

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

Tuesday, January 9, 2007, 10:00 a.m.  
Third Floor Conference Room  
Bi-State Regional Commission  
1504 Third Avenue  
Rock Island, Illinois

Committee Members Present

Jeff Nelson, Chair	MetroLINK
Jeff Anderson	City of Moline
Fred Dean	Iowa DOT
John Donovan	Federal Highway Administration
Charles Heston	City of Davenport
Tim Kammler	City of East Moline
Mike Kane	City of Rock Island
Dan Long	Illinois DOT
Wally Mook	City of Bettendorf
Gary Statz	City of Davenport

Others Present

Mike Atchley	City of Davenport
Doug DeLille	Bi-State Regional Commission
Marianne Doonan	Bi-State Regional Commission
Katie Hobbs	Quad City Development Group
Mark D. Hunt	Bi-State Regional Commission
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Liz Murray Tallman	City of Davenport
Craig O'Riley	Iowa DOT
Becky Passman	Bi-State Regional Commission
Lalit Patel	Bi-State Regional Commission
Doug Plank	QCDG

1. Approval of Minutes of the November 14, 2006 Transportation Committee Meeting.  
Upon review by the Committee, Mr. Mook motioned for the Technical Committee to approve the November 14<sup>th</sup> Technical Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. Mr. Kane seconded the motion. The motion passed without discussion.
2. Project Progress Report. Mr. Nelson asked the Committee to provide any handwritten updates to Mr. Hunt. Mr. Hunt noted that the majority of updates have been provided via email. Handwritten changes were received from Bettendorf and Davenport.

3. Consideration of Amendments to the FFY07-10 Transportation Improvement Program and Request for change in Project Scope for Rock Island's 24<sup>th</sup> Street Surface Transportation Project. Mr. Hunt referred the Committee members to the list of TIP amendments contained in the meeting packet and attached to these minutes. The proposed changes included a reduction in scope for Rock Island's 24<sup>th</sup> Street resurfacing project. The reduction was requested to satisfy funding splits between the City and State of Illinois. Rock Island plans to complete the remaining portion of the project using local funds. The list also included four projects related to recent grant applications by CitiBus and Moline. The list of projects is attached to the minutes. Mr. Kane motioned to recommend the amendments be forwarded to the Policy Committee as presented. Mr. Mook seconded the motion. The motion carried without discussion.
  
4. Presentation on Impacts of Ethanol on Iowa's Transportation System. Mr. O'Riley of the Iowa DOT provided an overview of the impact of ethanol on the state's transportation system. Mr. O'Riley informed the Committee that ethanol has been produced in Iowa since the 1970s. Iowa is currently the top producer of ethanol in the country. As of 2006, Iowa had 26 ethanol plants and is projected to have 62 plants in just a few years. Increased demand for ethanol is projected to increase the demand and price for corn. Most of the inbound and outbound movement at ethanol plants will be in the form of semi-trucks. An estimated 8,500 inbound trucks per day will be required to serve Iowa's projected 62 ethanol plants. The outbound truck requirement for the plants is estimated at 1,820 trucks per day. Maps provided by Mr. O'Riley showed the locations of Iowa ethanol plants. One plant is located in the Iowa portion of the Bi-State MPO and a second plant is scheduled to be built near Buffalo, Iowa. The majority of plants are located in central and northwestern Iowa. Mr. O'Riley concluded his presentation by taking question from Committee members and other attendees. One important issue raised during this discussion was the current shortage of both semi-truck drivers and tank cars for hauling ethanol.
  
5. Report on Quad City Region Industry Logistics Roundtable. Doug Plank and Katie Hobbs of the Quad City Development Group overviewed the upcoming Logistics Roundtable discussion planned for January 31, at Bi-State Regional Commission from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Technical Committee members were invited to the roundtable. Ms. Hobbs handed out a brochure detailing the logistics, distribution and warehousing amenities available in the Quad Cities. Mr. Plank explained that the roundtable discussions were part of development group's strategy to focus of specific industry sectors for business attraction and retention. Logistics is among the four industry sectors targeted by the Development Group. At the early logistics roundtable discussions, participants investigated the possibility of an Intermodal rail site in Silvis. Unfortunately, it's been determined that a Silvis intermodal facility is not financially feasible for the rail companies. Currently, the roundtable discussions have revolved around increasing airfreight service at the Quad City International Airport. Additionally, labor force training issues have been discussed. Mr. Plank suggested that members of the logistics roundtable receive regular updates to the Transportation Improvement Program.

6. Status of Regional Transit Development Plan (TDP). Ms. McCullough distributed chapters 1-3, with maps, of the Transit Development Plan to the committee for review. She informed the committee that the federally required plan covers all five counties in the Bi-State Region and includes all providers of transit services including nursing homes and hospitals. The goal of the plan is to provide coordination between all transit providers across varying public service/human service disciplines. The plan includes a survey of 204 service providers, data from the survey is being utilized to identify duplications, needs and gaps in transit service. The complete plan is scheduled to be presented at the February Technical Committee Meeting. Committee members are requested to provide changes to Ms. McCullough as soon as possible.
7. Public Comments. Mr. Anderson informed the Committee that a meeting of the Moline Corridor Planning Project will be held Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at the Moline Township Hall.
8. Other Business. Ms. McCullough noted the January 18<sup>th</sup>, Moving Iowa Forward, economic development and transportation conference, is to be held at the Des Moines Embassy Suites Hotel. The next Transportation Technical Committee meeting was set for 10:00 a.m., February 13<sup>th</sup> at Bi-State Regional Commission.
9. Adjournment. Following a motion by Mr. Mook, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

## Proposed Changes to the Bi-State Region 2007 – 2010 Transportation Improvement Program

TIP amendments requiring Technical Committee approval:

Action	Project #	Route	Description	Total Cost	Federal Share	State Share	Local Share
Add	CB-07-05	Welcome Way & Gaines	Transit Hubs	\$209,907	\$0	\$167,926 (IPIG)	\$41,981
Add	CB-07-06	N/A	Transit Building Expansion	\$653,787	\$0	\$512,324 (IPIG)	\$141,463
Add	MO-07-04	Rock River Bridge	North Trail Connection	\$616,800	\$514,000 (ENH)	\$0	\$102,800
Add	MO-07-05	25 <sup>th</sup> St, 34 <sup>th</sup> St. and River Dr. at WIU Campus	RiverTech Streetscape	\$870,288	\$701,845 (ENH)	\$0	\$168,443
Add	RI-08-04	24 <sup>th</sup> St., from 25 <sup>th</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup> Ave.	Resurfacing	\$1,483,119	\$0	\$0	\$1,483,119
Modify	RI-08-03	24 <sup>th</sup> St., from 18 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> Ave.	Resurfacing	\$1,466,881	\$1,117,606 (STP)	\$0	\$349,275

TIP revisions provided for informational purposes:

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Move to FFY09	DA-07-04	65th & 67th St.	Improvements	\$2,500,000	\$2,000,000 (HPP)	\$0	\$500,000
Move to FFY07	BT-05-06	53 <sup>rd</sup> St./Utica Ridge	Transit Route Expansion (Year 2)	\$165,071	\$132,057 (ICAAP)	\$0	\$33,014
Move to FFY07	BT-06-06	53 <sup>rd</sup> St./Utica Ridge	Transit Route Expansion (Year 3)	\$173,324	\$138,659 (ICAAP)	\$0	\$34,665
Move to FFY07	CB-05-07	53 <sup>rd</sup> St./Utica Ridge	Transit Route Expansion (Year 2)	\$165,022	\$132,018 (ICAAP)	\$0	\$33,004
Move to FFY07	CB-06-05	53 <sup>rd</sup> St./Utica Ridge	Transit Route Expansion (Year 3)	\$173,419	\$138,735 (ICAAP)	\$0	\$34,684