

## Minutes of the

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

Tuesday, March 25, 2014, 12:00 noon  
Bi-State Regional Commission  
Third Floor Conference Room 320  
1504 Third Avenue  
Rock Island, Illinois

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Ray Ambrose	Alderman, City of Davenport
Bill Cusack	Board of Administrators, Scott County
Mardy Davis	Village President of Oak Grove
Duane Dawson	Mayor of Milan
Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation
Bob Gallagher	Mayor of Bettendorf
Jeff Justin	Alderman, City of Davenport
John Knaack	Mayor Pro-Tem of Moline
Larry Lorensen	Chair, MetroLINK
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation
John Thodos	Mayor of East Moline
Tracy Troutner	Federal Highway Administration – Iowa Division

#### OTHERS PRESENT

Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Brandon Melton	Bi-State Regional Commission
Becky Passman	Bi-State Regional Commission
Lalit Patel	Bi-State Regional Commission
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Steve Wilkins	Illinois Department of Transportation

1. Approval of the Minutes of the February 25, 2014 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting. Mayor Gallagher called the meeting to order and requested a motion for approval of the February 25, 2014 minutes of Transportation Technical Committee. Mr. Ambrose moved to approve the minutes as written, and Mr. Cusack seconded. The motion carried.
2. Consideration of Revisions to the FFY2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Melton conveyed the information included on the revisions sheet attached to these minutes. Mr. Ambrose moved to approve the TIP revisions as presented. Mayor Dawson seconded the motion which carried. The TIP revisions are attached with the minutes.
3. Consideration of the Bi-State Region Transit Development Plan (TDP) 2014 Update. Mr. Schmid presented on the Bi-State Region Transit Development Plan. He described the purpose and format of the plan. He also described the public input involved in the document update that includes input from transit systems, human service agencies, local governments, the general public, and private transportation providers. The plan is ultimately accepted by committees from three planning areas, the urbanized Bi-State Quad Cities area and each rural area for Iowa and Illinois. The transit services planning area covers six counties: Scott and Muscatine Counties in Iowa, and Rock Island, Henry, Mercer, and Whiteside Counties in Illinois. Mr. Schmid described common transit issues and barriers

identified through public input. He also provided a list of comments that have been received to date. The goals outlined for passenger transportation in the Region are convenience, investment, affordability, land use, geographic coverage, and safety. A draft document was submitted to Iowa DOT in February and received input. A draft was submitted to Illinois DOT in March and anticipated to be published in May of 2014 on review by the three planning areas – Region 2, Region 9 and the metropolitan area. Ms. McCullough noted that there would be additional opportunity for input at a Transit Summit in Muscatine to address concerns for outreach expressed by the Iowa DOT. A full version of the Bi-State Transit Development Plan can be found at [www.bistateonline.org](http://www.bistateonline.org). Mayor Thodos moved to approve the Bi-State Region Transit Development Plan (TDP) with the efforts noted. Mayor Pro-Tem Knaack seconded the motion which carried.

4. Presentation on the FY2015 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP). Ms. McCullough provided a presentation on the FY2015 Transportation Planning Work Program for the Bi-State Regional Commission. Ms. McCullough described the purpose of the TPWP as the activities to be undertaken by the MPO in the coming fiscal year. These activities include conducting coordinated, continuing, and comprehensive transportation planning; outlining requirements for various agencies toward planning efforts; establishing products, purposes, and general methods for transportation planning activities; and developing a budget for MPO transportation planning funds and associated tasks/activities. Major transportation issues identified for the region include improving river crossing capacity, reducing congestion and improving mobility choices to improve air quality, coordinating modes of transportation for sustainability, implementing long range transportation projects, coordinating passenger transportation opportunities, integrating safety and security into the transportation system, and implementing new planning regulations and monitoring reauthorization of the transportation act.

Ms. McCullough identified four work categories in the TPWP: program support and administration, general development and comprehensive planning, long-range transportation planning, and short-range transportation planning. A number of tasks were accomplished in fiscal year 2014 such as programming and project selection for \$11.4 million in surface transportation funds and \$403,000 in transportation alternative funds were also programmed. Ms. McCullough reported transportation planning fund targets for FY2015. At the time, with the information available, the targets are as follows: Iowa FTA (5303) - \$53,824; Iowa FHWA Planning - \$211,704 (without carryover); Illinois FTA (5303) - \$74,226; and Illinois FHWA Planning - \$275,854. Also included in the planning targets are FTA 5307 Urban Transit Planning funds for the metropolitan transit systems and Illinois Special Research funds for an intermodal freight study. The process for and groups involved in approval of the TPWP were outlined. She noted that the Technical and Policy Committees provided information and feedback on the program activities. There were no additions recommended at this time. Mayor Thodos moved to recommend approval of the Transportation Planning Work Program to the Commission. Mr. Cusack seconded the motion which carried. There was also discussion on Committee orientation on the transportation planning process. The consensus was that individuals wishing to have an orientation can work with Ms. McCullough to schedule.

5. Discussion on MAP-21 Performance Measures. Mr. Melton and Mr. Schmid provided a presentation on performance measures. Mr. Melton provided some background information on the development of the performance measures. The performance measures are based on the national goals of safety, infrastructure condition, congestion reduction, system reliability, freight movement, economic vitality, environmental sustainability, and reduced project delivery delays. Mr. Melton provided the estimated release of rulemaking for a number of performance measures.

Mr. Schmid explained that the safety performance measures identified were total and per VMT fatalities and total and per VMT severe injuries. These safety measures apply to all public roads. Special performance rules will be developed regarding high risk rural road safety and older drivers. Mr. Melton described the performance measures for bridges and pavement condition. These performance measures will be derived from roadways on the interstate and national highway systems. A minimum condition level is to be established by USDOT through rulemaking. If conditions of a road segment or bridge fall below the minimum condition, certain funding mechanisms will be triggered to bring the road segment or bridge up to an acceptable condition. Mr. Schmid explained the performance measures for congestion mitigation and air quality (CMAQ), and freight. The performance measures will look at measured traffic congestion, and on-road mobile sources for CMAQ and an assessment of freight movements on the interstate system will be made. Mr. Schmid provided maps of the proposed primary freight network. He noted that I-280 in Illinois was not included as part of the primary freight network, but it was included in Iowa. He also noted that I-74 was not included and that Bi-State's executive director has been coordinating input from area mayors on these issues. They recommend including I-74 in the primary freight network, and when the new bridge is completed, it will be one of the most reliable crossings of the Mississippi River in the United States.

The state will be required to report on performance measures every two years, and MPOs will report on them every 4 to 5 years. This will likely coincide with a long-range plan update. The report will be required to include an evaluation of condition and performance of the transportation system, progress achieved in meeting performance targets in comparison with the performance in previous reports, an evaluation of how the preferred scenario has improved conditions and performance where applicable, and an evaluation of how local policies and investments have affected costs necessary to achieve performance targets where applicable. The MPO will be required to set targets 180 days following the establishment of state targets. States will have one year following the establishment of federal targets, but will likely be released much sooner. Once state thresholds have been set, the MPO will then research and examine local baselines to determine MPO level targets. Those targets will then be presented for review by the state with the rollout of each performance measure.

In Illinois, a statewide advisory committee has been established. Ms. McCullough, Mr. Mike Kane, and Ms. Chelsey Hohensee participate in that committee. Staff will continue to monitor and bring progress reports to the Technical Committee and as well as begin to develop targets in collaboration with the states. While concern was expressed by some of the Policy Committee members on the safety focus of older drivers, the rules are being set based on observed crash data.

6. Public Comments. No public comments were provided.
7. Other Business. Ms. McCullough noted that public information meetings will be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at the I-Wireless Center and the Riverfront Convention Center respectively. Because of this, it was recommended that the next Policy meeting be held on either of these dates instead of the normally scheduled Tuesday meeting date.
8. Adjournment. Mr. Cusack motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Justin seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

AMENDMENTS - COMMITTEE ACTION REQUIRED														
ROADWAY/TRAIL/OTHER														
PROJECT NUMBER	Year Programmed (FFY)	PROJECT ROUTE	PROJECT LOCATION	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PLAN JUST.	TOTAL ESTIMATED COST	FEDERAL SHARE*	FEDERAL SOURCE	FEDERAL NOTES	STATE SHARE	STATE SOURCE	LOCAL SHARE	LOCAL SOURCE	NOTES
<b>CITY OF DAVENPORT - DA</b>														
DA-12-02	2014	Forest Grove Rd. and Utica Ridge Rd.	Utica Ridge Rd. (Davenport) to approx. 650' E of Eagle Ridge Rd./Dr. (Bettendorf) also includes intersection with Utica Ridge Rd. and transitions approximately 800 ft N and 600 ft S of tie into existing grades and pavements	ROW, grading, storm sewer, construction of 4-lane divided pavement, intersection construction	LRP40	\$7,661,000	\$5,908,024	STP		\$0		\$1,752,976	CTY	Included description of work on Utica Ridge Rd.

ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS - NO COMMITTEE ACTION REQUIRED														
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<b>ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - IL</b>														
IL-12-23	2013	US6/1st Ave	Shaeffer Creek 1 mi. W of Henry Co Line	Bridge Replacement, Turn Lanes, Bridge Approach	MAINT	\$4,500,000	\$3,440,000	STP		\$860,000	STA	\$200,000	LOC	Converted to Current from Advanced Construction 3/7/14, 2-04540-0100; FFY13-16 TIP
<b>CITY OF EAST MOLINE - EM</b>														
EM-12-03	2014	Within 2 mi of Glenview & Ridgewood Schools	Glenview & Ridgewood Schools	Safe Routes to School	OTHER	\$166,586	\$166,586	SRTS		\$0		\$0	LOC	Includes Infrastructure and Non-Infrastructure, Advanced Construction, Moved from FFY 2013