06-15 Forest Grove Drive (Devils Glen to Middle Roads);
- 06-16 Forest Grove Drive (West City Limits to Devils Glen Road);
- 06-17 Belmont Road (End of 4-lane near Corral Court to Valley Drive); and
- 06-18 Middle Road (Crow Creek Road to Forest Grove Drive).

Projects were reviewed for eligibility, approval of requested criteria (e.g. traffic counts) and special considerations (sidewalks, transit turnouts and project readiness). It was noted that 06-12 Fairmount Avenue and 06-14 Wisconsin Avenue projects were not on the Federal Functional Classification (FFC) of roadways and would not be eligible unless changes were made to their classification. It was also noted the 06-15 and 06-16 were ranked at a higher FFC than currently classified. The Technical Committee suggested waiting to see where these projects were ranked before deciding on this issue. The issue would be negated if these four projects didn't rank well. Mr. Mook motioned to accept all requests for special considerations of sidewalk accommodations, with the addition of the Bettendorf projects at the maximum value, including 06-01, 06-02, 06-03, 06-04, 06-05, 06-06, 06-08, 06-09, 06-10, 06-11, 06-12, 06-14, 06-15, 06-16, 06-17 and 06-18. Mr. Mattusch seconded the motion and it carried. Mr. Statz motioned to approve the projects requesting transit turnouts at the maximum value, with the withdrawal of 06-14, including 06-09 and 06-11. Mr. Mattusch seconded the motion and it carried. Mr. Mook motioned to accept the city submitted traffic counts for projects 06-09 and 06-14. Mr. Mattusch seconded the motion and it carried. The last item for approval prior to ranking related to project readiness. Mr. Mattusch motioned to approve the requested projects for readiness at the following percentages 06-15 (1%), 06-16 (2%) and 06-17 (3%) as a special consideration. Mr. Mook seconded the motion and it carried.

On approval of these items, Mr. Patel conducted the ranking during the meeting. After reviewing the rankings and discussing the availability of funding, Mr. Mook motioned to accept the top four projects as "A" priorities, including 06-11 Division Street (Cheyenne Ct.-Northwest Blvd.)-272.95 points, 06-03 Pine Street (Kimberly Rd.-49th St.)-270.00 points, 06-17 Belmont Rd. (Corral Ct.-Valley Drive)-256.99 points and 06-13 Kimberly Rd. at Division St.-255.00 points, and recommend approval of these projects to the Policy Committee. Mr. Mattusch seconded the motion and it carried. The Policy Committee will consider this recommendation at its meeting scheduled for February 21, 2006.

5. Discussion of Iowa Traffic Counting Program. Mr. Meraz briefly described the Iowa Department of Transportation traffic counting program. He noted that the program has expanded 25-30% to include local roads. They use tube counters, but also do manual counting. One hundred and twenty-nine locations will be counted manually with turning movements. Ms. McCullough noted that the Illinois Department of Transportation will be counting the Illinois Quad Cities in 2006. Iowa Quad Cities Technical Committee staff was invited to remain after the meeting to review maps of counting locations provided by the Iowa Department of Transportation.
6. Public Comments. No public comments were made.
7. Other Business. Ms. McCullough directed the Technical Committee to their agenda packet for a copy of a nomination form for the 2006 National Trails Awards for reference. She noted that the next Technical Committee meeting will be March 14th and include review of the Long Range Plan status and Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) activities for FY07.
8. Adjournment. Mr. Mook motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned by consensus prior to 11:00 a.m.