

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

Tuesday, May 13, 2008, 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
Jon Burgstrum	Scott County
Cathy Cutler	Iowa Department of Transportation-Cedar Rapids
Scott Hinton	City of Moline
Justin Johnson	City of Rock Island
Tim Kammler	City of East Moline

OTHERS PRESENT

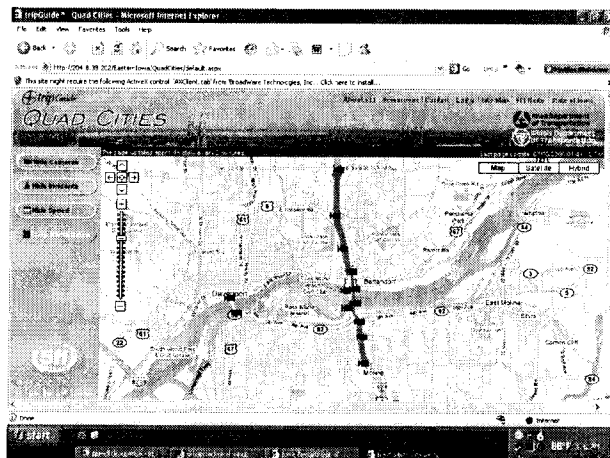
Scott Martin	Davenport School District
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Lalit Patel	Bi-State Regional Commission
Chelsey Waterman	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the Minutes of the March 12, 2008 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting. Mr. Hinton asked members to review the March 12, 2008 Transportation Technical Committee minutes for comments and/or corrections. Hearing no other comments, Mr. Burgstrum motioned to accept the minutes as written and Mr. Atchley seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.
2. Project Progress Report. Mr. Hinton asked if there were any additions/corrections to report at the meeting that had not already been sent electronically or provided to staff in writing. Hearing none, the Committee moved on to the next item.
3. Consideration of FFY 2009-12 Transportation Improvement Program. Ms. Waterman provided the Technical Committee with an overview of the larger projects and a handout of changes since the draft was mailed to Committee members. She noted the TIP contains federally funded transportation projects over the next four years. Projects pursuing federal funds must be included in the TIP and derived from the Quad City Area Long Range Transportation Plan. The TIP document is fiscally constrained with cost estimates shown in year of expenditure dollars. Ms. Waterman referenced projects that were greater than \$1 million and/or receiving locally programmed Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds. She reported that both Illinois and Iowa Departments of Transportation have programmed funds for engineering and land acquisition for the I-74 Mississippi River corridor project. Also, the cities of Bettendorf, Moline and Rock Island plan to begin work on their programmed STP projects during FY2009. Both CitiBus and MetroLINK are anticipating

funds in FY09 to each construct maintenance facilities. There was interest expressed about discussing the STP evaluation process at an August meeting. Mr. Atchley expressed concern for the rising costs to complete projects.

Following an overview by Ms. Waterman, Mr. Kammler motioned to recommend approval of the FFY 2009-12 TIP to the Transportation Policy Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burgstrum and it carried. A public hearing would be held with the Policy Committee on May 27, 2008 to accept public comments on the TIP.

4. Consideration of FY08 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) – Transit Planning Amendment for CitiBus. Ms. McCullough presented the Technical Committee with a proposed amendment for CitiBus to the FY08 TPWP. CitiBus has requested \$16,000 of FTA 5307 funds be included for Long Range Planning – System Level. A local share of \$4,000 would be provided. The total project cost would amount to \$20,000. Mr. Kammler motioned to recommend approval of the amendment to the Policy Committee. Mr. Burgstrum seconded the motion and it carried.
5. Presentation on Quad City Area Incident Management Planning. Mr. Patel presented information on Quad City Area Incident Management Plan effort. He had provided an update at the March Technical Committee meeting. To help address and mitigate the effect of the congestion and manage incidents on the highway system, the Iowa and Illinois DOTs installed an Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) system within the Quad Cities. Its spine aligns with the I-74 Mississippi River Corridor. This system consists of cameras, traffic sensors, over head and side mount message signs, highway advisory radio (HAR) and the software to tie all these devices. Dynamic Message signs and Highway Advisory radio are located throughout the Quad Cities. Dynamic message and side mounts signs are very crucial in relaying messages to motorists if an incident occurs. Three new Dynamic Message signs have been installed along with few side mount signs. Deployment of the technologies and completion of the routing manual are nearly complete. Using an internet connection, he demonstrated access to [www.511ia.org](http://www.511ia.org) and more specifically the trip guide at <http://204.8.38.202/EasternIowa/QuadCities/default.aspx>. This site provides information on road conditions, construction, traffic flow and location of incidents.



6. Public Comments. No comments from the public were received at the meeting.
7. Other Business. Ms. McCullough reported on the status of air quality and emission reduction efforts. Currently, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IADNR) has held public meetings in Scott and Muscatine Counties to review the results of a nine-factor analysis and proposed nonattainment boundary designation for these two areas. A monitor in each county has exceeded the federal standards for fine particulates. In both cases, the pollution problem appears to be localized. A recommendation to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) is expected to be submitted by the IADNR by the end of May 2008. It is anticipated that the USEPA will respond in turn with a recommendation by July 2008 with a 120-day public review period to follow. Final designations would occur by December 18, 2008 and become effective in early 2009. For emission reduction efforts, Bi-State staff are administering a grant to do transit marketing and have worked with local groups for the Bike-to-Work Week events (5/12-16/08). Additionally, green purchasing is being encouraged through the Bi-State Joint Purchasing Program. A presentation handout was distributed with these details.

Ms. McCullough indicated that staff will begin addressing issues in advance of receiving the draft certification review. Revisions will be required of the public involvement process, now referred to as a public participation plan. Follow-up is being conducted on the issue of fiscal constraint as a result of the request for amendment of the Quad City Area Long Range Transportation Plan by the City of Bettendorf. Staff is pursuing a Federal Highway Administration Travel Model Improvement Program (TMIP) Peer Review with the Dubuque MPO. The peer review will evaluate the travel model for possible improvements and innovations.

8. Adjournment. Mr. Kammler motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Atchley seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by 10:50 a.m.