

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

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

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| Jeff Anderson | City of Moline |
| Mike Atchley | City of Davenport |
| Fred Dean | Iowa Department of Transportation – Davenport |
| Sharon Durbin | Illinois Department of Transportation – Springfield |
| Charles Heston | City of Davenport |
| Bill Lauper | City of East Moline |
| Mike Kane | City of Rock Island |
| John Massa | Rock Island County |
| Larry Mattusch | Scott County |
| Wally Mook | City of Bettendorf |
| Matt Wild | Illinois Department of Transportation – Dixon |

OTHERS PRESENT

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| Doug DeLille | Bi-State Regional Commission |
| Mark Hunt | Bi-State Regional Commission |
| Gena McCullough | Bi-State Regional Commission |
| Chuck Oestreich | Quad City Bicycle Club |
| Becky Passman | Bi-State Regional Commission |

1. Approval of the Minutes of the February 14, 2006 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting. Mr. Mook asked for introductions. Following introductions, he asked members to review the February 14, 2006 Transportation Technical Committee minutes for comments and/or corrections. Hearing none, Mr. Mattusch motioned to accept the minutes as written and Mr. Kane seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.
2. Project Progress Report. A transportation project progress report was provided in the agenda packet. 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.

3. Review of FFY07-10 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Process and Schedule. Mr. Hunt reported that a request for project updates was sent to the Technical Committee in preparation for the development of the FY07-10 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). With SAFETEA-LU, there will be four annual element years. The document lists projects programmed for federal dollars prior to project letting. This differs from the transportation project progress report which tracks the implementation of projects related to its sequence from design, right-of-way acquisition to construction. The TIP submittals are requested by April 3, 2006. A draft FY07-10 TIP will be presented to the Technical Committee in May.
4. Status of 2035 Quad City Area Long Range Transportation Plan. Ms. McCullough noted the results from a series of five public hearings. There were approximately 35 participants total. She also directed the Technical Committee to the agenda packet for a revised summary of comments received to date and staff's suggestions on how they would be addressed in the final plan document. A letter was received from the Quad City Bicycle Club. It reiterated many aspects of the multi-purpose trail section of the plan. It had been emailed to the Technical Committee for comments and/or refinements of the proposed trails. Related to the proposed trails, Ms. McCullough noted the text will show there is 164 miles of proposed trails. The average cost per mile is estimated at \$121,000 with a total trail cost of approximately \$20 million, well within the funding estimated to be available for transportation enhancements. The public review period concluded March 2, 2006. Mr. Kane motioned to recommend the consideration of adoption of the *2035 Quad City Area Long Range Transportation Plan* to the Policy Committee with the revisions noted per the comments summary. Mr. Mook seconded the motion and it carried.
5. Review of FY07 Transportation Planning Work Program Activities. The Technical Committee was directed to a copy of the draft FY07 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) distributed at the meeting. A copy of the section with work program activities accompanied the agenda packet. Annually, the TPWP document for the Quad Cities metropolitan planning area is revised to reflect staff activities for the coming fiscal year. The FY2007 TPWP is developed to aid cooperative, continuing, and comprehensive transportation planning. It includes program and object-class budgets for Bi-State's transportation planning activities and funds, amounting to \$715,491. The document also outlines the history of organizations playing a role in transportation planning. In the metropolitan area, major transportation issues include:
 - River Crossing Capacity Improvements
 - Congestion Management. Intelligent Transportation System and Air Quality Improvement Activities
 - Intermodal Connections
 - Long Range Plan Implementation and Planning
 - Coordination with Human Service & Specialized Transportation Providers
 - Integration of Safety and Security

With reauthorization of the federal transportation act (SAFETEA-LU), the urban FY07 planning budget realized a fifteen percent increase from FY06 levels. Mr. Mattusch motioned to recommend approval of the FY07 TPWP activities to the Policy Committee. Mr. Kane seconded the motion and it carried. Following consideration by the Policy Committee on March 21, 2006, the FY07 TPWP will be presented to the Bi-State Regional Commission for approval. Mr. Dean provided positive feedback on Bi-State staff's performance related to their transportation planning efforts.

6. Discussion of Illinois Traffic Counting Program. Mr. Wild briefly described the Illinois Department of Transportation five-year cycle traffic counting program. He noted that the program will be contracted to a consulting firm to complete the counts. Counting will begin April 15, 2006. The program will use electronic counters. It was suggested that local law enforcement be notified during the counting process to make them aware of the program and alleviate any concerns that the counters pose a security problem. Ms. McCullough noted that the Iowa Department of Transportation will be counting the Iowa Quad Cities in 2006 as well. Iowa and Illinois count the interstate system every two years. Illinois Quad Cities Technical Committee staff were invited to remain after the meeting to review maps of counting locations provided by the Illinois Department of Transportation.
7. Public Comments. No public comments were made.
8. Other Business. Mr. Mook noted comments from Nancy Richardson, IADOT Director, that the significant number of federal earmarks have had an impact on statewide transportation program budgets. This is reflected in the reduction in Surface Transportation Program (STP) dollars available in the Iowa Quad Cities. Mr. Dean also noted the 85% obligation limit on federal transportation funds. He also mentioned the upcoming IADOT Commission tour April 10-11th with its conclusion and meeting in Bettendorf at the Isle of Capri. Mr. Lauper noted that this would be his last meeting of the Technical Committee as he announced his retirement as of April 28th. Ms. McCullough noted that the May 9th Technical Committee meeting agenda will include consideration of the FY07-10 Transportation Improvement Program as well as revisions to the Public Involvement Process, referenced in the draft FY07 Transportation Planning Work Program document.
9. Adjournment. Mr. Mook motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 10:35 a.m.