

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

Tuesday, May 9, 2006, 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
Charles Heston	City of Davenport
Scott Hinton	City of Moline
Mike Kane	City of Rock Island
John Massa	Rock Island County
Donald F. Mayhew II	City of East Moline
Wally Mook	City of Bettendorf
Jeff Nelson	MetroLINK
Kris Tobin	Illinois Department of Transportation – Dixon

OTHERS PRESENT

Doug DeLille	Bi-State Regional Commission
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 March 14, 2006 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting. Mr. Nelson asked for introductions. Following introductions, he asked members to review the March 14, 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. 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. Consideration of FFY07-10 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Hunt distributed text and the annual elements of the FFY07-10 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He noted that the FFY06 Annual Element shows the status of projects as either underway, complete, deleted, or moved to another Annual Element. He highlighted High Priority and Transportation Improvements Projects from SAFETEA-LU that were contained in the document. Mr. Hunt also highlighted other federal projects, such as Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) projects. He noted that he is working with the Iowa and Illinois Department of Transportation to place the I-74 Bridge earmarks appropriately in the Annual Elements. He asked the Technical Committee to review the content of the Annual Elements by the end of the week and indicate if there were any changes required. Mr. Hunt directed the Technical Committee to FFY06 amendments proposed by MetroLINK submitted as placeholders for Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom funds, listed as ML-07-07 and ML-07-08. These need to be placed in FFY06 rather than FFY07. Mr. Mook motioned to recommend the FFY07-10 TIP and the amendment to FFY06 proposed by MetroLINK to the Policy Committee for approval, subject to minor revisions received by the end of the week. Mr. Hinton seconded the motion and it carried. A listing on all HPP and TI projects in the bi-state region will be included in the final TIP.

4. Consideration of Revisions to the Transportation Planning Public Involvement Process. Ms. McCullough directed the Technical Committee to their agenda packet for a copy of the proposed revisions to the Transportation Planning Public Involvement Process. Having received comments from the Iowa Department of Transportation in preparing the Transportation Planning Work Program, staff is proposing clarification and modifications based on those comments. Revisions included notation of the current federal transportation act, SAFETEA-LU. They also addressed timing of issuing information and document review. Mr. Dean inquired about the reference to accommodation of special formats noted in the TIP public notice. He thought the information was important to include in the Public Involvement Process description. Staff would develop language to add on accommodation. Mr. Kane motioned to recommend accepting the revisions as provided with the addition of language on accommodation to the Policy Committee. Mr. Heston seconded the motion and it carried.

5. Report on Iowa Mobility Action Planning Workshops and Related Transit Activities. Bi-State will be hosting a transit mobility action planning workshop on May 25, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Ms. McCullough explained the purpose of the workshop. It is to examine the level of coordination and identify gaps in providing transportation within the region. SAFETEA-LU called for improving coordination for human services transportation. The Iowa Transportation Coordination Council and the Iowa Department of Transportation have organized 15 workshops statewide to examine this issue. The effort will identify transportation needs, barriers and potential resources, evaluate access for those that need essential transportation, work with “closed transportation systems” and improve the quality and delivery of transit in the region. From this workshop, information will be utilized to formulate a regional transit development plan. Bi-State staff will be working with various interests to develop this plan and look to the Technical Committee as participants.

6. Public Comments. No public comments were made.

7. Other Business. Ms. Doonan reported that the Title VI Report had been approved by the Federal Transit Administration. Mr. DeLille noted the completion of the Iowa-Illinois Quad City Greenway Plan which included coordination with trail development for the Long Range Transportation Plan. Ms. McCullough noted the inclusion of the Regional Conservation Directory in Technical Committee members' agenda packets. SAFETEA-LU is including early coordination with environmental interests. The directory can be utilized as a resource by communities/counties working to implement transportation projects that require this type of early coordination. It was noted the next Transportation Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2006 at noon where a presentation will be given on the status of the I-74 Mississippi River Corridor Study. A public meeting on the I-74 project will be held May 23rd from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at The MARK. Mr. Dean noted the 50th Anniversary of the Federal Interstate System. A cross country tour beginning June 29th on the west coast will end in Washington, D.C. A special event is planned at the Living History Farms in Des Moines on June 23rd as part of the interstate celebration. With the Illinois Quad City request for Surface Transportation Program (STP) submittal due on June 2nd, Ms. McCullough asked to set the next Technical Committee meeting for July or August. The next Technical Committee meeting is set for August 8, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the STP projects. Lastly, Mr. Nelson noted Certificates of Appreciation for service on the Technical Committee to Mr. McGrath and Mr. Mattusch who are retiring at the end of May and June, respectively. The certificates would be delivered in their absence.

8. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 10:35 a.m.