

Minutes of the
QUAD CITIES, IOWA-ILLINOIS
METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 25, 2013, 12:00 p.m.
Bi-State Regional Commission
Third Floor Conference Room 320
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ray Ambrose	Alderman, City of Davenport
Phillip Banaszek	Chair, Rock Island County Board
Bill Cusack	Supervisor, Scott County Board
Duane Dawson	Mayor, Village of Milan (Small Community Rep. – IL)
Bob Gallagher	Mayor, City of Bettendorf
Bill Gluba	Mayor, City of Davenport
Marty O’Boyle	Mayor, City of Eldridge (Small Community Rep. – IA)
Scott Raes	Mayor, City of Moline
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation – District 6
John Thodos	Mayor, City of East Moline
Kris Tobin	Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2
Tracy Troutner	Federal Highway Administration, Iowa Division

OTHERS PRESENT

Mardy Davis	Village of Oak Grove (Small Community Rep. – IL Alternate)
Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation, Office of Planning & Programming, District 2
Tom Kelso	Illinois Department of Transportation, Office of Planning and Programming – Springfield
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Brandon Melton	Bi-State Regional Commission
Geoff Olsen	Bi-State Regional Commission
Becky Passman	Bi-State Regional Commission
Lalit Patel	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Public Hearing on FFY2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program. Mayor Gallagher opened the public hearing at 12:03 pm. It was noted that notice of the public hearing was sent to the Regional Transportation Advisory Group and Regional Transit Advisory Group with a fact sheet on the TIP and directions to an online copy of the document for comment. Notices were also published in the Quad City Times and Dispatch/Argus newspapers at least 14 days prior to the public hearing. Mr. Melton provided an overview of the FFY2014-2017 TIP document and directed committee members to a draft contained in their agenda packet.

Mr. Melton explained the document is a listing of transportation projects within the metropolitan area that are anticipated to be funded with federal transportation dollars in the next four years. Projects must be derived from the Quad Cities long range transportation plan and represent dollars that are

expected to be available within the respective fiscal year the project is programmed. He reviewed funding sources and those that were locally programmed by the Policy Committee, such as Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds. Projects of significance in FFY2014 were Forest Grove Drive (Eagle Ridge Road to International Drive), Bettendorf reconstruction at \$9 million; and John Deere Road under 41st Avenue Drive to west of 38th Street, Moline reconstruction at \$14 million. He also noted another John Deere Road project in FFY2015, as well as continuation of right-of-way acquisition and reconstruction. Mr. Melton also outlined other significant projects through FFY2017. To show transportation need beyond what is financially feasible, the TIP includes an unmet needs table where projects seeking federal funds are outlined. If funding would become available, these projects would need to follow project programming protocol and be amended into the TIP.

Following the TIP overview, Mr. Melton was asked whether he'd received any public comments as a result of the notices. No public comments were received, but comments were made by the Federal Transit Administration. Mr. Troutner inquired about the programming of STP funds and the next anticipated cycle. A call for STP projects would occur this fall with the expectation that the MPO would program funds through FFY2019. Mr. Shea inquired about showing planning dollars that are represented within the Transportation Planning Work Program, presented to the Policy Committee in March. Staff would look at the possibility of providing a table in Section II of the document outlining planning funds. Hearing no other comments, Mayor Gallagher closed the public hearing by consensus at 12:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes of the May 28, 2013 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mayor Gallagher called for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2013 Transportation Policy Committee meeting. Mayor Thodos motioned for approval of said minutes. Mr. Cusack seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved as written.
3. Consideration of FFY2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Revisions. Mr. Melton directed the Policy Committee to their agenda packets for consideration of revisions to the currently approved FFY2013-2016 TIP document. There were three administrative modifications that do not require action and were presented for information. RI-13-01, a reconstruction at 5th Street in Rock Island, had additional state funding added to the project due to increases in the estimated cost. BE-14-01 Forest Grove Drive was split into two projects to separate engineering from the reconstruction.
4. Consideration of FFY2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Melton noted that there were no additional items to present that were not already covered in the Public Hearing portion of the TIP presentation. Mayor Gluba motioned to approve the FFY2014-2017 TIP as presented with the revisions noted in the public hearing. Mayor Thodos seconded the motion, and the TIP document was approved as presented.
5. Consideration of Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Project Selection Process. Ms. McCullough directed the Committee to a copy of the proposed TAP project selection process manual in their agenda packets. Using slides, she reviewed the status to date of the project selection process development. No additional changes were made to the earlier recommended eligible applicants. She noted that the Technical Committee agreed to regroup the "rails to trails" type project that had been earlier suggested as Group B to shift to Priority Group A. This would be consistent with Group A as it relates to trails. The Technical Committee agreed to eliminate what was being discussed as Group C as standalone projects. In the evaluation criteria, it was clarified that inclusion

in a state, regional, or local plan was the intent and not that a project was required to be in all plans. Based on these recommendations, the changes were incorporated into the version sent to the Policy Committee and recommended for approval by the Technical Committee. Mr. Troutner indicated there was a typo in a reference to SAFETEA-LU that staff will correct in the final printing. Mayor Thodos motioned to approve the TAP Project Selection Process and manual. Mayor Gluba seconded the motion, and it carried.

6. Public Comments. No comments were received from the public.
7. Other Business. Ms. McCullough noted that Bi-State staff has prepared three letters of concurrence for entities submitting TIGER grants including for Illinois Department of Transportation for the southern I-74-John Deere Road corridor, another for City of Davenport for improvements of 3rd and 4th Streets, and other for a consortium along a rail corridor from the Quad Cities to Danville that was being facilitated by the Peoria area. She mentioned the status of efforts to solicit funds for a freight study. The Corps of Engineers may have planning funds to help support the effort along with the Departments of Transportation but are waiting until the new fiscal year to commit to the effort. Ms. McCullough also noted the solicitation of projects for Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program with its deadline of August 20, 2013. The next meeting of the Policy Committee is being scheduled for August 27, 2013. There was no additional business.
8. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 12:45 p.m.