

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

Tuesday, October 22, 2013, 12:00 Noon
Rock Island County Conference Room
Bi-State Regional Commission
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

Policy Members Present

Bob Gallagher	Mayor of Bettendorf
Bill Gluba	Mayor of Davenport
Jeff Justin	Alderman, City of Davenport
Kevin Marchek	Illinois Department of Transportation
Marty O'Boyle	Mayor of Eldridge
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation
John Thodos	Mayor of East Moline

Others Present

Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Donnie Miller	Bicycle Safety
Geoff Olson	Bi-State Regional Commission
Lalit Patel	Bi-State Regional Commission
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Kevin Schoeben	Illinois Department of Transportation
Kathy Starling	Illinois Iowa Center for Independent Living
Steve Wilkins	Illinois Department of Transportation

1. Approval of the Minutes of the September 24, 2013 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Due to the lack of a quorum, approval of the minutes was tabled until the next meeting.
2. Consideration of Revisions to FFY2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program. The consideration of revisions was also tabled until the next meeting due to a lack of quorum.
3. Consideration of Letter of Concurrence with Inclusion of Public Transportation Providers in the MPO Transportation Planning Process. Consideration of this item was also tabled until the next meeting due to lack of a quorum.
4. Consideration of Resolution of Support and Concurrence on Consistency with Transportation Planning for City of Bettendorf Roundabout's Iowa Clean Air Attainment Grant Application. Consideration of resolution was tabled until the next meeting because there was not a quorum.
5. Status of Freight Transportation in Illinois. Mr. Schoeben gave a presentation on freight transportation in Illinois referencing the State Long Range Transportation (LRTP), Freight

Mobility Plan, and Rail Plan. Between 2010 and 2011 Illinois, exports increased 27-percent. The proportion of freight traffic between modes for 2010 was 63-percent truck traffic, 26-percent rail traffic, 11-percent water traffic, and 0.1-percent air traffic. By 2040 Illinois, DOT is expecting 34-percent increase in freight demand in Illinois.

Some of the key points of the presentation were the need for a sustainable multi-modal transportation network, including the need for lock and dam maintenance on navigable rivers in Illinois, and the reduction of traffic congestion. There are multiple plans the Illinois DOT is hoping to achieve. In eastern Illinois, there is the Illiana Expressway project which would create a 47-mile toll way connecting I-55 in eastern Illinois to I-65 in western Indiana, producing a reduction of 26 million vehicle miles travelled (VMT) by bypassing the Chicago. There is a plan to help reduce congestion at the convergence of I-90/I-94 and I-290 in Chicago, which is rated the number one bottleneck in the nation. Illinois DOT is also planning to untangle the railroads in Chicago to help streamline railway traffic in and around the city. In regard to water freight, in East St. Louis/St. Louis there is a project that will reduce barge congestion on the Mississippi River. The I-70 bridge relocation will allow better barge movement under the bridge. The main goal of Illinois DOT is to plan ahead for the transportation needs of the future and to adapt and expand the current transportation network to meet those demands.

6. Public Comments. No comments from the public were made at the meeting.
7. Other Business. There was no other business discussed.
8. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m. by consensus.