

**Minutes of the
Davenport-Rock Island-Moline, Iowa-Illinois
Urbanized Area
Transportation Technical Committee**

Tuesday, October 13, 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
Mike Clarke	City of Davenport
Tim Kammler	City of East Moline
Mike Kane	City of Rock Island
Dan Long	Illinois Department of Transportation-Dixon
John Massa	Rock Island County
Wally Mook	City of Bettendorf
Jeff Nelson	MetroLink
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation-Davenport

OTHERS PRESENT

Doug DeLille	Bi-State Regional Commission
Scott Martin	Davenport Schools
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 August 11, 2009 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting. Mr. Nelson asked members to review the August 11, 2009 Transportation Technical Committee minutes for comments and/or corrections. Hearing no comments, Mook motioned to accept the minutes as written and Mr. Kammler 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. Waterman asked Technical Committee members again to look at the older projects to determine whether they were complete, duplicated, or should be left on the report. She added the Fiscal Year 2010 projects to the report for the meeting.
3. Consideration of FFY10-13 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments and Administrative Modifications. Ms. Waterman presented administrative modifications and two proposed amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for consideration. Illinois Department of Transportation requested an amendment for project IL-

10-02 I-74/U.S. Mississippi River Corridor for land acquisition to add \$719,000 in Bridge Discretionary Funding. The total project cost amounts to \$2,799,000 with a federal share of \$2,319,000 (HPP, Bridge Discretionary Funds) and state share of \$480,000. The second amendment request came from the Village of Coal Valley. Project CV-10-01 First Street (Village hall to 2nd Avenue) Safe Routes to Schools is proposed for a total cost of \$250,000 with 100% federal funds. Ms. Waterman also reported on the administrative modifications that included a number of deletions due duplication in other annual elements of the TIP. Mr. Kammler motioned to recommend these revisions as presented to the Policy Committee, and Mr. Mook seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Report on Quad City Area Trails Projects and Planning. Mr. DeLille provided updates on multipurpose trail/path development in the region. He reviewed the status of the Great River Trail, connection at the West Rock River Bridge, Mississippi River Trail (MRT) in Bettendorf and between Princeton and LeClaire, as well as in Buffalo. There are two projects using stimulus funds to design trails, including the MRT between LeClaire and Princeton and the Cody Trail between Eldridge and Long Grove. The MRT at Buffalo received an earmark under SAFETEA-LU. Currently, the city is working toward trail development along its riverfront near the downtown. Mr. DeLille noted trail development and planning connections to the region, including Muscatine trail plans to Wild Cat Den. He reported that AASHTO is expected to release new bicycle guidelines in 2010, and staff will begin working with communities on bicycle and pedestrian updates for the long range transportation plan.
5. Status of Long Range Transportation Plan Update. Ms. McCullough and Mr. Patel presented on the status of the Long Range Transportation Plan update. Ms. McCullough reviewed items related to SAFETEA-LU compliance and tasks completed to date, including revisions to the MPO boundary, approval of a public involvement outline, and completion of a public input survey. A summary of the public input survey was included in members' agenda packets. Of the 203 completed surveys, 171 were completed on-line between mid-July to mid-August 2009. On the whole, respondents rated the overall quality of the transportation system as neither high nor low and expressed similar opinions for how well the roadway system operates in the Quad City Area. Nearly 50% considered traffic congestion a slight problem. The most frequent response to what needed improvement was the need for bicycle and pedestrian facilities. While the most frequent response to what the biggest transportation problems are included the lack of bicycle/pedestrian facilities, need for bridge improvements, and poor pavement conditions. Ms. McCullough directed Technical Committee members to the appendix of the survey summary and asked them to review the individual responses as plans for future roadway discussions get underway. In addition to the survey work, staff has been preparing the base year socio-economic data and refining the model roadway network. Employment data has been requested from both states and requests were being processed. Mr. Patel noted his research related to trip generation rates and discussions with Rockford, Peoria, and Iowa's statewide model. Mr. Nelson asked the Technical Committee to stay engaged in the long range planning effort due to its importance in project development.
6. Public Comments. No comments from the public were received at the meeting.
7. Other Business. Ms. McCullough requested consideration confirmation of the small community representatives. She reviewed that in each odd year, the Technical Committee

elects a new chair and recognizes caucused small community representatives. Mr. John Dowd was caucused to represent the small communities in the Iowa Quad Cities, and Al Wilson was caucused to represent the small communities in the Illinois Quad Cities. Mr. Kane motioned to accept these representatives, and Mr. Massa seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. McCullough noted upcoming restrictions next year on I-80 bridge over the Mississippi River. Through the winter, traffic will be one lane in each direction. Beginning in April through mid-July 2010, a single lane westbound will be open to traffic. From mid-July through mid-November, traffic will be open to one lane in each direction until bridge repairs are completed. Similar to this summer, the single lane of traffic on I-80 during the spring and early summer will create congestion in the metropolitan area.

The Surface Transportation Program (STP) Evaluation Manual is being upgraded and revisions approved earlier in the year are being incorporated. A revised document will be available for the next round of STP programming. Mr. Anderson commented on the quality of speakers at the Transportation Alternatives and Air Quality Summit. The next Technical Committee meeting will be scheduled for December 8, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

8. Adjournment. Mr. Kammler motioned to adjourn the meeting and it concluded by consensus. The meeting adjourned prior to 11:00 a.m.