

AGENDA
QUAD CITIES, IOWA-ILLINOIS
METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, March 25, 2014 12:00 noon
Bi-State Regional Commission, Third Floor Conference Room
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois
Mayor Bob Gallagher, Chair

1. Approval of Minutes of the February 25, 2014 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting (Copies of the meeting minutes are enclosed in Committee members' packets.)
2. Consideration of Revisions to the FFY2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (The City of Davenport has requested a revision for DA-12-02 Forest Grove Road and Utica Ridge Road as part of an adjustment to the scope of work on Utica Ridge Road. A copy of the revision is enclosed in Committee members' packets.) – Brandon Melton
3. Consideration of the Bi-State Region Transit Development Plan (TDP) 2014 Update (The draft TDP can be viewed on-line at www.bistateonline.org. The Regional Transit Interest Group and interested stakeholders are encouraged to review the draft online and provide comments.) – Lindsay Whitson and Bryan Schmid
4. Presentation on FY2015 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) (The draft TPWP is enclosed in Committee members' packets. The TPWP outlines Bi-State Regional Commission transportation planning and work tasks for the upcoming fiscal year–July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. Interested stakeholders and the public are encouraged to review the major issues and activities provided in a summary sheet with the agenda for comments to the Policy Committee and view the draft online at <http://bistateonline.org/index.php/transportation/quad-cities-metro-planning/2012-11-13-20-10-34/quad-cities-metro-tpwp-transportation-planning-work-program>.) – Gena McCullough
5. Presentation on MAP-21 Performance Measures and Traffic Safety – Brandon Melton and Bryan Schmid
6. Public Comments
7. Other Business
8. Adjournment

cc: Transportation Technical Committee, Regional Transportation Advisory Group (Urban and Combined Interests) and Media

Please contact Gena McCullough at Bi-State (309)793-6302, Ext. 146 **before NOON Monday, March 24, 2014** to indicate your attendance and facilitate a quorum. Voting alternates must be an elected official from the respective jurisdiction or MetroLINK board member. **NO LUNCHESES** will be served at the meeting. A light snack will be available.

Transportation Planning Work Program 2014

What is a TPWP?

Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP): The work plan, sometimes known as a Unified Work Program, is used by Bi-State Regional Commission staff to carry out metro transportation planning requirements for the Quad Cities Metropolitan Area and advance long range plans for the Quad Cities transportation network. The annual work plan is for July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. The plan contains a budget to provide staffing, equipment and supplies to carry out these activities by Bi-State Regional Commission.

What is the process?

Each year Bi-State Regional Commission staff review and update the work tasks to implement the current Quad Cities long range transportation goals and performance objectives. This is done in cooperation, coordination, and continual review with local governments and stakeholders interested in the metro area transportation system. Major transportation issues are reviewed and modified with current and changing conditions to develop an efficient, reliable, and vital Quad Cities multi-modal transportation network. Staff work with the Quad Cities Transportation Policy and Technical Committees to review and modify these work activities. Bi-State Regional Commission board approves the budget and authorizes the grants that fund the planning effort.

Major Transportation Issues in the Quad Cities?

The transportation planning process is not static. We are continually looking at and determining how to make our system better. Top issues needing attention include:

- **Improve** River Crossing Capacity
- **Reduce** Congestion and Improve Mobility Choices – Air Quality
- **Coordinate** Modes for Sustainability
- **Implement** Long Range Transportation Plan Projects
- **Coordinate** Passenger Transportation Opportunities
- **Integrate** Safety and Security
- **Implement** New Planning Regulations and Monitor Federal Transportation Act Reauthorization (MAP-21)

Public Comment Opportunities?

Public comment opportunities for the TPWP can occur at various levels. As communities prepare their community comprehensive plans and conduct capital improvement programming, there are opportunities for citizens to comment on individual or area transportation projects, issues and concerns being proposed by the respective jurisdiction. This is related to short-range planning.

For the region, public comment opportunities are provided in the development of the long range transportation plan, which is updated on a five-year cycle with its 20+ year planning horizon. Coming in April and May 2014, initial public input to the next long range transportation plan update will be solicited. Additionally, the Quad Cities metropolitan area receives a local share of Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds for which communities/counties can compete based on a selection process for transportation projects. Input opportunities are available during the project ranking process.

The following is one direct opportunity for public comment on the transportation planning process and the FY2015 TPWP – Tuesday, March 25, 2014, 12:00 noon Transportation Policy Committee meeting.

Where can I find a copy of the TPWP?

A full copy of the Transportation Planning Work Program can be found at <http://bistateonline.org/index.php/transportation/quad-cities-metro-planning/2012-11-13-20-10-34/quad-cities-metro-tpwp-transportation-planning-work-program>

General Information on the Bi-State Transit Development Plan (TDP)

What is a TDP?

Transit Development Plan: The TDP is a coordinated effort by the Bi-State Region to provide information and guidance on future transportation mobility options and choices within a six-county area, including Muscatine and Scott Counties, Iowa and Henry, Mercer, Rock Island, and Whiteside Counties, Illinois. The purpose of the document is to provide a basis for efficient and effective transportation services within the region related to resource allocation, service development, coordination of services, and addressing gaps or service needs over a four-year period. Bi-State's TDP is expected to meet requirements and complement planning efforts by both the Illinois and Iowa Departments of Transportation.

What is the process?

The plan is updated each year, beginning with several public input meetings and inventory updates. Development of the plan continues with regular meetings of the Urban and Region 9 Transportation Technical and Policy Committees, as well as a Region 2 Transit Advisory Committee. Over 200 regional stakeholders are invited and encouraged to provide input at each of these meetings. Plan adoption takes place in March of the following year, with a consensus of the five committees. Final publication generally takes place in May.

What transit needs have been identified in the Bi-State Region?

- Additional education and marketing
- Greater geographic coverage
- Extended hours and days of service
- Funding and resources for providers
- Non-emergency medical transportation
- Customer affordability
- Transit-friendly infrastructure
- Coordination between jurisdictions

What strategies have been identified to meet these needs?

Convenience

- Extend hours & days of service to meet basic travel needs
- Increase marketing efforts through fact sheets, website portals, maps, and informational telephone lines
- Broaden educational programs
- Form a centralized dispatching service
- Expand door-to-door service

Investment

- Advocate long-term funding streams
- Coordinate with human service agencies to provide a local match for federal funds

Affordability

- Develop partnerships between public and private transit systems
- Create a voucher system for service provided after hours

Land Use

- Build stronger relationships between economic development community and transit systems
- Increase public input opportunities throughout the economic development process

Geographic Coverage

- Implement connector service between rural and urban transit systems
- Create satellite locations for medical and human service agency appointments in rural areas
- Analyze regional travel patterns

Safety

- Continue communication between law enforcement officials and transit systems
- Increase availability of rider escorts and door-to-door or door-through-door service

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A full version of the *Bi-State Region Transit Development Plan* can be found at

<http://bistateonline.org/index.php/transportation/quad-cities-metro-planning/2012-11-13-20-46-57/tdp>