

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

Tuesday, September 11, 2007, 10:00 A.M.
Bi-State Regional Commission
Third Floor Conference Room 320
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeff Anderson	City of Moline
Mike Atchley	City of Davenport
Fred Dean	Iowa Department of Transportation – Davenport
Scott Hinton	City of Moline
Tim Kammler	City of East Moline
Mike Kane	City of Rock Island
Dan Long	Illinois Department of Transportation – Dixon
Wally Mook	City of Bettendorf
Jeff Nelson	MetroLINK
Gary Statz	City of Davenport

OTHERS PRESENT

Doug DeLille	Bi-State Regional Commission
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Chuck Oestreich	League of Illinois Bicyclists
Lalit Patel	Bi-State Regional Commission
Chelsey Waterman	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the Minutes of the August 14, 2007 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting. Mr. Nelson asked members to review the August 14, 2007 Transportation Technical Committee minutes for comments and/or corrections. Hearing none, Mr. Hinton motioned to accept the minutes as written and Mr. Kane seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.
2. Project Progress Report. Mr. Nelson asked if there was any additions/corrections to report at the meeting that had not already been sent electronically. Hearing none, the Committee moved on to the next item.
3. Consideration of FFY08-11 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments. Ms. Waterman noted proposed amendments were listed on the back of the agenda and sent to the Regional Transportation Advisory Group. The list included four transit project additions in FY08 and three highway project additions, two in FY08 and one in FY09. The Technical Committee is asked to consider recommending the following projects for approval by the Policy Committee:
 - **AR-08-01** Association of Retarded Citizens (ARC) of Rock Island County for two 7-passenger mini-vans with ramps; total cost of \$82,410 with federal share of \$65,128

(FTA Section 5310) and state share of \$16,282. To be added per grant award by Illinois Department of Transportation (ILDOT). [*Note the item was corrected subsequent to the Technical Committee by ARC and presented to the Policy Committee as: total cost of \$65,128 with federal share of \$52,102 (FTA Section 5310) and state share of \$13,026.*]

- **BT-08-09** Bettendorf Transit to build bus washing facility; total cost \$450,000 with federal share of \$80,000 (FTA Section 5307) and local share of \$370,000. To be added per adjustments to 5307 funding.
- **ML-08-21** MetroLINK for three 14-passenger ADA vans; total cost \$158,619 with federal share \$126,895 (FTA Section 5310) and state share \$31,724. To be added per grant award by ILDOT.
- **PN-08-01** Project Now for two light-duty paratransit vehicles with lifts; total cost \$117,165 with federal share \$93,732 (FTA Section 5310) and state share \$23,433. To be added per grant award by ILDOT. [*Note the item was corrected subsequent to the Technical Committee by Project Now and presented to the Policy Committee as: total cost \$93,732 with federal share \$74,986 (FTA Section 5310) and state share \$18,746.*]
- **DA-08-01** [BRM-1827(64)-8N-82] Fairmount at Silver Creek, Davenport for bridge replacement; total cost \$734,000 with federal share \$587,200 (BRRP) and local share \$146,800. To be added per grant award by Iowa Department of Transportation (IADOT). Ms. Waterman noted that this project was duplicated on the Administrative Revisions page distributed at the Technical Committee meeting but is considered an amendment, not a revision.
- **IA-08-11** [HDP-() – 3B-82] I-74 at Lincoln Road, Bettendorf for outside services engineering; total cost \$400,000 with federal share \$320,000 (HDP) and state share \$80,000. To be added at request of IADOT for bridge repair.
- **IA-09-11** [HDP-() – 3B-82] I-74 at Lincoln Road, Bettendorf for reconstruction; total cost \$4,400,000 with federal share \$3,520,000 (HDP) and state share \$880,000. To be added at request of IADOT for bridge repair.

Mr. Hinton recommended approval of the TIP amendments as discussed and Mr. Statz seconded the motion. The motion carried and the amendments will be provided to the Policy Committee at their September 25th meeting. Ms. Waterman shared six administrative revisions, three related to U.S.6/Kimberly Road at Division and three for MetroLINK, preventative maintenance and upgrade of fleet software. No action is needed on these projects and they will be revised as presented. Due to the number of administrative revisions, an update of the annual elements will be reissued this fall to the Technical Committee.

4. Discussion of Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program Funding Balances. Ms. McCullough directed the Technical Committee to handouts of the status for Surface Transportation Program (STP) dollars in Iowa and Illinois. There was also a handout of the Iowa Quad Cities Transportation Enhancement (TE) fund balance. The balances are estimated through 2011. They are based on target from FFY08 being carried forward through 2011. Mr. Dean noted funds are at full authorization but could be subject to obligation limits.

The FFY09 appropriations could be in deficit. The Iowa Quad Cities STP fund balance amounts to \$8,699,186 through FFY11. The Illinois Quad Cities STP balance is estimated to be \$2,092,983 through FFY11. The Iowa Quad Cities TE balance amounts to \$1,726,983 through FFY11. Without knowing the FFY09 appropriations, the Technical Committee tabled the discussion of whether to proceed with evaluation rounds until more information is known on the status of the federal transportation budget. Ms. McCullough requested that the Technical Committee review the STP evaluation criteria, particularly the item related to congestion management. It has been noted in the past that this criteria needs to be examined more quantitatively. She noted that staff is looking to purchase a global positioning system (GPS) device to study roadway travel times. A methodology could be developed and incorporated as a result.

5. Status of Metropolitan Area Trails. Using a display map of metropolitan area trails, Mr. DeLille outlined progress and accomplishments. Bi-State is assisting both Iowa and Illinois member governments with project planning and coordination. Staff has assisted with preparation of grant applications to acquire funding for trail engineering and development. Trail activities in Iowa included Credit Island Bridge project, Iowa 22 corridor to Wildcat Den, Mississippi River Trail between Bettendorf and LeClaire and to Princeton, and Crow Creek recreational trail. In Illinois, trail activities were noted for the West Rock River Bridge Trail, American Discovery Trail Arsenal Island Crossing Phase II, Cross-Town Avenue Trail link, among others. Mr. Long cautioned Technical Committee members for the need to follow the design guidelines set by American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) when trails are being developed, either by the community or via a consultant. He noted there are instances where Illinois Department of Transportation has required a project redesign because the guidelines were not followed overall. This delays the project and increase costs. Also, Mr. Dean noted the Departments of Transportation and local officials have a memorandum of understanding in place to move forward with a trail design as part of the I-74 Mississippi River Corridor Study.
6. Public Comments. No comments from the public were received at the meeting.
7. Other Business. Mr. Dean noted the following Iowa grants with October 1st deadlines: Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP), Recreation Trails Program, Safe Routes to Schools and statewide Transportation Enhancements. Iowa Department of Transportation (IADOT) offers a funding guide via its website at <http://www.iowadot.org/fundguid.htm>. Ms. McCullough noted staff was working on how to distribute Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC/5316) and New Freedom (NF/5317) funds appropriated to the urban Quad Cities. Staff was reviewing the legal aspects of these programs related to being a designated recipient and direct recipient of the funds and working with Federal Transit Administration on next steps. Mr. Dean mentioned the IADOT Commission will be in Clinton on October 9th for the touring meeting of eastern Iowa.
8. Adjournment. Mr. Dean motioned to adjourn the meeting. It was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. by consensus.