

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

Tuesday, February 8, 2011, 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 Atchley	City of Davenport
Gene Hellige	City of Davenport
Mike Kane	City of Rock Island
Tom Kelso	Iowa Department of Transportation – OP&P
John Massa	Rock Island County
Wally Mook	City of Bettendorf
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation – Davenport
Gary Statz	City of Davenport
Kris Tobin	Iowa Department of Transportation – District 2
Betsy Tracy	Federal Highway Administration – Illinois Division
Dawn Tubbs	Carbon Cliff

OTHERS PRESENT

Tom Caldwell	Illinois Department of Transportation – OP&P
Doug DeLille	Bi-State Regional Commission
Stacy Lentsch	Bi-State Regional Commission
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Blake Mosher	Bi-State Regional Commission
Becky Passman	Bi-State Regional Commission
Lalit Patel	Bi-State Regional Commission
Scott Stephenson	McClure Engineering Associates
Chelsey Waterman	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the Minutes of the January 11, 2011 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting. Mr. Mook chaired the meeting in the absence of Mr. Nelson. He asked for introductions and then requested approval of the January 11, 2011 minutes. Mr. Kane motioned to approve the minutes and Mr. Hellige seconded the motion. The minutes passed as written.
2. Project Progress Report and Discussion of Revisions to FY11-14 Transportation Improvement Program. Ms. Waterman indicated the Project Progress Report had been distributed to the Technical Committee electronically. Updates were received and will be posted to the website following the meeting. She informed members that any proposed amendments to the TIP would need to be submitted to Bi-State staff by March 15, 2011. Depending on the status of adoption of the Long Range Transportation Plan, the TIP will likely be frozen until the plan is complete. This means no amendments can occur after the March Transportation Policy Committee scheduled for March 22nd.

3. Status of the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Update – Discussion on Travel Demand Model, Financial Plan and Timeline. Ms. McCullough explained that on January 25, 2011 she informed the Transportation Policy Committee that the Long Range Transportation Plan will not be ready for adoption and as a result the TIP will be frozen. The goal is to adopt the plan in either May or June. After March, the TIP will be ineligible for amendments until the 2040 Plan is adopted. This could generally affect state projects, but the extension will be kept to a minimum to lessen the impact or project delays. The Transportation Technical Committee will be receiving requests to update the TIP as part of the FY12-15 TIP document development.

Next, Mr. Patel presented on the status of the travel model calibration process. He informed the committee that there is a three-step process: trip generation, trip distribution, and traffic assignment. The three-step process is used to predict future traffic. Mr. Patel updated the committee on significant upgrades from past long range plans, including georeferencing the roadway network both spatial and with road attributes, such as speed, segment length, functional classification, area type, lane capacity, number of lanes and average recorded daily traffic. There are many detailed components to the travel model. Extensive testing is underway to ensure it is correct and can closely replicate base year 2006 traffic. The network development is roughly 95% complete. Staff is currently working on trip generation rates to an acceptable level of confidence.

4. Public Comments. No public comments were made at this time.
5. Other Business. Ms. Waterman informed the committee of a two hour reasonable suspicion training being offered through Bi-State's Drug and Alcohol Consortium aimed at DOT regulated commercial licensed employees. Mr. Mosher informed those present on the release of the federal government's Financial Crisis Inquiry Committee's report on the mortgage financial crisis.
6. Adjournment. Mr. Mook brought the meeting to conclusion by consensus at 10:40 am.