

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

Wednesday, November 12, 2008, 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
Jon Burgstrum	Scott County
Gene Hellige	City of Davenport
Scott Hinton	City of Moline
Mike Kane	City of Rock Island
Tim Kammler	City of East Moline
Roger Larson	Iowa Department of Transportation-Ames
Dan Long	Illinois Department of Transportation-Dixon
John Massa	Rock Island County
Wally Mook	City of Bettendorf
Jeff Nelson	Metro
Dennis Ryan	City of Davenport

OTHERS PRESENT

Doug DeLille	Bi-State Regional Commission
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Chelsey Waterman	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the Minutes of the October 14, 2008 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting. Mr. Nelson asked for introductions. He then asked members to review the October 14, 2008 Transportation Technical Committee minutes for comments and/or corrections. Hearing no comments, Mr. Mook motioned to accept the minutes as written and Mr. Kammler seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

2. Project Progress Report. Mr. Nelson 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. Waterman noted the progress report is now posted on the Bi-State website after each Technical Committee meeting.

3. Consideration of "Special Considerations" Chapter Revisions to Surface Transportation Program (STP) Evaluation Process. Ms. McCullough directed the Technical Committee to a copy of revisions to the Special Considerations chapter of the STP Evaluation Manual contained in the agenda packet. The suggested revisions were recommended by Bi-State staff to address the policy guidance provided for "Complete Streets." The discussion was tabled at the October meeting to allow time for the Technical Committee to review the draft. Having reviewed these revisions, concerns were expressed

regarding sidewalks and multi-purpose trails. Technical Committee members indicated interest in striking the proposed addition of multi-purpose trails since these facilities have other funding sources to enable their development. Technical Committee members expressed concerns about receiving negative points for projects without sidewalks, particularly if a facility did not appear to warrant pedestrian travel. There was discussion of qualifying projects if they were identified in a master plan or within the Long Range Transportation Plan as part of a sidewalk network. Having a couple of motions made and not called to vote, the Technical Committee tabled the discussion and asked Bi-State staff to bring another version back to the next meeting based on their input.

4. Discussion of Requests for Remaining SAFETEA-LU Iowa Quad Cities Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funds. The Technical Committee was directed by Ms. McCullough to a spreadsheet outlining the balance of Iowa QC STP funds. The Cities of Bettendorf and Davenport are requesting additional STP funds to be used toward existing programmed projects due to the significantly unanticipated rise in construction costs. The City of Buffalo and Scott County have requested a portion of the remaining funds for Y-48 as a project of area significance. These requests would utilize the majority of the remaining SAFETEA-LU Iowa Quad Cities STP funds amounting to \$4.37 million. To address inflation and project development time, the Policy Committee has previously approved increased funding for projects up to 33% of their original cost estimate. Due to the extreme rise in costs, the cities are requesting an additional adjustment. The following summarizes these requests:

- Belmont Road (Corral-Valley Drive), Bettendorf Total Cost Revised \$4,300,000 with Federal Share of \$3,440,000, representing an additional federal share request of \$248,000;
- Division St. (Cheyenne- Northwest Blvd.), Davenport Total Cost Revised \$4,321,000 with Federal Share of \$3,456,800, representing an additional federal share request of \$477,600; and
- Pine St. (Kimberly Road – 49th St.), Davenport Total Cost Revised \$3,000,000 with Federal Share of \$2,400,000, representing an additional federal share of \$804,000.

Ms. McCullough noted that the Kimberly Road at Division Street project was programmed for a total cost of \$3,857,000 with a Federal Share of \$3,085,000. It was entered as a lesser project in the TIP but is already programmed by the Policy Committee for a federal share up to \$3,085,000. This would be corrected in the TIP. Ms. McCullough noted that the request from the City of Buffalo/Scott County for Y-48 is not a programmed project. However, the project is of countywide significance since the roadway serves the Scott County landfill. The request for Y-48 would be a set amount of federal funds amounting to \$1,494,000. Mr. Burgstrom motioned to recommend approval of the cost adjustments for the Belmont Road, Division Street and Pine Street projects as presented, as well as, program a set amount for the Y-48 project as outlined. Mr. Mook seconded the motion and it carried.

There is an estimated \$1.347 million remaining, based on the 2009 target provided by the Iowa Department of Transportation. Mr. Mook motioned to proceed with a call for projects for the remaining funds, based on the decision by the Policy Committee. Mr. Burgstrom seconded the motion and it carried.

5. Status of Transit Development Plan. Ms. Waterman outlined planning efforts toward the update of the Transit Development Plan. Transit inventories were being updated. Input has been received for the rural Iowa and Illinois areas and through June and September, transit training sessions will be held

in the metro area. Mapping is being conducted for frequently traveled routes by the regional transit providers and/or human services agencies and will be added to the plan update. A draft TDP is expected to be presented in January/February 2009 to the various groups. The document is expected to be adopted in March 2009. A round of Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom funds is expected to coincide with the TDP update.

6. Public Comments. No comments from the public were received at the meeting.

7. Other Business. Mr. Burgstrom inquired about the stimulus package which was being proposed by federal legislators. Bi-State staff is coordinating a collection of potential projects to provide to legislators. Questions on whether projects would follow state procedures or a streamlined process had not been fully determined at this point. It didn't appear that a package would occur in this calendar year. Bi-State staff would follow-up on the questions and get back to Technical Committee members with information.

A handout was distributed on three amendments to the FY09 Annual Element of the Transportation Improvement Program. These included the following:

- BT-09-04 Mississippi River Trail interpretive signing in Bettendorf, Total Cost \$132,865 with federal share of \$106,291 Scenic Byways (project follow-up to receiving federal Scenic Byways funds);
- IA-09-15 East Iowa Industrial Center Rail Spur in Davenport, Total Cost \$3,750,000 with federal earmark of \$3 million (project to be administered by IADOT office of Rail); and
- ML-09-17 New Bus Stop at QC International Airport, Total Cost \$50,000 with federal share of \$40,000 FTA Section 5309 (use of federal discretionary monies).

Mr. Mook motioned to recommend approval of the amendments to the Policy Committee. Mr. Kammler seconded the motion and it carried.

The next Technical Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, December 16, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. to readdress the Special Considerations chapter of the STP Evaluation Manual.

8. Adjournment. Mr. Hinton motioned to adjourn the meeting and it was adjourned at 11:05 a.m. by consensus.