

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

Tuesday, May 8, 2007, 10:00 A.M.
Bi-State Regional Commission
Third Floor Conference Room
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeff Anderson	City of Moline
Mike Atchley	City of Davenport
Scott Hinton	City of Moline
Tim Kammler	City of East Moline
Mike Kane	City of Rock Island
Wally Mook	City of Bettendorf
Luwanna Reed	MetroLINK
Gary Statz	City of Davenport

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
Bill Molison	Ament, Inc.
Becky Passman	Bi-State Regional Commission – IAQC Transit Coordinator
Lalit Patel	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the Minutes of the March 13, 2007 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting. Mr. Mook chaired the meeting and requested introductions. Following introductions, he asked members to review the March 13, 2007 Transportation Technical Committee minutes for comments and/or corrections. Hearing none, Mr. Kane motioned to accept the minutes as written and Mr. Kammler seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.
2. Project Progress Report. The status of projects was tabled for the next meeting until the FY08-11 Transportation Improvement Program is finalized.
3. Consideration of FFY08-11 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A draft FFY08-11 TIP was enclosed in Technical Committee members' agenda packets. A public hearing on the TIP will be scheduled for May 22, 2007 at noon at the Transportation Policy Committee meeting. Mr. Hunt indicated he had received written comments on the draft FFY08-11 TIP. There are 521 projects in the database. He asked the Technical Committee to carefully review FY08 Annual Element projects for accuracy. He reviewed the Surface Transportation Program (STP) projects and where they appear in the annual elements. He noted the FFY07 Annual Element illustrates the status of projects, being complete, underway or moved from a particular annual element year. For the Iowa Quad Cities, it was noted that on-going funding from the Iowa Quad Cities STP funds for the statewide pavement management system and SUDAS programs were included in the TIP. Approval of the TIP equated to continue funding of these programs by the Iowa Quad Cities. Following a general discussion, Mr. Hinton motioned to recommend approval of the FFY08-11 TIP to the Policy Committee. Mr. Statz seconded the motion and it carried.

4. Report on Final rule on Metropolitan Transportation Planning, Notification of Public Comment and Consideration of Amendments of the Public Involvement Process. The Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act, A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) was passed in August 2005. Final rules for metropolitan and statewide transportation planning were finalized on March 16, 2007. Their content provides guidance on the implementation of SAFETEA-LU. Within SAFETEA-LU, there is language requiring that the long range transportation plan and planning process be compliant by July 1, 2007. Ms. McCullough reported on a teleconference sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration that highlighted key points from the rules. Key points related to SAFETEA-LU compliance included the following:

- Fiscal Constraint – Need to project funds to the horizon year
- Linking Transportation Planning to the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) – Requires consultation with resource agencies
- Planning Factors – Separates issues of safety and security and emphasizes operations and management and congestion management process
- Public Transit and Human Services Coordination – Requires a plan

Following this report, Ms. McCullough directed the Technical Committee to a copy of the revised public involvement process which accompanies the draft TIP in the appendix. A reference to major investment studies is proposed to be deleted. The long range plan comment period is proposed to be revised to 45-day period. Under accommodation, reference to meetings being held at convenient and accessible locations and times was proposed to be added. Hearing no comments on these proposed changes, Mr. Kane motioned to recommend the changes to the Public Involvement Process to the Policy Committee. Mr. Hinton seconded the motion and it carried.

5. Presentation on Complete Streets Concept. Mr. DeLille directed the Technical Committee to several handouts, including a brochure, slides, factsheet, and excerpt from the Long Range Transportation Plan. The concept of complete streets is broadly defined as a safe, comfortable, and convenient street for travel via automobile, foot, bicycle, and transit. They are designed and operated to enable safe access for multiple users and facilitated through policies that direct planners and engineers to consistently design streets with users in mind. Reference was made to the website www.completestreets.org. Examples were cited from Chicago, Iowa City, Des Moines, among others. It was noted the Illinois Quad Cities communities are looking at “Complete Streets” relative to the joint zoning code. It could be considered with the Surface Transportation Program (STP) evaluation process. The information was provided to introduce the topic.
6. Public Comments. No public comments were made.
7. Other Business. Ms. McCullough distributed Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) handouts to Illinois Technical Committee representatives for the Tourism Attraction Sign Program.
8. Adjournment. Mr. Hinton motioned to adjourn the meeting. It was adjourned at 10:50 a.m. by consensus.