

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

Tuesday, March 9, 2010, 10:00 A.M.
Bi-State Regional Commission
Third Floor Conference Room 302
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeff Anderson	City of Moline
Mike Atchely	City of Davenport
Jon Burgstrum	Scott County
Scott Hinton	City of Moline
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	Metro
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation – Davenport
Dawn Tubbs	Village of Carbon Cliff

OTHERS PRESENT

Doug DeLille	Bi-State Regional Commission
Brian Dockery	Riverstone Group
Tom Kelso	Illinois Department of Transportation – Springfield
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Becky Passman	Bi-State Regional Commission – IAQC Transit
Lalit Patel	Bi-State Regional Commission
Kathy Starling	Iowa-Illinois Center for Independent Living
Chelsey Waterman	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the Minutes of the January 12, 2010 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting. Mr. Nelson chaired the meeting and asked members to review the January 12, 2010 Transportation Technical Committee minutes for comments and/or corrections. Hearing none, 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. 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. Hearing none, the report will be posted to the Bi-State Regional

Commission website (<http://www.bistateonline.org/ser/tra/tip.shtml>). It was stressed that providing updates will aid development of the FFY2011-14 Transportation Improvement Program which will be presented in May and for the Long Range Transportation Plan development.

3. Consideration of Revisions to the FFY2010-13 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Ms. Waterman noted that information on the TIP revisions were e-mailed prior to the meeting. Four projects were presented for amendments and one for an administrative modification. The administrative modification, requiring no committee action was an increase to local funds for EM-09-01 12th Avenue (7th - 13th Streets), East Moline which received ARRA funds. The following are requested amendments requiring a recommendation to the Policy Committee:

- DA-10-04 65th/67th Street (Eastern Ave. - Jersey Ridge Rd.), Davenport to conduct pavement rehabilitation and widening; add to TIP and note STP funds awarded to the project; Total cost \$3,780,000 with \$3,024,000 Federal Share (STP funds)
- DA-11-04 I-74 at 67th Street, Davenport for bridge replacement; formerly IA-11-08 shifted project from state to city lead; Total cost \$2,623,000 with \$1,602,000 Federal Share (High Priority Project funds)
- ML-10-14 for purchase of 4 hybrid paratransit vehicles by Metro; add to TIP; Total cost \$504,000 with 100% Federal Share (TIGGER funds)
- ML-10-15 for purchase of solar thermal hot water system for maintenance facility; add to TIP; Total cost \$600,000 with 100% Federal Share (TIGGER funds)

Mr. Kane motioned to recommend the amendments for approval as stated to the Policy Committee. Mr. Mook seconded the motion and it carried. Ms. Waterman noted that the next round of Job Access Reverse Commute funds solicitation will be concurrent with the development of the next TIP.

A brief discussion of a potential stimulus followed. A listing of potential transportation projects has been prepared and will be taken to the Policy Committee. Mr. Nelson summarized what he had heard related to the extension of SAFETEA-LU and versions of Jobs I, Jobs II and Jobs III which were losing traction, as their focus was on tax cuts and credits without a major infrastructure component. Mr. Kammler wondered if it would be worthwhile to send letters to the legislators expressing appreciation of ARRA funds and how another stimulus would have local benefits. Local governments were encouraged to do this individually. Related to the Illinois Department of Transportation (ILDOT) listing for a potential stimulus, Mr. Long noted that Rock Island County area had received \$20 million worth of projects of \$43 million in ARRA funds. If a second stimulus were to occur, projects were loaded toward rural projects. Mr. Kammler motioned to send a letter to ILDOT expressing appreciation for ARRA funding but asked for consideration for projects that may meet the later 50% funding criteria once initial “shovel-ready” projects have been addressed in the first 90 days. Mr. Hinton seconded the motion and it carried. Bi-State staff will draft a letter and send it from the Technical Committee.

4. Presentation on FY2010 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP). A draft FY11 TPWP was enclosed in Committee members’ agenda packets. Annually the TPWP document for the Quad Cities metropolitan planning area is revised to reflect Bi-State transportation staff activities for the coming fiscal year. The FY11 TPWP is developed to aid cooperative, continuing and comprehensive transportation planning. The document also outlines the history of organizations playing a role in transportation planning.

In the metropolitan area, major transportation issues include:

- River Crossing Capacity Improvements
- Air Quality, Congestion Management & Mobility, and Intelligent Transportation System Activities
- Modal Coordination – Passenger Rail and Intermodal Connections
- Long Range Plan Planning and Implementation
- Coordination with Human Service & Specialized Transportation Providers
- Integration of Safety and Security
- Transportation Planning Requirements & Reauthorization

Accomplishments from FY10 include:

- Update Transit Development Plan (TDP) and process competitive selection process for urban JARC & New Freedom funds
- Update FFY10-13 Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs)
- Provide Grant Assistance – ICAAP, Rec. Trails, RISE, SRTS, Scenic Byways, TCSP and ARRA transportation programming
- Hold Complete Streets activities
- Attend IA Trails Summit, Moving IA Forward, IA & IL Safety Summits conferences
- Provide technical assistance – model scenarios, traffic studies, accident analysis, ITS coordination, trail planning, RFPs, etc.
- Served Technical and Policy Committees, Bi-State Regional Trail Committee, Air Quality Task Force, CARS & joint ITS/Safety group
- Implementation of Certification Review recommendations
- Continued urban LRP update

A draft work program budget was outlined in the slide presentation. There were no comments by the Technical Committee on the FY11 TPWP on the activities. The document will be forwarded to the Policy Committee for comment. Approval of planning work activities and allocation of funding to work program categories are reviewed by the Policy Committee. Resolutions authorizing filing federal grant applications and execution of grant contracts are approved by Bi-State Regional Commission.

5. Status of Long Range Transportation Plan Update. Ms. McCullough reported briefly on the status of the Long Range Transportation Plan development, including participation at the two public input LRTP kick-off meetings in February. Efforts continue toward preparing the data sets that feed into the travel-demand model. Staff will be setting up meetings in a few weeks with the individual cities and counties to discuss future housing and employment in the horizon years. A more thorough report is expected at the May Technical Committee meeting.

6. Public Comments. No comments from the public were received at the meeting.
7. Other Business. The next Policy Committee meeting will be scheduled for March 23, 2010 at 12:00 noon and Technical Committee members are encouraged to attend based on the agenda items. The next Technical Committee meeting is planned for the second Tuesday of May 2010.

Mr. Long noted that the ILDOT Safety Program Committee has used the Quad City Intersection Crash Report to review particular locations. The committee routinely looks at the top five percent in the District. Other Technical Committee members expressed appreciation for the crash report and its usefulness in reviewing intersections in their communities.

Mr. DeLille noted that Bi-State staff is reviewing the Illinois official bicycle map for the Quad Cities area and found some inconsistencies. Specifically, the Technical Committee was being consultant to get their opinions along John Deere Road where a sign currently indicates the road between 70th Street and Colona Road prohibits farm and non-motorized vehicles. Concerns were expressed about the corridor being high traffic, high speed and unsuited for most non-motorized vehicles. There was also interest in potential accommodations separated from the roadway. It was suggested that Bi-State staff draft a letter to e-mail to the Technical Committee for review and with consensus send it to ILDOT.

8. Adjournment. Mr. Mook called for the meeting to adjourn. It concluded by consensus. The meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.