

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

Tuesday, September 9, 2014, 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
Jon Burgstrum	Scott County
John Dowd	City of Eldridge (IA Small Communities Rep.)
Jeff Eder	City of Rock Island
Tim Kammler	City of East Moline
Mike Kane	City of Rock Island
Dan Long	Illinois Department of Transportation
John Massa	Rock Island County
Brian Schmidt	City of Bettendorf
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation
Gary Statz	City of Davenport
Betsy Tracy	Federal Highway Administration – Illinois
Alan Wilson	Village of Coal Valley (IL Small Communities Rep.)

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Al-Ayew-Ew	IA/IL Center for Independent Living
Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation
Steve Haring	MSA Professional Services
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Olin Meador	City of Buffalo
Brandon Melton	Bi-State Regional Commission
Donnie Miller	Bicycle Safety
Meghan Overton	Bi-State Regional Commission
Becky Passman	Bi-State Regional Commission
Asadur Rahman	Bi-State Regional Commission
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Teresa Thoensen	Illinois Department of Transportation
Lindsay Whitson	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the Minutes of the July 8, 2014 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting. Mr. Kane motioned for approval of the July 8, 2014 minutes of Transportation Technical Committee as written. Mr. Statz seconded the motion which carried.
2. Project Progress Report. Mr. Melton noted that a couple of inquiries had been received regarding the progress report. He clarified that only projects that fall in the urban area are tracked in the progress report. If there is interest in a rural counterpart, that may be facilitated as a separate item. Mr. Melton also clarified that projects are not put into the progress report until they are considered active or

obligated. The progress report serves to track projects beyond the TIP years. Mr. Melton request that any project updated be submitted to him to be included in this month’s progress report. The updated progress report will be posted to the Bi-State Regional Commission website (<http://bistateonline.org/index.php/transportation/quad-cities-metro-planning/2012-11-13-20-10-34/quad-cities-metro-tip-transportation-improvement-program>).

3. Consideration of revisions to the FFY 2014-2017 & FFY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Melton noted a number of changes as shown on the revision sheet attached to these minutes. Mr. Kammler motioned to recommend the revisions to the Transportation Policy Committee as shown on the revision sheet. Mr. Schmidt seconded the motion which carried.
4. Consideration of Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Candidate Projects. Mr. Schmid discussed the projects submitted for TAP funding in both Iowa and Illinois. Mr. Schmid noted that availability of TAP funding was subject to reauthorization of MAP-21. Enough funding was available to fund all the projects submitted in Illinois. After discussion among committee members, a recommendation of the annual programming was determined as shown on the “Recommended TAP Programming” sheet attached to these minutes. Mr. Wilson motioned to recommend the funding as shown on the “Recommended TAP Programming” sheet, or other similar funding should MAP-21 change, up to 80% of the total project cost for Policy Committee approval. Mr. Kammler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There was enough TAP money available to fully fund two projects submitted in Iowa: Buffalo and Davenport’s Locust Street project. The remainder of the funding was recommended to be awarded to Davenport’s Good Creek Trail project. A recommendation of the annual programming was determined as shown on the “Recommended TAP Programming” sheet attached to these minutes. Mr. Dowd motioned to recommend the funding as shown on the “Recommended TAP Programming” sheet, or other similar funding should MAP-21 change, up to 80% of the total project cost for Policy Committee approval. Mr. Schmidt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Update and Consideration of Employment Projections Range Determination. An overview of the revised employment projection scenarios was presented to the committee by Ms. Overton. The employment projections are used to create the framework for the community input on future growth within the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA). It was asked by the Policy Committee to further examine options for employment projections.

First a review of the approved population scenarios was presented. The two approved scenarios were scenario 1 (historical growth based from 1970-2010 for the 3 county planning area) for the low end and scenario 5 (historical growth from 1990-2010 based on the fastest growing county in the planning area) for the high end.

Next the employment projections were presented. The goal was to choose the most representative high and low scenarios as the framework for the employment projections. All projections are based on the 2010 base year for the planning area. Three methods of projections were discussed; historical trends, third-party projections, and hybrid method. It was then recommended by Bi-State staff to use the hybrid method (population to employment ratio 1) for the low end and third party projections (Woods & Poole Economics, Inc.) for the high end. The high end option gives the opportunity for approximately 45,765 additional employees in 35 years (or 1,308 annually) in the planning area. The recommendations are also in line with past LRTP which showed between 31,000 to 50,000 in

projected employment growth and with the 2014 CEDS progress report that states approximately 1,280 jobs were created in FY14 which would be approximately 44,800 over 35 years.

A motion was made by Mr. Anderson to recommend approval of the recommended scenarios as the framework for the employment projections for the LRTP 2045 to the Policy Committee. Mr. Eder seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

6. Public Comments. Mr. Miller thanked the committee for supporting complete streets oriented projects. He also noted that the League of American Bicyclists is in the process of revising their bike map of the metro area. A meeting will be held at the Rock Island Library on September 17 at 6 p.m. to receive comments.

Mr. Meador thanked the transportation committee for supporting the Buffalo MRT project.

Mr. Anderson noted that the Mississippi River Conference will be held October 15-17. For more information see [www.riveraction.org/umrc/](http://www.riveraction.org/umrc/).

7. Other Business. Ms. McCullough noted that Moving Iowa Forward conference will be held on October 21, 2014 at the Embassy Suites in Des Moines. Some Bi-State staff are planning to attend.

She also reminded the committee that URS was hosting a modeling workshop at Bi-State offices following the meeting.

Ms. McCullough reported to the group that the Transportation Policy Committee meeting was scheduled for September, 23 at noon and encouraged technical staff with TAP projects being considered to attend.

8. Adjournment. Mr. Kammler motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.