

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

Tuesday, March 13, 2007, 10:00 A.M.
Bi-State Regional Commission
Third Floor 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 |
| Justin Johnson | City of Rock Island |
| John Massa | Rock Island County |
| Wally Mook | City of Bettendorf |
| Gary Statz | City of Davenport |

OTHERS PRESENT

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| 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 |
| Tom Welch | Iowa Department of Transportation-Ames |
| Al Zimmer | Citizen |

1. Approval of the Minutes of the February 13, 2007 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting. Mr. Mook chaired the meeting and requested introductions. Following introductions, he asked members to review the February 13, 2007 Transportation Technical Committee minutes for comments and/or corrections. Hearing none, Mr. Dean motioned to accept the minutes as written, and Mr. Massa 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 sent electronically prior to 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 Regional Transit Development Plan (TDP). Ms. McCullough referenced a list of comments received to date in committee members' agenda packets. The list included a reference on how comments were proposed to be addressed in the final plan. She also distributed comments received from Mr. Dean subsequent to the meeting mailing. Overall, the comments received from Iowa Department of Transportation (IADOT) were positive. Some background demographic and transit profile information needed clarification. Some items are proposed to be addressed through the next annual update. Mr. Anderson inquired whether MetroLINK had provided revisions/comments. Some had been received to date. Bi-State staff will be meeting with the transit managers on March 23, 2007 and will ask for final information and clarification at that time. This will occur prior to the Policy Committee meeting where a summary of discussions with the transit managers can occur. With no other comments, Mr. Dean motioned to recommend the approval of the Bi-State Region Transit Development with the comments being addressed in the final document as noted. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion, clarifying that the transit managers will be consulted prior to taking the recommendation to the Policy Committee. There being no other discussion, the motion was approved as noted.
4. Presentation on FY08 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP). A draft FY08 TPWP was sent electronically on Monday, February 12, 2007 to Technical Committee members. A handout of the program and object class budgets for FY08 TPWP were distributed at the meeting. Annually, the TPWP document for the Quad Cities metropolitan planning area is revised to reflect Bi-State transportation staff activities for the coming fiscal year. The FY08 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 \$ 762,415. 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

Accomplishments from FY07 include:

- Print/Distribute Urban 2035 Long Range Plan (LRP) and develop Region 9 LRP
- Update FFY07-10 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Provide Grant Assistance- ICAAP, Rec.Trails, RISE, SRTS, Scenic Byways
- Plan for National Trails Symposium, Midwest Transportation Planning Conference
- Revise Public Involvement Process
- Provide technical assistance—model scenarios, traffic studies, accident analysis, ITS coordination, trail planning, RFPs, etc

The Technical Committee agreed by consensus to recommend approval of the FY08 TPWP activities to the Policy Committee. Following consideration by the Policy Committee on March 27, 2007, the FY08 TPWP will be presented to the Bi-State Regional Commission for approval.

5. Iowa Safety Plan. Mr. Welch, State Transportation Safety Engineer for IADOT, presented highlights on the Iowa Safety Plan. As a result of SAFETEA-LU, key provisions for safety were outlined, including requiring state strategic highway safety plan. As part of the planning, statistics were reviewed as well as areas where Iowa has seen successful reductions in fatalities, such as driver impairment, occupant protection, and young drivers. After stakeholder meetings, further statistics analysis and discussion, eight target areas were identified, including distracted drivers, young drivers, occupant protection, lane departure, older persons mobility, impaired drivers, intersections, and local roads. The vision is to “Change the Culture” and “Move the Numbers” with each of the eight strategies. Legislative activities will be a component, as well as physical, enforcement, and administrative/policy improvements. Following the presentation, Mr. Welch addressed questions from the Technical Committee. Ms. McCullough noted that staff is seeking a similar presentation from the State of Illinois for a future Technical Committee meeting.
6. Public Comments. No public comments were made.
7. Other Business. Mr. Hunt requested consideration of amendments to the FFY07 Annual Element of the FFY07-10 Transportation Improvement Program. The requests from the cities of Moline and Davenport were received following the meeting mailing. The requests include:
 - **MO-07-06 RiverTech Blvd.** — construct new road adjacent to RiverTech Research and Technology Park and WIU Campus; Total cost \$1,590,000 with Federal share of \$1,272,000 (EDA-pending grant application and discretionary funds request) and Local share of \$318,000
 - **MO-07-07 25th Street at RiverTech Blvd.** — Raise and reconstruct existing road to match new grade; Total cost \$404,074 with Federal share of \$202,037 EDA-pending grant application and Local share of \$202,037
 - **DA-07-09 I-74 at 65th/67th Street overpass** — Environmental Assessment; Total cost \$280,000 with Federal Share of \$224,000 with Local share of \$56,000

Mr. Anderson motioned to recommend the approval of the amendments of the FFY07 Annual Element of the FFY07-10 TIP as noted to the Policy Committee. Mr. Statz seconded the motion, and it carried. For clarification, Mr. Dean inquired if the Davenport project limits would include up to Eastern Avenue. Mr. Hunt would clarify prior to forwarding the request to the Policy Committee. Mr. Hunt also noted that the request for updates to the FFY08-11 TIP had been mailed out. If there were any questions, he would help Technical Committee members with the update request. Ms. McCullough announced the next Technical Committee meeting would be scheduled for May 8, 2007 to discuss the draft TIP. A presentation on the concept of “Complete Streets” would be an agenda item. Mr. Dean noted a state legislative bill in the house related to “Complete Streets.”

8. Adjournment. Mr. Dean motioned to adjourn the meeting. It was adjourned at 11:05 p.m. by consensus.