



Commission in Review

March 2018

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

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING:

Wed., Apr. 25, 2018
3:30 p.m.

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

SOUND THE ALARM

The American Red Cross of the Quad Cities and West Central Illinois is holding an event on April 28, 2018 to install free smoke alarms in homes.

The goal is to install alarms in 350 houses in Henry, Mercer, Muscatine, Rock Island, and Scott Counties.

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Mission Statement:

To serve as a forum for intergovernmental cooperation and delivery of regional programs and to assist member local governments in planning and project development.

Iowa MVE and Trucking Industry Combat Human Trafficking

Human trafficking, or modern-day slavery, is the exploitation of human beings through force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of commercial sex or forced labor. Human trafficking generates \$9.5 billion per year as reported by the Federal Bureau of Investigations, and there are approximately 40 million slaves around the world, according to Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT).

Sergeant Neil Suckow with the Iowa Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle Enforcement (MVE) reported that the MVE has teamed up with Truckers Against Trafficking to bring awareness to this problem. Together, they seek to educate, equip, empower, and mobilize members of the trucking industry to spot and report suspected cases of human trafficking.

Approximately 100,000 to 300,000 children are at risk of being trafficked into the forced sex trade, and the average age of entry is 13-14 years old. One of the most powerful methods of human traffickers is coercion. They prey on the vulnerable and marginalized, grooming them with false promises and "friendship." Often, traffickers will use social media to find victims who feel they are on the outside, building trust in order to use that against the victim.

Within two days of a person going missing due to human trafficking, that person could be across the country from where they were taken. Interstate 80 runs from coast to coast, straight through the State of Iowa, making it the prime location to spot people being moved across country in human trafficking cases. That is why the trucking industry can be the first line of defense to spot people in need of help. Truck drivers can intersect victims at rest areas, travel plazas or parking lots, hotels or motels, gas stations, places of business, or even on the road. Truck drivers are trained to be vigilant and observant, being the eyes and ears of the road.

Thanks to a vigilant, TAT-trained truck driver while at a Virginia truck stop, a victim of sex trafficking was recovered, and a couple from Clive, Iowa were arrested and found guilty on federal sex trafficking charges. In another case, Sgt. Kevin Killpack of Iowa MVE recovered a missing juvenile from Florida who was being transported across county by a truck driver to keep her from testifying against her trafficker, who was subsequently sentenced to life in prison for sex trafficking.

The Iowa MVE model has been adopted in whole or in part in 35 states. MVE is working to train law enforcement officers, truck drivers, and bus industry employees using TAT training materials. They are also working to stock weigh stations, ports of entry, rest areas, and bus terminals with TAT materials.

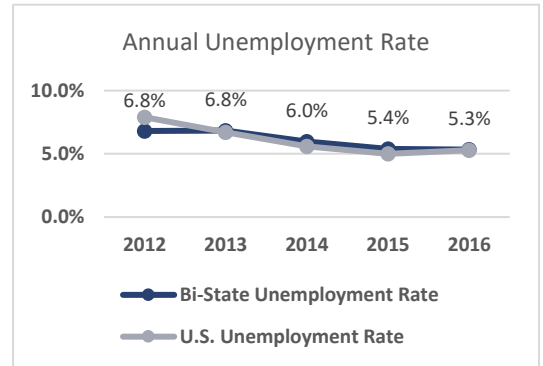
To report a suspected case of human trafficking, call 1-888-3737-888 or dial *55 on a cellular phone.

CEDS Progress Report 2018 Draft Presented for 30-day Review

Lindsay Whitson, Senior Planner at Bi-State Regional Commission, presented a draft of the *2018 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Progress Report*, highlighting a few economic trends seen in the Quad Cities. She also provided a list of the strengths, challenges, opportunities, and threats and emphasized the importance of each community's economic-related projects.

The CEDS is the result of a locally-based, regionally-driven planning process designed to enhance the economic growth of the Bi-State Region. Components of the CEDS Progress Report include a detailed overview of the people, economy, and sense of place of the Bi-State Region; a description of the strengths, challenges, opportunities, and threats; and a list of performance measures to access the progress toward the region's goals.

One trend discussed was the unemployment rate in the Bi-State Region. According to the Illinois Department of Employment Securities and the Iowa Workforce Development, the unemployment has continued to decrease since 2012. Although it may be decreasing by a minimal percent, it appears to be trending similarly to the rate of the United States.



In addition, strengths, challenges, opportunities, and threats were identified. New strengths include the I-74 project beginning construction and the economic development planning efforts taken on by the Mercer County Better Together initiatives. The six-laning of I-80 and its bridge replacement, and the retirement of small business owners have evolved as new challenges in the region.

The document has been posted on Bi-State's website at <http://bistateonline.org/2012-11-14-00-17-31/ceds> and where it will remain until the 30-day comment period is closed. All member governments are strongly encouraged to provide any comment. If we have not yet received a list of projects from your community, please send it to Lindsay Whitson at lwhitson@bistateonline.org as soon as possible.

Transportation Work Activities for Fiscal Year 2019

Annually, the Quad Cities and Region 9 FY2019 Transportation Planning Work Programs (TPWPs) reflect Bi-State staff transportation work activities and budget funding to accomplish that work for July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019. Gena McCullough, Planning Director, described the tasks and activities to be undertaken by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Region 9 for FY2019. She identified four work categories in the TPWPs and highlighted these areas: program support and administration, general development and comprehensive planning, long-range transportation planning, and short-range transportation planning. Key issues include improving river crossing capacity, reducing congestion, integrating safety and security into processes, coordinating modes and connectivity, and helping local jurisdictions implement planned projects.

Ms. McCullough reported transportation planning fund targets for FY2019 that reflect relatively static funding levels for both the Quad Cities MPO and Region 9 Planning Area. The MPO federal share of funds include Iowa Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5305d - \$56,749, Iowa Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Planning - \$270,609 (with carryover), Illinois FTA 5305d - \$74,937 (with carryover), and Illinois FHWA Planning - \$295,107. FTA 5307 Urban Transit Planning funds for the metropolitan transit systems are noted in the Quad Cities program.

The Region 9 federal share of funds include \$10,000 Surface Transportation Block Grant, \$20,152 FTA 5305e (with carryover), \$20,033 FHWA- Special Planning and Research (SPR). All funds are matched with 20% local member dues.

The respective Technical and Policy Committees provide information and feedback on the program activities, while the Bi-State Regional Commission approves the budget and contracts. Transportation planning funds represent nearly 50% of the Bi-State Regional Commission budget.

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**BI-STATE REGIONAL COMMISSION
FY 2017-18 Program Budget Status Report
Through Month of February – 66.7% of Year**

ADOPTED BUDGET:	\$1,951,144.00	EXPLANATION:
EXPENDED THROUGH FEBRUARY:	\$1,146,353.39 (58.8%)	
STAFF LEVEL BUDGETED:	23.00 F.T.E.	
STAFF LEVEL MAINTAINED:	19.5 F.T.E.	

MEMBER GOVERNMENTS SERVED DIRECTLY AND ACTIVITIES DURING FEBRUARY:

ALEDO – MMRLF Coord.; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning.

ALPHA – HCEDP Participation; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning.

ANDALUSIA – RICWMA Staffing; MPO Trans. Coord.; Riverfront Council; Website Support; Municipal Code Update; Mapping Asst.

ANDOVER – HCEDP Participation; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Website Development.

ANNAWAN – Joint Purchasing Council; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Trails Planning/Trails Grant Assistance.

ATKINSON – HCEDP Participation; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Trails Planning; USDA inquiry; ILEPA Loan Application; Website Support; Joint Purchasing Council Info; Zoning Map Inquiry; Census BAS; Grants inquiry.

BETTENDORF – Air Quality Asst.; Drug & Alcohol Consort.; I-74 Bridge Coord.; FTA 5339 Grant Admin.; Transit Planning; Joint Purchasing; QCICNet; Haz. Mit. Plan; Riverfront Council; RLF Loan Admin.; Scott Co. Housing Council; Solid Waste Coord.; Trail Coord.; REAP Plan Update; MPO Trans. Coord.; IDPH Complete Streets; RISE Application & Map; City/DOT Quarterly Mtg.

BLUE GRASS – Reg. 9 Transp. Coord.; Solid Waste Coord.; Hazard Mitigation Plan; Website Support; Zoning Map Update; Census BAS.

BUFFALO – Riverfront Council; Solid Waste Coord.; MPO Trans. Coord.; Trail Planning Coordination; Hazard Mitigation Plan; Liaison; IDPH Complete Streets and Nutrition Grants.

CAMBRIDGE – HCEDP Participation; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Anniv. Logo Graphics Assistance.

CARBON CLIFF – Joint Purchasing; RICWMA Staffing; MPO Trans. Coord.; Trail Planning, GIT Coord.

COAL VALLEY – Joint Purchasing; MPO Trans. Coord.; MUNICES Coord.; RICWMA Staffing; Floodplain; Census BAS.

COLONA – Joint Purchasing & Inquiry; Floodplain; GIT and Hennepin Parkway Coord.; MPO Coord.

CORDOVA – RICWMA Staffing; Riverfront Council; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning.

DAVENPORT – Air Quality Asst.; Transit Planning; FTA 5339 Grant Admin. and 5307 funding inquiry; Joint Purchasing; QCICNet; Riverfront Council; RLF Loan Admin.; Scott Co. Housing Council; Solid Waste Coord.; Haz. Mit. Plan; Trails Planning; MPO Trans. Coord.; RISE Letter of Concurrence; School Distr. Safe Routes to School inquiry; IDPH Complete Streets; City/DOT Quarterly Mtg.

EAST MOLINE – Air Quality Asst.; E9-1-1 Coord.; IL QC Intergov. Comm.; Joint Purchasing; MUNICES Coord.; QCICNet; RICWMA Staffing; Riverfront Council; RLF Admin.; RMS Coord.; Interop. Proj.; MPO Trans. Coord.; Trail Planning & GIT Coord.

ELDRIDGE – Drug & Alcohol Consort.; Solid Waste Coord.; Website Support; Haz. Mit. Plan; Trails Planning; IDPH Complete Streets/Sidewalk Assessment and Policy, MPO Trans. Coord.

FRUITLAND – Reg.9 Transp. Coord.; Solid Waste Coord.; IDPH Complete Streets; Municipal Code Update.

GALVA – HCEDP Participation; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning.

GENESEO – HCEDP Part.; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Trail Planning and Hennepin Parkway Coord.

HAMPTON – MUNICES Coord.; RICWMA Staffing; MPO Trans. Coord.; Riverfront Council.

HENRY COUNTY – HCEDP Part.; Joint Purch.; Transit Mobility/HSTP Plan.; Trail & Greenway Plan/Hennepin Parkway Coord./Map; MPO Trans. Coord.; Enterprise Zone App.; NW IL Water Supply Study.

HILLSDALE – Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning.

KEWANEE – Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning.

LECLAIRE – Joint Purchasing; Riverfront Council; Solid Waste Coord.; MPO Trans. Coord.; Trails Planning and Funding Inquiry; Zoning/ Ordinance; IDPH Complete Streets/Sidewalk Assessment and Policy; Hazard Mitigation Plan.

LONG GROVE – Reg. 9 Trans. Coord.; IDPH Complete Streets; Solid Waste Coord.; Website Support; Code and Comp Plan Proposals; Hazard Mitigation Plan.

MCCAUSLAND – Reg. 9 Trans. Coord.; Solid Waste Coord.; IDPH Complete Streets; Hazard Mitigation Plan.

MILAN – E9-1-1 Coord.; IL QC Intergov. Comm.; Joint Purchasing; MUNICES Coord.; QCICNet; RICWMA Staffing; MPO Trans. Coord.; RLF Admin.; RMS Coord.; Interoperability Project; Cons. Dispatch Study Asst.; Comp Plan Update.

MOLINE – Air Quality Asst.; E9-1-1 Coord.; Joint Purch.; I-74 Bridge Coord.; IL QC Intergov. Comm.; MUNICES Coord.; QCICNet; RICWMA Staffing; Riverfront Cncl; RLF Adm.; RMS Coord.; Trails Coord.; Loan Traffic Counters; MPO Trans. Coord.; Interop. Proj.

MUSCATINE CITY – Air Quality Asst.; Joint Purch.; Reg. 9 Transportation Coord.; IDPH Complete Streets; MMRLF Coord.; Solid Waste Coord.; Trails Planning/ADT Coord. & signage; Trails Use Count Collection.

MUSCATINE COUNTY – Air Quality Asst.; Joint Purch.; Reg. 9 Coord. & Port Coord. Mtg.; Trails Plan/ADT Coord.; Transit Mobility Coord.; MMRLF Coord.; Cedar River Watershed Planning.

NEW BOSTON – Transit Mobility Coord./HSTP Planning; ITEP Grant Inquiry; Grant Administration.

NICHOLS – Services Presentation; IDPH Complete Streets; FEMA Fire Grant Asst.

OAK GROVE – E9-1-1 Coord.; MPO Trans. Coord.; Census BAS.

ORION – HCEDP Participation; Website Support; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Census BAS.

PORT BYRON – RICWMA Staffing; MPO Trans. Coord.; Riverfront Council.

PRINCETON – Riverfront Council; Solid Waste Coord.; MPO Trans. Coord.; IDPH Complete Streets; Trail Planning; Hazard Mitigation Plan.

RAPIDS CITY – RICWMA Staffing; Riverfront Council; MPO Trans. Coord.

RIVERDALE – Riverfront Council; MPO Trans. Coord.; Solid Waste Coord.; IDPH Complete Streets; Trails Coord; Website Support; Hazard Mitigation Plan.

ROCK ISLAND CITY – Air Quality Asst.; E9-1-1 Coord.; IL QC Intergov. Comm.; Joint Purch.; MUNICES Coord.; QCICNet; Riverfront Cncl.; RICWMA Sftg.; RLF Loan Admin.; RMS Coord.; Interop. Proj.; Trails Coordination; MPO Trans. Coord.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY – Air Quality Asst.; E9-1-1 Coord.; IL QC Intergov. Comm.; Joint Purchasing; LEPC Committee; MUNICES Coord.; QCICNet; RICWMA Sftg. & Website Support; RMS Coord.; Trail Coord.; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning + QC Rideshare; Passenger Rail; Floodplain Coord. Efforts; QC Health Initiative; MPO Trans. Coord.; Enterprise Zone App.; Forest Preserve Plan Update/Complete Streets; Census BAS; GMAHA HUD Environmental Review; NW IL Water Supply Study; Graphics Assistance-Stationery.

SCOTT COUNTY – Financial Mgmt – Scott Co. KIDS and Scott Co. Hsg. Cncl.; Air Quality Coord.; I-74 Bridge Coord.; Joint Purch.; QCICNet, Reg. 9 Transportation Coord. & MPO Trans. Coord.; RLF Admin.; IDPH Complete Streets Planning; Trail Planning/ADT Coord.; REAP Plan Update; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning + IA/QC Rideshare; Interop. Project; QC Health Initiative; Countywide IT Services/Equipment Coord.; Hazard Mitigation Plan Update; QC & Co EPC Meetings; QC Earth Coalition; Census BAS.

SHERRARD – Joint Purchasing; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Website Support; IL EPA Loan Application.

SILVIS – E9-1-1 Coord.; IL Intergov. Comm. Coord.; Joint Purch.; MUNICES Coord.; QCICNet; RICWMA Sftg.; RMS Coord.; MPO Trans. Coord.; Trails Planning & GIT Coord. and TA funding implementation; RLF Loan Admin.; Census BAS

VIOLA – Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning.

WALCOTT – Reg. 9 Transportation Coord.; RLF Admin; Solid Waste Coord.; IDPH Complete Streets; Comp Plan Update; Trail Coord.; Hazard Mitigation Plan.

WEST LIBERTY – Air Qual. Coord.; Reg. 9 Transportation Coord.; IDPH Complete Streets; Trails Plan/ADT Coord. Solid Waste Coord.; MMRLF; Housing Assessment Mtg.

WILTON – Air Qual. Coord.; Reg. 9 Transp. Coord.; IDPH Complete Streets; Solid Waste Coord.; MMRLF.

WINDSOR – Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; CDBG Grant Admin.

WOODHULL – HCEDP Participation; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning.

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COMMUNITY/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Provided information to Henry County Economic Development Partnership (HCEDP) board. Attended IA RELAT meetings. Attended Iowa Regional Council of Governments meeting. Assisted members with legislative priorities and participated in Springfield Illinois delegation visit. Organized to host 2 “Big Table” discussions. Communicated with Mercer and Muscatine Counties’ economic development officials to discuss development efforts and strategies. Attended Iowa COG training conference. Continued CEDS update and projects list. Data warehouse www.greaterqcregiondata.org website refinements.

DATA/GRAPHICS/MAPPING/ON-LINE SERVICES

Data Center: Staff responded to 11 data and map requests including 4 from local governments, 4 from non-profits, 2 from businesses, and one from the media. The data section of the Bi-State website had 30 page views. The data portal (www.greaterqcregiondata.org) had 167 sessions and 448 page views. Staff activities included: collecting data for the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Plan Update, and a Walcott Comprehensive Plan Update; and helping governments prepare for the 2020 Census - Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) and Boundary Annexation Survey (BAS) Programs.

Graphics/GIS/Mapping: Alternative Fuels Summit Flier Development; Coverage Area Map for WQPT; QC Street Map (Folded & Wall Versions) Distribution; QCTrails.org Website; Region-wide Aerial Photo Update Coordination; Transit Development Plan Mapping; Update/Maintain GIS Data for Street Centerlines, Traffic Counts, MPA Boundary, Federal Functional Class Routes, Urban Areas, Corporate Limits, Landmarks, Rail, Trails, and other layers.

www.bistateonline.org: Total pages viewed for February 2018 was 2,366 and top pages viewed included: Home Page (712); Joint Purchasing Council/Bid Notices & Tabulations (412); Average Daily Traffic Counts (101); Documents (89); Our Staff (81); Search (80); I-74 Bridge Construction Update (51); and Contact Us (48).

ENVIRONMENTAL, RECREATION, RIVERFRONT SERVICES: Responded to inquiries & assisted with trail/recreation project funding assistance/grants and trail use counting. Preparing Rock Island County Forest Preserve Plan, Henry County Greenways and Trails Plan, and Muscatine County Trails Plan updates. Served Rock Island County Waste Management Agency (RICWMA) with oversight, and management of waste disposal and recycling programs, drop-off recycling program, reporting, and overall agency administration. Responded to RICWMA telephone inquiries from general public & media concerning solid waste and recycling issues. Participated in stormwater conference and NW IL Water Supply Study. Continued coordination of issues related to Bi-State Region Clean Air Partnership and strategies for emission reduction. Planning for alternative fuels/vehicles workshop April 3. Continued multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation planning. Attended River Action meetings. Organized and held bi-monthly meeting of Quad City Riverfront Council.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL FORUMS AND REGIONAL SERVICES: Continued assistance to the Joint Purchasing Council (JPC). Worked on the following bids: utility supplies, turf chemicals, can liners, food service supplies, janitorial supplies, printer supplies and copier paper. Staffed Quad Cities Area intergovernmental forums and meetings of managers, administrators, and chief elected officials. Continued coordination and planning for the awarded Department of Justice interoperability grant. Assisted with Rock Island Arsenal issues. Participated in QC Emergency Planning Committee meeting.

REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF): Administered Bi-State RLF Program: Prepared meeting cancellation and financial summary report. Provided information to potential applicants. Continued receiving job creation information from active companies. Administered Mercer/Muscatine RLF Program (MMRLF): Prepared financial summary report. Provided information to potential applicants. Worked with Aledo, Muscatine City and County, West Liberty, and Wilton to identify potential projects for gap financing.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING, PROGRAMMING AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT: Attended related meetings, presented information, and continued staff coordination of river crossing issues. Served transportation inquiries on projects, funding, and rail crossings. Held interdisciplinary traffic safety meeting. Monitoring bridge restrictions. Prepared monthly reports of federal transportation programs and coordinated related funding/reporting. Monitored air quality emission issues and exceedances. Submitted/awarded extreme weather durability and resiliency assessment funding request. Worked on connections of American Discovery Trail (ADT)/Grand Illinois Trail and Mississippi River Trail and attended related meetings (IL Greenways/Trails Council), as well as other trails planning and grant assistance. Facilitated QCTrails.org site maintenance. Conducted trails counter analysis. Facilitated issues related to Bi-State Regional Trails Committee and reviewed IL ITEP applications. Facilitated Complete Streets projects for sidewalk policies development. Coordinated Bi-State Drug and Alcohol Testing Consortium random testing program. Continued Transit Development Plan update. Developed outreach strategy for QC Rideshare dashboard. Monitored MPO and Iowa Region 9 FY18 Transportation Planning Work Programs and coordinated MPO FY18 TPWP revisions. Prepared FY19 TPWP. Monitored MPO & Region 9 Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2018-21 Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP), including facilitating TIP revisions, monitoring Iowa federal aid swap policy, and maintenance of data entry in Iowa Transportation Project Management System (TPMS) as part of transportation improvement programming. Supported states’ traffic safety performance measures targets. Administered Illinois Region 2 transit HSTP coordinator position and attended RIM meeting. Administered Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5339 grants. Monitored status of implementation of passenger rail service to Chicago. Participated in ILDOT planning carryover and performance management tele-meetings. Participated in webinars, workshops, and conferences on various transportation topics related to performance management; freight, transit asset management, walking, and bicycles.