

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

Tuesday, September 24, 2013, 12:00 Noon  
Rock Island County Conference Room  
Bi-State Regional Commission  
1504 Third Avenue  
Rock Island, Illinois

Policy Members Present

Ray Ambrose	City of Davenport
Phil Banaszek	Rock Island County
Bill Cusack	Scott County Board
Bob Gallagher	Mayor of Bettendorf
Jeff Justin	City of Davenport
Larry Lorensen	MetroLINK Board of Trustees Chair
Kevin Marchek	Illinois Department of Transportation
Marty O'Boyle	Rural Iowa/Mayor of Eldridge
Scott Raes	Mayor of Moline
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation
John Thodos	Mayor of East Moline

Others Present

Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation
Ben Griffith	City of Rock Island
Brandy Howe	City of Rock Island
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Brandon Melton	Bi-State Regional Commission
Geoff Olson	Bi-State Regional Commission
Craig O'Riley	Iowa Department of Transportation
Becky Passman	Bi-State Regional Commission
Lalit Patel	Bi-State Regional Commission
Doug Roelfs	Davenport CitiBus
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Daya Snapp	Bi-State Regional Commission
Lindsay Whitson	Bi-State Regional Commission
Steve Wilkins	Illinois Department of Transportation

1. Approval of the Minutes of the August 27, 2013 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mayor Gallagher asked for approval of the August 27, 2013 Transportation Policy Committee minutes. Mayor Thodos motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Ambrose seconded the motion. Mr. Cusack wished to be marked present at the meeting. The motioned carried with this addition.

2. Consideration of Revision to FFY2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Melton discussed a request by the Illinois Department of Transportation for an amendment to FFY2014 Annual Element of the TIP with the addition of IL-14-18 I-74/U.S. 6 Mississippi River Corridor, Land Acquisition project for \$5 million total cost using state funds. Mr. Ambrose motioned to accept the amendment to the TIP. The motion was seconded by Mr. Banaszek and the motion carried.
3. Consideration of Iowa and Illinois Quad Cities Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Candidate Projects. Ms. McCullough reviewed the TAP program and evaluation process. Two candidate projects were received from the Cities of Riverdale, Iowa and Rock Island, Illinois. Riverdale requested gap funding to complete a section of the Mississippi River Trail from Duck Creek to Scott Community College, amounting to 1.4 miles of hard surfaced trail. The City of Rock Island requested funding to enhance a safe school route along 10th Avenue with ADA-compliant curb ramps (9th-12th Streets), and a pedestrian beacon and crosswalk at 11th Street. Riverdale requested \$318,644 and Rock Island requested \$84,737 in TAP funds. There is \$1,744,118 in STP funds available for programming in the Iowa Quad Cities, and \$573,276 available for programming in the Illinois Quad Cities through FY2017. The Technical Committee recommended approval of these projects. Mayor Thodos motioned to grant funding to both projects in the amounts requested, respectively. Mr. Ambrose seconded the motion, which carried.

There was a discussion of the small number of applicants for this round of TAP grants. The issue of timing came into play, reflecting and partially explaining the small number of applications. The Technical Committee discussed having another call for projects in early spring prior to the TIP development. It was also noted that these projects will be brought back to the Policy Committee next month for consideration of amendment to the TIP.

4. Consideration of Resolution of Support and Concurrence on Consistency with Transportation Planning for River Bend Transit Service between Iowa City-Quad Cities-Clinton. Ms. Passman detailed a demand response transit project by River Bend Transit to offer round trip service between Clinton, the Iowa Quad Cities and Iowa City. There is growing demand for this route for access to hospitals in Iowa City. River Bend Transit is requesting Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP) funds to establish this new service. This is documented by records of 670 client requests monthly. The proposed project will be a two-year project. River Bend Transit intends on purchasing three 18-passenger buses. Mr. O'Boyle motioned to approve the Resolution of Support and Concurrence. Mr. Ambrose seconded the motion and it carried.
5. Status of Freight Transportation in Iowa. Mr. O'Riley gave a presentation on the current status of freight transportation in Iowa. By 2040, inbound and outbound freight is expected to increase by 80 percent by tonnage and 120 percent by value. The first phase of the Iowa State Freight Plan concerns policy, and should be completed by the end of 2013. Other initiatives taking place that regard freight are a statewide travel model, an Interstate Corridor Plan to help prioritize improvements, a Freight Optimization Strategy, and marine highway coordination. The Iowa Department of Transportation is meeting with its Illinois counterparts regarding the designation of the Mississippi River corridor as a marine highway. The Department's director,

Paul Trombino, is concerned about river navigation and the aging infrastructure along it. Mayor Gallagher inquired about the state freight advisory committee and their position on the gas tax. Mr. O'Riley indicated that the group has discussed the issue but not taken a position. However, there are a number of entities supportive of increasing the gas tax to improve the transportation network.

Ms. McCullough noted that a meeting between the DOTs, Army Corps of Engineers and Bi-State staff was held recently to move forward on a Bi-State Region freight commodity study. A scope of work has been drafted and details on funding were discussed.

6. Presentation on Quad Cities Crash Report Series: Intersections. Ms. Snapp presented intersection crash data coming from the States of Iowa and Illinois for 2010 and 2011. The crash report is broken down into three phases. The first phase now completed concerns intersection crashes within the Quad Cities Metropolitan Planning Area. The second phase concerns corridor crashes, and the third phase deals with overall crashes in the Quad Cities MPA. Ms. Snapp stressed that crash data *cannot* be compared between Illinois and Iowa due to differences in reporting between the states. Diagram maps for the top ten dangerous intersections in each state are included with each of those intersections. The information has been provided to the Technical Committee and will help them analyze the need for improvements to various crash locations.
7. Public Comments. No comments from the public were made at the meeting.
8. Other Business. There was no other business discussed.
9. Adjournment. Mr. Cusack motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Boyle. The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.