

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

Tuesday, May 12, 2009, 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
Tim Kammler	City of East Moline
Mike Kane	City of Rock Island
Dan Long	Illinois Department of Transportation-Dixon
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation-Davenport

OTHERS PRESENT

Doug DeLille	Bi-State Regional Commission
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Lalit Patel	Bi-State Regional Commission
Becky Passman	Bi-State Regional Commission- IAQC Transit Coordinator
Chelsey Waterman	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the Minutes of the March 10, 2009 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting. In the absence of a chair, Ms. McCullough asked members to review the March 10, 2009 Transportation Technical Committee minutes for comments and/or corrections. Hearing no comments, Mr. Kammler motioned to accept the minutes as written and Mr. Burgstrum seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

2. Project Progress Report. Technical Committee members were 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. Ms. McCullough asked Technical Committee members to look at the older projects to determine whether they were complete, duplicated or should be left on the report.

3. Report on Alternative Transportation Week, May 9-15, 2009 Events and Activities. Ms. Passman provided a rundown of the week's activities. Formerly promoted as "Bike to Work Week", the Quad City area promoted alternative transportation week to broaden the appeal and emphasize "Thinking Outside The Car." On Saturday, Quad City Transportation Alternatives Group (QCTAG) was represented at the farmer's market in Davenport with a booth promoting the week's activities. CitiBus also had a bus available to illustrate how the bus-bike racks are used. Sunday included a Bike to Worship theme and there was a breakfast set for Monday. The Great Race was held on Tuesday at 11:15 am. where officials from Bettendorf raced by bicycle while competing with officials from Davenport taking CitiBus between the events center and the Davenport downtown hub. A Ride of Silence in memory of those killed while cycling was scheduled for Wednesday. A film fest was set for Thursday and a wrap-up party for Friday.

The qctransit.com website was used at the link to QCTAG where alternative transportation users were able to log their mileage during the week. Ms. Passman encouraged the Technical Committee to join the activities in the coming week.

4. Consideration of FFY10-13 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A draft of the FFY10-13 Transportation Improvement Program was provided in Committee members' packets. Ms. Waterman reviewed changes in the document related to revisions and air quality. SAFETEA-LU requires more specific language for revisions to the TIP. A revision is either an amendment or an administrative modification. An amendment requires approval by the Transportation Policy Committee. An administrative modification is a change that can be addressed by Bi-State staff without Policy Committee approval. She reviewed these changes and noted more specific language on addressing placeholders. For air quality, a discussion of fine particulate matter was added. Next, Ms. Waterman reviewed the annual element pages. The draft document does not include State of Iowa or State of Illinois project updates. She pointed out the City of Silvis requested a project amendment for its American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) stimulus project. Instead of a project on 19th Street at 17th Avenue, they changed the project to a road resurfacing on 10th Street. In the appendices, staff is working on a page to address self-certification documentation and will send a copy out by e-mail to the Technical Committee for their comments in advance of the Policy Committee. Ms. McCullough noted that for the Iowa Quad Cities, it is assumed continuation and use of Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds for the Pavement Management Program and SUDAS for roadway specifications. Mr. Kane motioned to recommend the draft FFY10-13 TIP to the Policy Committee as presented and Mr. Atchley seconded the motion. The motion carried. The Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, 2009, at noon to consider adoption of the TIP update.

5. Status of 2040 Long Range Plan (LRP) Update. As part of the public involvement process, Ms. McCullough distributed a draft copy of the opinion survey being proposed to solicit general input on the transportation system. Staff is looking at providing the survey electronically in a web-based format. Comments on the survey were requested by the end of the month and a reminder will be sent via e-mail. Mr. Patel reviewed the maps from the May 6th modeling workshop. The Quad City Area was plotted in six quadrants. The Technical Committee was and will be asked to examine the maps and concur with the information on the transportation network. One map set shows area type and speed. Area type influences the speed. Area types include central business district, fringe, rural and other business district. The other map set showed number of lanes and capacity. Mr. Patel asked Committee members to focus on the accuracy of the area type, number of lanes and the reasonableness of the speed. The speed shown on the maps related to the congested speed rather than the posted speed.

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

7. Other Business. Mr. Shea noted information being sent out on the Governor of Iowa's I-Jobs program.

8. Adjournment. Mr. Burgstrum motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Kammler seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.