

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

Tuesday, February 13, 2007 – 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
Tim Kammler	City of East Moline
Mike Kane	City of Rock Island
Wally Mook	City of Bettendorf

OTHERS PRESENT

Julio Almanza	Davenport School District
Doug DeLille	Bi-State Regional Commission
Marianne Doonan	Bi-State Regional Commission
Mark Hunt	Bi-State Regional Commission
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Becky Passman	Bi-State Regional Commission-IAQC Transit Coordinator

1. Approval of the Minutes of the January 9, 2007 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting. Mr. Nelson chaired the meeting and requested introductions. Following introductions, he asked members to review the January 9, 2007 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 and would be electronically after the meeting for any updates. Representatives from the jurisdictions provided written progress reports or would follow-up electronically to Bi-State Regional Commission staff of street/highway, enhancement and/or transit projects to record for the next meeting.
3. Consideration of Amendments to FFY07-10 Transportation Improvement Program and Information on Administrative Revisions. Mr. Hunt directed the Technical Committee to a listing of proposed changes to the FFY07-10 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). There were seven additions proposed with three from Illinois Department of Transportation and five from MetroLINK. Several of these projects are placeholders in anticipation of funding.

Mr. Mook motioned to recommend approval of these projects, as attached to these minutes, to the Transportation Policy Committee. Mr. Kane seconded the motion and it carried.

4. Consideration of Amendments to the Public Involvement Process. Ms. McCullough directed the Technical Committee to their agenda packet for a copy of the proposed changes to the Davenport-Rock Island-Moline Urbanized Area Public Involvement Process. With the development of the new Transit Development Plan, staff is recommending its addition as an on-going plan that will be treated similar to the Transportation Improvement Program, providing a 14-day public notice period for its adoption and/or amendments. A list of the Regional Transportation Advisory Group was attached to the process outline. It was recommended that Tri-State Tours be added to the listing to receive transportation notices. Mr. Kane recommended approval of the amendments to the Policy Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mook and it carried.
5. Status of Regional Transit Development Plan (TDP). Ms. McCullough referenced the full draft report included in committee members' agenda packets. She presented information on the regional transit development plan. The document is being required by the Iowa Department of Transportation (IADOT) and it will meet the need for a human services coordination plan as required in the federal transportation act, SAFETEA-LU. The Illinois Department of Transportation (ILDOT) is working to develop transit regions within the state and create a rural human services transportation plan statewide. These efforts are a result of Executive Order 13330 which calls 9 federal governmental departments to reduce duplication through coordination of their rules/regulations related to transportation services, to improve cost efficiency, and to simplify delivery of transportation services to a variety of customers, including individuals with disabilities, older adults, and those with lower incomes. SAFETEA-LU furthered the initiative by requiring human services coordination planning as part of programming of transit assistance. Coordination applies to Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Sections 5310 Special Needs/Elderly and Disabled Program, 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program and 5317 New Freedom, a new program under SAFETEA-LU. The plan includes a regional profile and inventory of transit within the region. It outlines transit needs and priorities as well as defining a system to competitive rank projects for 5310, 5316, and 5317 funds in the metropolitan area. Following a general presentation of the document, Ms. McCullough requested comments on the plan. A list of participants in the May 2006 workshop was requested to be added to Appendix B as well as the regional transit advisory listing. Mr. Mook noted issues related to upcoming potential changes in the city's transfer point near Middle and Kimberly Roads. There was consensus to forward the document to the Policy Committee for initial review.
6. Public Comments. No public comments were made.
7. Other Business. Mr. DeLille distributed a handout on an Illinois Department of Transportation sponsored workshop on Safe Routes to Schools to be held in Moline on February 22, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Registration is required and lunch will be provided. Another announcement was a program "Complete Streets", an American Planning Association (APA) audio-conference hosted by Bi-State Regional Commission on February 14, 2007 beginning at 3:00 p.m. The Technical Committee has received an email with more information on the audio-conference.

A brief was provided on GRANTS.GOV, an electronic submission process for federal grants. The federal government is working to streamline grant submissions through a web-based portal, known as GRANTS.GOV. Local governments must have a Dun and Bradstreet registration number (DUNS) (to register go to <http://fedgove.dnb.com/webform> to obtain a number and designate a point of contact, typically a fiscal officer in the organization) and ensure your organization is registered with the Central Contractor Registry (CCR) (to register go to <http://www.ccr.gov>). After these steps, which can take up to seven days or more are completed, the organization can begin a grant submission through GRANTS.GOV.

8. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned by consensus at 10:40 a.m.