



Commission in Review

September 2018

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

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING:

Wed., Oct. 24, 2018
3:30 p.m.

Rock Island Co. Office Bldg.
3rd Floor Board Room
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

APBA WEBINAR

Good Sidewalk Design

Wed., Nov. 14, 2018
2:00-3:00 p.m.

Bi-State Regional
Commission Conference
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1504 Third Avenue
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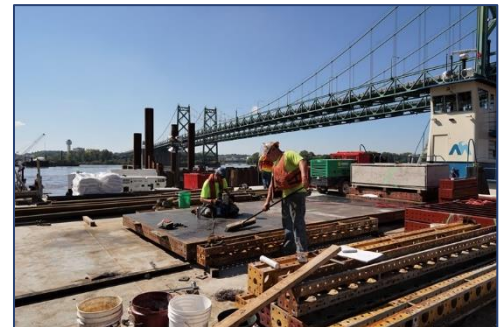
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*To serve as a forum
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programs and to
assist member local
governments in
planning and project
development.*

I-74 Bridge Corridor 2018 Update

George Ryan, P.E., I-74 Corridor Manager, Wood Consultants, provided a status report on the I-74 Corridor project. He was previously the District Engineer with Illinois Department of the Transportation in District 2, and managed the I-74 Bridge reconstruction in Peoria, bringing needed experience to the I-74 Bridge Corridor Project in the Bi-State Region.

Mr. Ryan provided an overview of the contractors on all projects that had been let for bid and information regarding future lettings. There have been multiple challenges to the work in the river due to flooding, and the contractor lost about 1.5 months in the schedule. While the contractor builds in “float” on a schedule to allow for some delays, the impact of flooding is reducing the flexibility in the schedule. The contractor is adjusting the schedule and staging other work when possible to alleviate the issues.



In Iowa, the contractors have been working on the new entrance ramp over Mississippi Boulevard, the spans of the new westbound deck, the new westbound off-ramp to Grant Street/U.S. 67, storm sewers in the median of I-74, and a retaining wall along 14th Street.

In Illinois, the contractors have been working on 7th Avenue, the embankment for pavement and pier construction, the I-74 mainline, setting piers to the riverfront, and preparing the for the arch assembly, which is set to begin in the fall or early winter 2018. Traffic shifted to the new pavement on I-74 south of Avenue of the Cities so that work on the outside lanes could be completed.

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The project team is coordinating with the U.S. Coast Guard, Iowa DNR, and Army Corps of Engineers regarding river traffic and warning boaters about the construction zone. Coordination with other bridge projects has been occurring through meetings with Bi-State and the project team.

Mr. Ryan also discussed efforts to reduce congestion in 2019. Davenport CitiBus, in conjunction with MetroLINK and the City of Bettendorf, will offer additional buses beginning this year through spring 2020. The project team will continue to raise awareness of the QC Rideshare site, which offers the public alternate ways to get around the area through transit, bike trails, and ride-sharing. In addition, the Iowa DOT will implement a Highway Helper program in the fall 2018, providing an emergency assistance truck along I-74.

Mr. Ryan stated the project team continues to meet with municipalities, Bi-State, and emergency response teams on a regular basis. The project continues to receive a large number of positive media coverage as well as attention on social media and the project website.

Next steps will include continuing coordinating river traffic safety and reaching out to the public and business groups to inform them of the 2019 detours including distribution of an e-newsletter and hosting a news conference regarding the detours. The need for outreach to the Quad City International Airport was also identified.



Title VI Program and Non-Discrimination Policy

As a recipient of federal funds, Bi-State Regional Commission must adhere to Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Acts, which states: “No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.” As part of its compliance with the law and subsequent executive orders (EO 12250, EO 12898, and EO 13166), Bi-State must submit its non-discrimination policy and program plan to the Iowa Department of Transportation and Federal Transit Administration every three years for review.

Analyses of the effects of federally-funded transportation projects on certain populations are included in the program plan. Those specific population groups are low-income households, racial minorities, and limited English proficiency (LEP) populations. The analyses in Bi-State’s Title VI Program did not see outsized negative effects on those populations, and census tracts with higher proportions of those groups were generally well-served by public transit services.

Bi-State’s non-discrimination policy in the planning process is noted in documents using federal funds, such as the Long Range Transportation Plan, Transit Development Plan, and Transportation Planning Work Program. Bi-State’s outreach to target populations is achieved through eliminating barriers to participation by offering meeting locations around the Bi-State Region at various times of day to allow as many participants as possible. The 2018 update to Bi-State’s Title VI Program and Non-Discrimination Policy includes identification of staff responsible for Title VI oversight, efforts made to reach out to Title VI target populations, and procedures to address discrimination complaints in the planning process and of the agency.

**BI-STATE REGIONAL COMMISSION
FY 2018-19 Program Budget Status Report
Through Month of August – 16.7% of Year**

ADOPTED BUDGET:	\$1,966,425.00	EXPLANATION:
EXPENDED THROUGH AUGUST:	\$307,431.25 (15.6%)	
STAFF LEVEL BUDGETED:	22.0 F.T.E.	
STAFF LEVEL MAINTAINED:	20.0 F.T.E.	

MEMBER GOVERNMENTS SERVED DIRECTLY AND ACTIVITIES DURING AUGUST:

- ALEDO** – MMRLF Coord.; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Aerial Photo Inquiry; Recycling Inquiry.
- ALPHA** – HCEDP Participation; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Alternative Transportation Grant Meeting.
- ANDALUSIA** – RICWMA Staffing; MPO Trans. Coord.; Riverfront Council; Website Support; Municipal Code Update; Flood Risk Map.
- ANDOVER** – HCEDP Participation; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Website Support.
- ANNAWAN** – Joint Purchasing Council; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Trails and Greenway Planning; HCEDP and EZ Participation.
- ATKINSON** – HCEDP and EZ Participation; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Trails and Greenway Planning; Website Support.
- BETTENDORF** – Air Quality; Drug & Alcohol Consort.; I-74 Bridge Coord.; Transit Planning-Performance Measures Coord.; Joint Purchasing; Haz. Mit. Plan; Riverfront Council; RLF Loan Admin.; Scott Co. Housing Council; Solid Waste Coord.; Trail Coord.; REAP Plan Update; MPO Trans. Coord.; MRCTI; Aerial Photo Coord.
- BLUE GRASS** – Reg. 9 Transp. Coord.; Solid Waste Coord.; Hazard Mitigation Plan; Website Support.
- BUFFALO** – Riverfront Council; Solid Waste Coord.; MPO Trans. Coord.; Trail Planning Coordination; Hazard Mitigation Plan; RDA Grants; IT Study.
- CAMBRIDGE** – HCEDP and EZ Participation; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Zoning Map Inquiry; Aerial Photo Coord.
- CARBON CLIFF** – Joint Purchasing; RICWMA Staffing; MPO Trans. Coord.; Trail Planning, GIT Coord.; Aerial Photo Coord.
- COAL VALLEY** – Joint Purchasing; MPO Trans. Coord.; MUNICES Coord.; RICWMA Staffing; Floodplain; Utility Map & ESRI Inquiry.
- COLONA** – HCEDP Participation; Joint Purchasing; Floodplain; Trails and Greenway Planning; GIT and Hennepin Parkway Coord.; MPO Coord.; Utility Map; SRTS Inquiry.
- CORDOVA** – RICWMA Staffing; Riverfront Council; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Boat Access Grant Follow-up.
- DAVENPORT** – Air Quality Asst.; Transit Planning-Performance Measures Coordination; FTA 5339 Grant Admin.; Joint Purchasing; Riverfront Council; RLF Loan Admin.; Scott Co. Housing Council; Solid Waste Coord.; Haz. Mit. Plan; Trails Planning; MPO Trans. Coord.; IADOT/City Qtrly. Mtg.; QCTrails.org; QC TELL; REAP Plan Update; MRCTI; Aerial Photo Coord.
- EAST MOLINE** – Air Quality Asst.; E9-1-1 Coord.; Joint Purchasing; MUNICES Coord.; RICWMA Staffing; Riverfront Council; RLF Admin.; RMS Coord.; MPO Trans. Coord./STBG Inquiry Follow-up; Trail Planning & GIT Coord.; MRCTI; Aerial Photo Coord.
- ELDRIDGE** – Drug & Alcohol Consort.; Solid Waste Coord.; Website Support; Haz. Mit. Plan; Trails Planning; MPO Trans. Coord.
- FRUITLAND** – Reg.9 Transp. Coord.; Solid Waste Coord.; Municipal Code Update.
- GALVA** – HCEDP and EZ Participation; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Trails and Greenway Planning.
- GENESEO** – HCEDP Part.; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Trail Planning and Hennepin Parkway Coord.; Zoning & Ward Maps; Aerial Photo Coord.
- HAMPTON** – MUNICES Coord.; RICWMA Staffing; MPO Trans. Coord.; Riverfront Council; Complete Streets Planning; Aerial Photo Coord.
- HENRY COUNTY** – HCEDP Part.; Joint Purch.; Transit Mobility/HSTP Plan.; Trail & Greenway Plan & Mapping/Hennepin Parkway Coord.; MPO Trans. Coord.; Enterprise Zone App.; Zoning & LESA Reviews.
- HILLSDALE** – Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Floodplain.
- KEITHSBURG** – CDBG Grant Admin.; OSLAD Grant.
- KEWANEE** – HCEDP and EZ Participation; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Trails and Greenway Planning; Joint Purchasing Information.
- LECLAIRE** – Joint Purchasing; Riverfront Council; Solid Waste Coord.; MPO Trans. Coord.; Trails Planning and Funding Inquiry; REAP Grant Appl.; Hazard Mitigation Plan; IT Study.
- LONG GROVE** – Reg. 9 Trans. Coord.; Solid Waste Coord.; Website Support; Hazard Mitigation Plan; IT Study.
- MCCAUSLAND** – Reg. 9 Trans. Coord.; Solid Waste Coord.; Hazard Mitigation Plan; IT Study.
- MILAN** – E9-1-1 Coord.; Joint Purchasing; MUNICES Coord.; RICWMA Staffing; MPO Trans. Coord.; RLF Admin.; RMS Coord.; Cons. Dispatch Study Asst.; Comp Plan Update; Fact Sheet Update; Trails Planning; Complete Streets; QCTrails.org; Mapping Asst.; Aerial Photo Coord.
- MOLINE** – Air Quality Asst.; E9-1-1 Coord.; Joint Purch.; I-74 Bridge Coord.; MUNICES Coord.; RICWMA Staffing; Riverfront Cncl; RLF Adm.; RMS Coord.; Trails Coord. and Complete Streets Planning; MPO Trans. Coord.; QCTrails.org; MRCTI; Aerial Photo Coord.
- MUSCATINE CITY** – Air Quality Asst.; Joint Purch.; Reg. 9 Transportation Coord.; MMRLF Coord.; Solid Waste Coord.; Trails Planning/ADT Coord. & Trails Counting; Trails Use Count Collection; MRCTI; Aerial Photo Coord.
- MUSCATINE COUNTY** – Air Quality Asst.; Joint Purch.; Reg. 9 Coord. & STBG Inquiry; Trails Plan Update/ADT Coord.; Transit Mobility Coord.; MMRLF Coord.; Cedar River Watershed Planning; 2019 Aerial Photo Coord.; MRCTI.
- NEW BOSTON** – Transit Mobility Coord./HSTP Planning; OSLAD Grant Administration Asst.
- NICHOLS** – CDBG Wastewater Funding Inquiry.
- OAK GROVE** – E9-1-1 Coord.; MPO Trans. Coord.; Census Building Permits, Census LUCA Support.
- ORION** – HCEDP and EZ Participation; Website Support; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; OSLAD Grant App.
- PORT BYRON** – RICWMA Staffing; MPO Trans. Coord.; Riverfront Council; Trails Coord. and Complete Streets; MRCTI.
- PRINCETON** – Riverfront Council; Solid Waste Coord.; MPO Trans. Coord.; Trail Planning & Grant Appl.; Hazard Mitigation Plan; REAP Grant Appl.; Zoning Maps; IT Study.
- RAPIDS CITY** – RICWMA Staffing; Riverfront Council; MPO Trans. Coord.; OSLAD Grant.
- RIVERDALE** – Riverfront Council; MPO Trans. Coord.; Solid Waste Coord.; Trails Coord & Signage Inquiry; Website Support; Haz. Mit. Plan; MRCTI; IT Study.
- ROCK ISLAND CITY** – Air Quality Asst.; E9-1-1 Coord.; Joint Purch.; MUNICES Coord.; Riverfront Cncl.; RICWMA Stfg.; RLF Loan Admin.; RMS Coord.; Trails Coordination; MPO Trans. Coord.; QCTrails.org; Complete Streets Planning; MRCTI; Aerial Photo Coord.
- ROCK ISLAND COUNTY** – Air Quality Asst.; E9-1-1 Coord.; Joint Purchasing; QCEPC Committee; MUNICES Coord.; RICWMA Stfg. & Website Support; RMS Coord.; Trail Coord.; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning + QC Rideshare; Passenger Rail; Floodplain Coord. Efforts; QC Health Initiative; MPO Trans. Coord.; Forest Preserve Plan Update/Complete Streets, Map Updates; Stationery-Business Cards.; Comp Plan Update Grant Award; Aerial Photo Coord.; OSLAD Grant App.
- 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.; Federal Aid Swap Policy; Parkview Traffic Analysis; RLF Admin.; 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 EPC Meeting; Zoning Review; 2019 Aerial Photo Coord.; Economic Development Summit Planning.
- SHERRARD** – Joint Purchasing; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Website Support.
- SILVIS** – E9-1-1 Coord.; IL Intergov. Comm. Coord.; Joint Purch.; MUNICES Coord.; RICWMA Stfg.; RMS Coord.; MPO Trans. Coord.; Trails Planning & GIT Coord.; RLF Loan Admin; Mapping Asst.; Liaison Visit; Aerial Photo Coord.
- VIOLA** – Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Mapping Asst.; Ordinance Examples.
- WALCOTT** – Reg. 9 Transportation Coord.; RLF Admin; Solid Waste Coord.; Comp Plan Update; Trail Coord.; Hazard Mitigation Plan; IT Study.
- WEST LIBERTY** – Air Qual. Coord.; Reg. 9 Transportation Coord.; Trails Plan/ADT Coord. Solid Waste Coord.; MMRLF.
- WILTON** – Air Qual. Coord.; Reg. 9 Transp. Coord.; Solid Waste Coord.; MMRLF; Traffic Study.
- WINDSOR** – Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; CDBG Grant Admin. & Bid Opening.
- WOODHULL** – HCEDP and EZ Participation; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning.

Bi-State Report –August

COMMUNITY/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Provided information to Henry County Economic Development Partnership (HCEDP) board and follow-up for the Enterprise Zone application. Began planning economic summits. Attended Iowa Regional Council of Governments meeting. Data warehouse www.greaterqcregiondata.org website refinements. Attended community/economic development conference, trainings and webinars, including Midwest CDI training. Began comparing economic development software. Attended CDBG training.

DATA/GRAPHICS/MAPPING/ON-LINE SERVICES

Data Center: Staff responded to 7 data and map requests including 2 from non-profits, 2 from private citizens, 1 from a local business, 1 from an academic group and 1 from a local government. The data section of the Bi-State website had 47 page views. The data portal (www.greaterqcregiondata.org) had 97 sessions and 670 page views. Staff continued coordination of enhancements to the Data Portal Website including updates for the most recent American Community Survey Report. Staff assisted with and monitored the 2020 Census, including Participant Statistical Areas Program (PSAP), Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA), and Hard to Count Areas.

Graphics/GIS/Mapping: QC Street Map (Folded & Wall Versions) Distribution; QCTrails.org Website Maintenance-trail safety alerts; Region-wide Aerial Photo Update Coordination; Region 9 Transportation Improvement Plan Mapping; 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, zoning, utilities. Continued coordination of 2019 Aerial Photo project.

www.bistateonline.org: Total pages viewed for August 2018 was 2,408 and top pages viewed included: Joint Purchasing Council/Bid Notices (272); Average Daily Traffic Counts (63); Our Staff (114); Contact Us (56); Quad Cities MPO Home (53); Search (52); and Who We Are (55).

ENVIRONMENTAL, RECREATION, RIVERFRONT SERVICES: Responded to inquiries & assisted with trail/recreation project funding assistance/grants and trail use counting. Began fielding STRS requests. Preparing Rock Island County Forest Preserve Plan, Rock Island County Greenways and Trails Plan, and Muscatine County Trails Plan updates. Completed Henry County addition to QCTrails.com. Prepared Scott County REAP Plan update and applications. 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 NW IL Water Supply Study. Continued coordination of issues related to Bi-State Region Clean Air Partnership and strategies for emission reduction. Assisted with MRCTI outreach. Began development for 2019 alternative energy workshop. Continued multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation planning. Attended River Action meetings.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL FORUMS AND REGIONAL SERVICES: Continued assistance to the Joint Purchasing Council (JPC). Worked on the following bids: calendar, printer and copier paper, and printer supplies. Staffed Quad Cities Area intergovernmental forums and meetings of managers, administrators, and chief elected officials. Assisted with Rock Island Arsenal issues. Participated in emergency planning and preparedness meetings. Provided follow-up for Scott County smaller community IT study.

REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF): Administered Bi-State RLF Program: Prepared meeting cancellation notice and financial summary report. Continue working with Davenport company for application information. Continued receiving job creation information from active companies. Met with Rock Island City staff regarding program. Administered Mercer/Muscatine RLF Program (MMRLF): Prepared agenda, minutes, and financial summary report. Board revised By-Laws, adopted updated RLF Plan and worked on marketing strategy, and facilitated new board member acquisition. 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. Monitored bridge restrictions. Prepared monthly reports of federal transportation programs and coordinated related funding/reporting. Monitored air quality emission issues and exceedances. Organizing extreme weather durability and resiliency assessment pilot. Coordinated contracting for Illinois 92 corridor and QC Mississippi River Rail Bridges ILSPR grants. Awarded rural transportation planning grant. Discussed RFP procurement process for Freight Rails Needs Study. Worked on connections of American Discovery Trail (ADT)/Grand Illinois Trail and Mississippi River Trail and attended related meetings, as well as other trails planning and grant assistance. Facilitated QCTrails.org and QC Rideshare sites maintenance. Conducted trails counter technical assistance. Facilitated issues related to Bi-State Regional Trails Committee. Coordinated Bi-State Drug and Alcohol Testing Consortium random testing program, and continued to facilitate vendor RFP. Monitored MPO and Iowa Region 9 FY18 Transportation Planning Work Programs. Completed final FY19 TPWPs and publication. Monitored MPO & Region 9 Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2019-22 Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP), including facilitating TIP revisions, and maintenance of data entry in Iowa Transportation Project Management System (TPMS) as part of transportation improvement programming. Continued model development coordination, including beginning to address parcel data needs. Addressing performance measures requirements. Held transit coordination meeting. Administered Illinois Region 2 transit HSTP coordinator position. Administered Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5339 grant. Addressed Title VI update requirements. Monitored status of implementation of passenger rail service to Chicago. Participated in webinars, workshops, and conferences on various transportation topics related to green infrastructure, walking, and bicycles.