

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

Tuesday, May 11, 2010, 10:00 A.M.  
Bi-State Regional Commission  
Third Floor Conference Room 302  
1504 Third Avenue  
Rock Island, Illinois

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mike Atchely	City of Davenport
Mike Kane	City of Rock Island
Dan Long	Illinois Department of Transportation – Dixon
John Massa	Rock Island County
Jeff Nelson	MetroLINK
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation – Davenport
Betsy Tracy	Federal Highway Administration – Illinois Division
Al Wilson	Village of Coal Valley

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Tom Caldwell	Illinois Department of Transportation – Springfield
Doug DeLille	Bi-State Regional Commission
Tom Kelso	Illinois Department of Transportation – Springfield
Stacy Lentsch	Bi-State Regional Commission
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Becky Passman	Bi-State Regional Commission – IAQC Transit
Lalit Patel	Bi-State Regional Commission
Steve Swisher	River Bend Transit
Chelsey Waterman	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the Minutes of the March 9, 2010 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting.  
Mr. Nelson asked members to review the March 9, 2010 Transportation Technical Committee minutes for comments and/or corrections. Hearing none, Mr. Kane motioned to accept the minutes as written and Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written. Mr. Atchley indicated that the project lead on DA-11-04 was being transferred to Iowa Department of Transportation. Ms. McCullough indicated that staff would follow-up on the project and apply any corrections to the Transportation Improvement Program since it was referenced at the time of the March minutes as a Davenport project.
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>).

3. Consideration of Job Access & Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom (NF) Project Submittals. Ms. Waterman indicated that Bi-State Regional Commission acts as the direct recipient for JARC and NF funds. Other direct recipients (Bettendorf Transit, Davenport CitiBus, MetroLINK and Departments of Transportation) are eligible to receive these funds through a competitive selection process. They can work with non-direct recipient agencies as sub-recipients. River Bend Transit (RBT) requested JARC and NF funds as a subrecipient of Iowa Department of Transportation. The JARC and NF applications were e-mailed to the Technical Committee for review prior to the meeting.

RBT requested \$225,000 in JARC funds with a total project cost of \$432,000 to continue service for low-income employees, trainees, students and supporting services in the Iowa Quad Cities. RBT requests \$98,000 in NF funds with a total project cost of \$192,000 for continuation of service for its program to accommodate same day service, beyond ¾ mile limitation, door-to-door services for individuals with disabilities. Ms. Waterman indicated that the FY10 appropriations estimate for NF funds is \$90,084. The NF request would require programming beyond FY10. Mr. Swisher with RBT was present to answer any questions. Mr. Nelson inquired whether there were any stipulations related to project sustainability. Ms. Waterman reported as long as projects were not initiated prior to SAFETEA-LU they meet the requirements. The projects are also derived from the Transit Development. Mr. Kane motioned to recommend approval of the JARC and NF requests by RBT, with a qualification that the NF project be funded up to the FY10 levels, not to exceed \$98,000. Mr. Atchley seconded the motion and it carried.

4. Consideration of FFY11-14 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Ms. Waterman directed the Technical Committee to their agenda packets where a listing of annual element pages was included. A full draft of the TIP was made available on the Bi-State website. A public hearing is being scheduled with the next Policy Committee meeting on May 25, 2010. Ms. Waterman noted a number of regionally significant projects, including I-74 Mississippi River Corridor. She noted that the Iowa Department of Transportation (IADOT) met today and State of Iowa projects will be reflected in the Policy Committee draft. She also noted that comments had been received on fiscal constraint from Federal Highway Administration, and Bi-State staff asked for input on an illustrative projects table in lieu of placeholders being identified in the annual element tables. Following discussion, the Technical Committee agreed to a table of unmet needs and a draft will be sent to the Technical Committee prior to a draft being mailed to the Policy Committee.

Additionally, Mr. Atchley motioned to shift the jurisdiction of DA-11-04 to IADOT and it was seconded by Mr. Kane. The motion carried. Ms. McCullough will bring the project up at the IADOT/City of Davenport quarterly meeting for confirmation and clarification. Following this discussion, Mr. Kane motioned to recommend the FFY11-14 TIP for approval to the Policy Committee with a table identifying unmet needs to address fiscal constraint. Mr. Massa seconded the motion and it carried.

5. Status of Long Range Transportation Plan Update. Ms. McCullough reported briefly on the status of the Long Range Transportation Plan development. Efforts continue toward preparing the data sets that feed into the travel-demand model. Staff has held meetings with Bettendorf, Carbon Cliff, East Moline, Moline, Rock Island, and Rock Island County to discuss future housing and

employment in the horizon years. A meeting is scheduled with Coal Valley while other community meetings still need to be set up.

Mr. Hunt directed the Technical Committee to a handout on projection methodology. He explained both for population and employment, the purpose was to provide a range of projections, fast growth to slow growth and an equi-distant line in between. In past plan updates, a single projection was adopted. It is assumed that the range will allow for some flexibility and for a robust transportation network which can accommodate traffic. Population data was derived from a Census based package known as PopStats and assigned to Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZs) with a data engine known as Allocate. Employment data was derived from Employment Security 202 Reports and assigned to TAZs by latitude/longitude and address references. This data set has strict regulations and confidentiality so information is aggregated in order to not link the data to any single company. Having explained the data and TAZ projection methodology, Mr. Hunt reported the population projections for 2040 ranged from 297,419 to 450,414 and employment ranged from 154,059 to 167,932.

6. Report on QC in Motion: Alternative Transportation Week, May 15-22, 2010 and Activities. Ms. McCullough reported briefly on QC in Motion as part of the Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP) grant where activities supporting alternative transportation were being promoted. The effort was made possible in cooperation with a wellness coalition, including Activate Quad Cities, American Heart Association, area parks and recreation departments, QCTAG, Quad Cities YMCAs and Bi-State Regional Commission. A commuter challenge aimed at employers was included in the week long promotion. Participants during the week would be asked to respond to a survey at the end to indicate how they commuted. Ms. Passman encouraged Technical Committee members to go “carless” and outlined the schedule of events for the QC in Motion week. A handout was distributed for members’ reference with the schedule.
7. Public Comments. No comments from the public were received at the meeting.
8. Other Business. The next Policy Committee meeting will be scheduled for May 25, 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 Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the congestion management process and Federal Functional Classification, among other items.
9. Adjournment. Mr. Nelson called for the meeting to adjourn. Mr. Kane motioned to adjourn and it concluded by consensus. The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.