



Commission in Review

April 2010

Serving local governments in Muscatine and Scott Counties, Iowa;
Henry, Mercer, and Rock Island Counties, Illinois.

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING:

Wed., May. 26, 2010
3:30 p.m.

Scott Co. Admin Bldg.
6th Floor Conf. Room
600 West 4th Street
Davenport, Iowa

APA TRAINING SERIES

"Design Review for
Officials"

Wed., May. 26, 2010
3-5:00 p.m.

Third Floor Conf Room
1504 Third Ave., R.I.

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To serve as a forum
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programs and to
assist member local
governments in
planning and project
development.

Census 2010 Update

The 2010 Census has had a great start in the Bi-State Region!

The official 2010 Census Day was April 1st and since then

participation has been exceptional. New for the 2010

Census, is the ability to view Mail Participation Rates. The

Mail Participation Rate is the percentage of forms mailed

back by households that received them. The rate excludes households whose forms were

returned to us by the U.S. Postal Service as "undeliverable." Mail back participation

rates are also available at the place level, to view participation rates visit:

<http://2010.census.gov/2010census/take10map/> . Final rates will be posted in the fall.

Current Participation Rates as of 4/27/10:

- United States - 72%
- Illinois - 75%
- Iowa - 78%
- Henry County, IL - 82%
- Mercer County, IL - 82%
- Muscatine County, IA - 79%
- Rock Island County, IL - 78%
- Scott County, IA - 78%

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IT'S IN OUR HANDS

On May 1st, Census takers will begin visiting households whose forms were not received by April 20th. Census takers will make up to 3 attempts to each household and will be recording the answers to the questions on the form. Remember, Census takers will only ask the questions on the census form and will never ask to enter a person's home.

Bi-State would like to give a big THANK YOU to all of our member governments for their active participation in the 2010 Census. It couldn't have been done without everyone's dedication and support in making the 2010 Census the best one yet!

Upcoming APA Audio Conference

The next audio/visual-conference in American Planning Association (APA) series is:

May 26, 2010

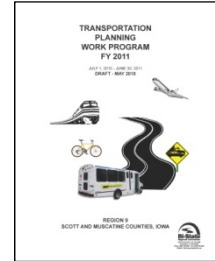
Design Review for Officials - A challenging area for communities is how to identify and maintain its desired character. How far should regulation and control go? When should communities rely on voluntary guidelines? What legal considerations should be taken into account as communities establish design review functions. Learn how to create and sustain design review processes that achieve the community's goal and support good planning. Co-sponsored by the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. [3-5:00 p.m.]

Participants can register by contacting Bi-State prior to the conference date at 1-888-BISTATE (toll free), (309) 793-6302, Ext. 138, or via e-mail at ppearson@bistateonline.org. Please arrive by 2:45 p.m. on the Third Floor of Rock Island County Office Building, 1504 Third Avenue, Rock Island.

FY2011 Transportation Planning Work Programs

Annually, the Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) documents for the Quad City Area and Region 9, serving rural Scott County and Muscatine County, are revised to reflect staff activities for the coming fiscal year. The FY2011 TPWPs are developed to aid cooperative, continuing, and comprehensive transportation planning. The documents also outline the history of transportation planning in the respective planning areas. They include budgets for transportation planning short and long range activities and delineate federal and local funds. Transportation planning represents more than 50% of the Bi-State staff efforts. In the Bi-State region, major transportation issues include:

- River Crossing and Transportation Capacity Improvements
- Congestion Management, Intelligent Transportation System (ITS), and Air Quality Improvement Activities
- Passenger Rail and Intermodal Connections
- Long Range Plan Implementation and Planning
- Coordination with Human Service & Specialized Transportation Providers
- Integration of Safety and Security

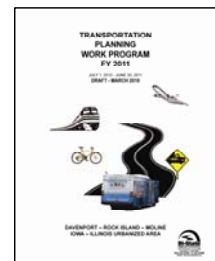


With federal transportation appropriations, both the Urban and Region 9 FY11 planning budgets remain relatively flat. The Commission approved resolutions to authorize application of the federal planning grants and execute the respective grant contracts.

Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant Applications Roll Out in Illinois Bi-State Region

A unique arrangement through an agreement between the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) will roll out grant applications for energy efficient and conservation projects in early May for the Illinois Bi-State Region. DCEO in partnership with the Illinois Association of Regional Councils is unveiling a statewide program where local regional planning agencies and their government partners will have the ability to prioritize and award projects locally, amounting to \$13 million dollars. The Bi-State Regional Commission approved acceptance of \$533,690 in Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funds to award through this program. Bi-State will receive \$48,563 to administer the program.

EECBG applications will be sent to units of local government in Henry, Mercer, and Rock Island Counties with populations less than 35,000. The deadline for these applications will be June 11, 2010. The Commission also approved grant eligible activities that would serve to further “bricks and mortar” type projects, including: Energy Efficiency Buildings/Facilities Retrofits; Transportation Energy Efficiency; Source Reduction, Recycling and Recycled Content Procurement; Traffic Signals and Street Lights; and Renewable Energy Technologies on Government. They also agreed to a local review committee geographically represented by chief elected officials from each of the three counties, city representative with population between 5,000 and 35,000 and a small community with less than 5,000 population, as well as representation from the areas of energy, building trades, public works and solid waste, as long as each county had no more than three representatives each.



Project awards will require DOE approval before costs can be incurred and will need to be completed by March 31, 2012. The funds are part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Projects will need to demonstrate job creation, energy and greenhouse gas reduction, and project timeliness. A minimum 25% match is also required. For more information, contact Gena McCullough, Planning Director at (309)-793-6302, Ext. 146.

In the Iowa Bi-State Region, similar funds are being administered by the Iowa Office of Energy Independence. The State Energy Program is accepting proposals for \$4 million in ARRA energy efficiency program funds through May 1, 2010 or until funds are exhausted through July 30, 2010. For more information on the Iowa Program, go to: <http://www.state.ia.us/government/governor/energy/>

CEDS Progress Report

Mark D. Hunt, Bi-State Regional Commission Economic Development Project Manager, provided the Commissioners an overview of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Progress Report. He explained that Bi-State is required by EDA to produce a Full CEDS update every three years and a CEDS Progress Report in the interim years. Currently, staff is working on a CEDS Progress Report, which is schedule to be completed by June 30. The next full CEDS will be due in 2011.

Producing the CEDS and CEDS Progress Report is a prerequisite for Bi-State or local governments to receive funding from the Economic Development Administration (EDA). The EDA provides \$52,000 annually to Bi-State to be used for economic development assistance to member governments. This amount is matched by \$52,000 in member government dues. Examples of EDA-funded technical assistance include grant writing, training, and data analysis. One of the key portions of the upcoming CEDS Progress Report is a listing of completed, underway, and planned economic development projects. This listing is used demonstrate the Region's progress toward the goals listed in the CEDS, while also identifying needed projects for continued economic development. Commissioners can review the draft project list by contacting Mr. Hunt at mhunt@bistateonline.org. Additionally, Commissioners will have a chance to review the list and CEDS Progress Report at an upcoming Commission meeting.

Mr. Hunt closed by reviewing five EDA grant funded projects in the Region that have either recently been awarded or are being reviewed. Those projects are listed in the table below.

Project Name	Status	Approx. Federal Funding	Approx. Local Match
Eastern Iowa Industrial Center Rail Port, Davenport	Under Review	3,400,000	\$1,100,000
Gateway Industrial Park Infrastructure, East Moline	Under Review	\$4,100,000	\$1,400,000
Economic Development Land Use Analysis, East Moline	Under Review	\$50,000	\$50,000
Mercer-Muscatine Revolving Loan Fund	Awarded	\$750,000	\$250,000
Greater QC Region Data Portal Website (Phase 1 & 2)	Awarded	\$25,000	\$25,000 (In-kind contribution)