

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

Tuesday, August 8, 2006, 10:00 A.M.  
Bi-State Regional Commission  
Third Floor Conference Room  
1504 Third Avenue  
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Atchley	City of Davenport
Jon Burgstrum	Scott County
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
Carl Mikyska	Illinois Department of Transportation-Springfield
Wally Mook	City of Bettendorf

OTHERS PRESENT

Doug DeLille	Bi-State Regional Commission
Marianne Doonan	Bi-State Regional Commission
John Hoffstatter	Howard R. Green
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 May 9, 2006 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting.  
Mr. Mook chaired the meeting and requested introductions. Following introductions, he asked members to review the May 9, 2006 Transportation Technical Committee minutes for comments and/or corrections. Hearing none, Mr. Kane motioned to accept the minutes as written, and Mr. Hinton seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.
2. Project Progress Report. A transportation project progress report was provided in the agenda packet and electronically prior to the meeting. Representatives from the jurisdictions provided 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 FFY07-10 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments and Notification of Revisions. Mr. Hunt directed the Technical Committee to a summary of proposed amendments contained in their agenda packets. The summary was also provided to the Regional Transportation Advisory Group for information and comment. None were received to date. Amendments included the following two additions and one deletion due to duplication within the TIP. Additions were: DA-07-06 Clark Street over Black Hawk Creek, Davenport, Bridge Replacement, Total Cost \$468,000 with Federal Share \$368,000 (Highway Bridge Repair and Replacement Program – HBRRP); and IA-08-03 U.S.6/Kimberly Road (Division Street-Elmore), Davenport, Pave and Grade, Total Cost \$3,800,000 with Federal Share of \$3,040,000 (earmark Transportation Improvement-TI). The deletion is DA-09-02 which duplicated IA-08-03. Mr. Hinton motioned to recommend the amendments and deletion to the Policy Committee for approval. Mr. Kane seconded the motion and it carried.
  
4. Consideration of Revisions to the Bi-State Regional ITS Architecture Plan and Status of Intelligent Transportation Systems in the Region. Ms. McCullough directed the Technical Committee to their agenda packet for a copy of the proposed revisions to the *Bi-State Regional ITS Architecture Plan* related to the section on “Use and Maintenance.” The revisions are follow-up to recommendations proposed by the Federal Highway Administration – Iowa Division. In addition, staff made some modifications to the ITS Turbo Architecture database files to account for updated transit and incident management changes. Key additions note the creation of ITS Advisory Group, which will be composed of the stakeholders involved in the annual joint traffic safety meetings. The advisory group will review the architecture at least annually and make recommendations to the Technical Committee. The current joint traffic safety group reviewed and concurred with the revisions as proposed. Mr. Hinton motioned to recommend approval of the revisions of the *Bi-State Regional ITS Architecture Plan* to the Policy Committee. Mr. Kane seconded the motion and it carried. Mr. Patel briefly mentioned efforts to procure a consultant by the Iowa Department of Transportation to design and implement the I-74 corridor incident management system, referred to as BIMRS – Bridge Incident Management and Response System. The consultant is expected to be selected soon. The project is anticipated to be implemented by next year. As previously presented at a Technical Committee meeting, the system would include additional dynamic message signs, cameras, and the deployment of other technologies in the I-74 corridor to provide early warnings of incidents and offer information to allow traffic to reroute, as needed.
  
5. Discussion and Consideration of Illinois Quad Cities Surface Transportation Program (STP) Evaluation Process and Ranking. Ms. McCullough directed the Technical Committee to the project submittals contained in the agenda packets along with a handout outlining the status of funding. It is estimated that there is \$2,235,211 remaining in Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds for the Illinois Quad Cities through FFY2010. The figure is qualified on the status of appropriations that occurs during the life of SAFETEA-LU, so the figure could fluctuate more or less. Illinois Quad Cities STP projects that have not been completed include MetroLINK’s Avenue of the Cities nodal project and 85<sup>th</sup> Avenue W. (Rock Island Parkway to 51<sup>st</sup> Street), Rock Island. Mr. Patel directed the Technical Committee to the response forms distributed at the meeting. He reviewed the STP evaluation process, including the evaluation categories of level of service, safety, physical condition, and special considerations (air

quality, alternative modes-transit/sidewalks- and project readiness). Projects can receive a maximum of 400 points without special considerations. The following projects were submitted for ranking by East Moline (EM), Moline (MO), Rock Island (RI), and Rock Island County (RICO):

7th Street (34th Avenue to 41st Avenue), EM
Morton Drive (19th Street to 27th Street), EM
3rd Avenue (19th Street to 25th Street), EM
7th Street (33rd Avenue to Wildwood Drive), MO
18th Avenue (17th Street to City of Moline), RI
24th Street (18th Avenue to 31st Avenue), RI
30th Street (31st Avenue to Black Hawk Road), RI
18th Avenue (Mississippi River to 12th Street), RI
14th Street(Ridgewood Road to 106th Avenue West), RI
Ridgewood Road (Andalusia Road to 106th Avenue West),RI
7th Avenue (Mill Street to 11th Street), RI
Turkey Hollow Road (Andalusia Road to City Limits), RI
31st Street (West from Andalusia Road to 85th Avenue West), RI
25th Avenue (17th Street to 24th Street), RI
35th Street West (85th Avenue West to 106th Avenue West), RI
85th Avenue West(31st Street West to Centennial Expressway), RI
Barstow Road (I - 5 to Burlington Northern rail road), RICO

Projects were reviewed for special considerations (transit turnouts and project readiness). Mr. Kane motioned to approve the addition of 3% of the total points to the RI 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue projects for special consideration of transit turnouts. Mr. Hinton seconded the motion. Mr. Massa noted that the RICO Barstow Road was requested for special consideration of transit turnouts. Mr. Kane motioned to amend the RICO Barstow Road addition into the original motion, and Mr. Hinton seconded the motion. Hearing no objections to the original motion or the addition, the transit turnout special considerations were approved. Mr. Hinton motioned to approve the requested special consideration for project timing at 3% of the total points for MO 7<sup>th</sup> Street (as referenced in the table above), RI 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, RI 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, RI 24<sup>th</sup> Street, RI 30<sup>th</sup> Street, and RI 25<sup>th</sup> Street as well as 1% of the total points for RI Turkey Hollow Road. Mr. Kane seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the special considerations for project timing were approved.

Mr. Patel entered the additional points into the STP evaluation spreadsheet, calculated overall point scores, and projected the project rankings for the Technical Committee’s viewing. Mr. Hinton motioned to recommend to the Policy Committee the top two projects, RI 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue and MO 7<sup>th</sup> Street, be funded splitting the remaining balance equally between them. Mr. Kane seconded the motion. Mr. Massa requested that each city explain their project in more detail. Mr. Hinton noted that the 7<sup>th</sup> Street project would eliminate a bottleneck and aid traffic flow off the Veterans’ Memorial Bridge at Carr’s Crossing (West Rock River Bridge) project. It is currently a two-lane facility with an 11,000 average daily traffic (ADT) that ties into four

lanes on one end and three on the other. Mr. Kane noted the 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue project would relieve congestion in the corridor. It is also an existing two lane facility with 5,800 ADT. Mr. Massa noted that the RICO Barstow Road project includes widening and adding turn lanes and strengthening the pavement to accommodate proposed traffic from the Triumph Foods project, including heavy trucks. Without the funds, the County would likely just overlay the surface to increase pavement strength to accommodate truck traffic. Hearing no other comments or questions, the motion was approved as noted.

6. Public Comments. No public comments were made.

7. Other Business. Mr. DeLille directed the Technical Committee to their agenda packet for information on the Safe Routes to Schools program as proposed for Iowa and Illinois. There is \$612 million budgeted nationally for the program through the federal transportation act, SAFETEA-LU. Each state is administering the program differently. The program is 100% funding. Its primary benefit should be for schools K-8 grades. There are program or non-infrastructure and infrastructure components as part of the federal program and will likely be similar to the administration of an enhancement program grant. Both states are putting information online at the Department of Transportation websites. In Iowa, an October 1, 2006 deadline for applications was established with \$2 million available. In Illinois, the state is still seeking a coordinator for the Safe Routes to Schools program, and information will be available at a later date. There is \$23 million in Illinois over the five year program.

Mr. Dean reported on the upcoming grant programs through the Iowa Department of Transportation (IADOT): safety program 8/15/06; Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE)-Local Development Grant 9/1/06; statewide Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program 10/1/06; Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP) 10/1/06; Safe Routes to Schools 10/1/06; and Rail Revolving Loan Program 10/20/06. A funding guide is available on the IADOT website with details and eligibility requirements for these programs.

8. Adjournment. Mr. Hinton motioned to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Mr. Burgstrum. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.