

**MINUTES OF THE
BI-STATE REGIONAL COMMISSION**

Wednesday, September 26, 2018, 3:30 p.m.
Rock Island County Office Building
County Board Chambers, Third Floor
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, IL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Earnhardt – Chair, Beck, Broderson, Dawson, Freeman, Gradert, Heninger, Kiser, Klipsch, Knobbe, Lack, Lawrence, Maranda, Mather, Mendenhall, O’Boyle, Schloemer, Sherwin, Thoms, Tompkins

MEMBERS ABSENT: Acri, Brown, Callaway-Thompson, Carroll-Duda, Condon, Gallagher, Geenen, Looney, Moore, Newton-Butt, Sauer, Stoermer, Tank, Terry, Waldron

OTHERS PRESENT: George Ryan, P.E., I-74 Corridor Manager, Wood Consultants; Kristina Kuehling, Sr. Associate Project Manager, Images, Inc.

STAFF PRESENT: Bulat, Grabowski, McCullough, Schmid

Chair Earnhardt called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. and asked for introductions of attendees.

1. Approval of the August 22, 2018 Minutes. Mayor Klipsch moved to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2018 meeting as presented. Mayor Thoms seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer’s Report. Mayor O’Boyle presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending August 31, 2018, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$879,289.09. Mayor O’Boyle moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Ms. Mendenhall seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
3. Finance and Personnel Committee.
 - a. Bills. Mayor O’Boyle presented the bills totaling \$52,896.86, as listed on the following bills listing:

Bills List

Opportunity Alliance LLC, consulting related to the enterprise zone application, August 2018 services, (cost reimbursed by participating member governments)	\$ 6,667.00
Thomas A. Skorepa, P.C., Administrator Hearing Officer August 2018 services (cost reimbursed by MUNICES)	3,955.00
SHI International Corp, Creative Cloud & Photoshop software licenses	3,185.00
The Roosevelt Group LLC, August 2018 Legislative Technical Services (cost reimbursed by participating member governments)	20,000.00

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, beginning 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.

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.

5. Consideration of Title VI Program and Non-Discrimination Policy for Bi-State Regional Commission 2018 Update. Mr. Schmid reported that 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.

Mr. Schmid said that 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.

Mayor Klipsch moved approval of the document, and Mr. Schloemer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Questions or Comments by Commissioners. There were no further questions or comments by Commissioners.
7. Other Business. Ms. Bulat asked Commissioners to pick up copies of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy documents before leaving the meeting. Ms. Bulat also reminded Commissioners that the October meeting will also be in the Rock Island County Office Building, Third Floor County Board Room. Mr. Gradert thanked the staff of Bi-State for their work on the enterprise zones.
8. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy Carroll-Duda
Secretary