

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

Tuesday, October 14, 2008, 1:00 P.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
Jon Burgstrum	Scott County
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation-Davenport
Mike Kane	City of Rock Island
Tim Kammler	City of East Moline
Dan Long	Illinois Department of Transportation-Dixon
Wally Mook	City of Bettendorf

OTHERS PRESENT

Doug DeLille	Bi-State Regional Commission
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Pat McKillip	Bethany for Children & Families
Chuck Oestreich	QC Bicycle Club
Becky Passman	BSRC/IAQC Transit Coordinator
Lalit Patel	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the Minutes of the August 13, 2008 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting. Mr. Mook asked members to review the August 13, 2008 Transportation Technical Committee minutes for comments and/or corrections. Hearing no other comments, Mr. Kane motioned to accept the minutes as written, and Mr. Burgstrum seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.
2. Project Progress Report. Mr. Mook asked if there were any additions/corrections to the transportation progress report at the meeting that had not already been sent electronically or provided to staff in writing. No additions or corrections were noted. Ms. McCullough noted the progress report will be posted on the Bi-State website after each Technical Committee meeting.

3. Consideration of FFY 2009-12 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments. Ms. McCullough directed the Technical Committee to the agenda where a request for two amendments was noted. Proposed amendments relate to the Federal Scenic Byway Program, which was awarded earlier in the year. Two projects are required to be placed in the TIP, including: HA-09-01 Great River Road at Heritage Center on Mississippi River with Total Cost \$94,015 and federal share of \$75,211 for displays and observation deck; and MO-09-03 Great River Road at Sylvan Island Trailhead with Total Cost of \$363,274 and federal share of \$290,616 for street enhancements. Mr. Kammler motioned to recommend approval of the FFY 2009-12 TIP amendments to the Transportation Policy Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kane, and it carried. A revision to IL-09-04 was provided for information and related to a cost increase to the reconstruction project on I-80.
4. Consideration of Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP) Projects. Ms. McCullough directed the Technical Committee to the agenda packet for a copy of three resolutions of support and concurrence on consistency with Quad City Area transportation planning related to ICAAP applications. The City of Bettendorf in partnership with Davenport and Metro are submitting an application to the Iowa Department of Transportation for the establishment of a riverfront circulator route. Ms. Passman explained the project where three vehicles will be purchased for \$800,000 (100% funds requested) and operations will be shared financially between the 3 systems, including \$175,000 match from Metro. The City of Bettendorf will operate the vehicles and administer the project. Fares are expected to be \$1.00 per trip and allow for a sustainable project once ICAAP funds were expended. Another application was received from River Bend Transit to continue a commuter shuttle from Quad Cities to Muscatine with an additional park and ride accessibility. Ms. Passman answered questions from the Committee on both projects. Ms. McCullough noted the last application was from Bi-State Regional Commission to conduct another public education campaign with a focus on fine particulate voluntary reduction measures. All projects, if awarded, would be initiated after July 1, 2009. Decisions on the ICAAP applications will occur in spring 2009. Mr. Kammler recommended the approval of the three resolutions to the Policy Committee. Mr. Atchely seconded the motion, and it carried.
5. Consideration of “Complete Streets” Policy and Related Revisions to Surface Transportation Program (STP) Evaluation Process. The Technical Committee was directed to the agenda packet to a copy of a final draft Complete Street policy statement. The City of Davenport distributed a modification of the proposed policy at the meeting. It stated the following:

“Complete Streets” refers to public right-of-way which is designed for the safety and accessibility of multiple users, regardless of ability. As a standard practice in the Quad City Area, a balanced approach in design and operation of the transportation system within public right-of-way will be taken as feasible, giving consideration to:

- types of users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, motor vehicles and freight interests in design and operation;
- project surroundings in context with how and who will use the facility to determine to what accommodations users will be provided; and
- service levels for all users anticipated by adopted comprehensive or systemwide plans.

Following a discussion of the modifications, including adding the third bullet, Mr. Anderson motioned to recommend the Complete Streets policy statement to the Policy Committee for approval. Mr. Mook seconded the motion, and it carried.

Ms. McCullough distributed a handout on suggested revisions to the Special Considerations chapter of the Surface Transportation Program Evaluation Manual. Modifications were suggested to include reference to the fine particular nonattainment proposal, changes to the sidewalk special considerations, and the addition of a multi-purpose trail special consideration. The Technical Committee tabled this discussion to review the material distributed based on the recommended Complete Streets policy statement.

6. Status of Travel Time Studies. Lalit Patel presented information on the use of travel time studies for measuring congestion reduction and for use as part of the travel model validation process. He suggested a three-year cycle to monitor 6-7 key roadway corridors including: Avenue of the Cities, I-74, 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Rock Island, U.S. 67 in Bettendorf and Davenport, Kimberly Road, U.S. 61, and 53<sup>rd</sup> Street. The Technical Committee encouraged the corridors to be as multi-jurisdictional as possible. Mr. Patel will utilize a floating car method of measuring travel times, taken for a.m. and p.m. peaks, and using global positioning system equipment. He will begin in late winter or early spring, as weather permits.
7. Public Comments. No comments from the public were received at the meeting.
8. Other Business. Published copies of the FY09-12 Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Conservation Director were included in members' agenda packet for their reference. The Conservation Directory was provided to aid in early notification of resource agencies related to transportation projects. Federal Highway Administration will be present at the October 28<sup>th</sup> Transportation Policy Committee meeting to report on the final Certification Review Report. The Technical Committee received a verbal invitation to the Travel Model Improvement Program (TMIP) Peer Review on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. An e-mailed invitation will be sent out with an agenda for their reference. A Complete Streets workshop is being planned for early winter. The balance of Iowa Quad Cities Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds was distributed along with a request for additional monies to address unexpected rising project costs by the City of Davenport. Bettendorf would also like to submit a cost inquire for its programmed Belmont Road project. Scott County and City of Buffalo are seeking STP funds for Y-48. Further discussion of Iowa Quad Cities STP funds was deferred to the next meeting.
9. Adjournment. Mr. Kammler motioned to adjourn the meeting and it was adjourned at 1:50 p.m. by consensus.