

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

Tuesday, May 27, 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 Supervisors, Scott County
Mardy Davis	Village of Oak Grove
Bob Gallagher	Mayor of Bettendorf
Bill Gluba	Mayor of Davenport
Jeff Justin	Alderman, City of Davenport
Larry Lorensen	Chair, MetroLINK
Marty O'Boyle	Mayor of Eldridge
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation
John Thodos	Mayor of East Moline
Kris Tobin	Illinois Department of Transportation
Tracy Troutner	Federal Highway Administration – Iowa Division

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Lalit Patel	Bi-State Regional Commission
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Lindsay Whitson	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the Minutes of the April 23, 2014 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting. The meeting was called to order and introductions were made. A correction to the spelling of Mayor Raes' last name was noted. A motion for approval of the April 23, 2014 minutes of Transportation Policy Committee was made by Mr. Ambrose with the noted correction. Mr. Justin seconded the motion which carried.
2. Consideration of Revisions to the FFY2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Ms. McCullough directed the committee to the revisions included in the agenda packet. A motion was made by Mr. Lorensen to approve the revisions as presented. Mr. Cusack seconded the motion. Ms. Tobin pointed out that the funding shown was not correct for IL-15-11. The motion was rescinded as amendment was not required.
3. Status of 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Update: Public Involvement Process, Modeling Status and Development of Population Projections and Recommendation. Ms. McCullough provided a presentation regarding the planned public involvement process for the 2045 L RTP. Ms. McCullough noted that the anticipated completion for the plan is March of 2016. She went on to outline six development components for the plan: public involvement, data collection, policies, travel demand model, modal

overviews, and fiscal analysis and impacts. Ms. McCullough provided that the feedback process for transportation planning includes assessing public opinion and technical information which help shape policy decisions. The purpose of public involvement is to gather public opinions on existing policies as well as generate idea's that may be considered for new policies. Ms. McCullough outlined the current goals and performance objectives as identified in the 2040 LRTP. She summarized a number of public involvement activities including technical and policy input, and input from stakeholders and members of the public. Ms. McCullough also presented some preliminary information gathered from the online public input tool Mind Mixer (<http://bistateregion.mindmixer.com/>). As of the meeting date, there were 120 active participants and 791 unique visitors for the site. Information regarding travel issues and facility usage was gathered from the participants. A review of the two public input meetings was conveyed to the committee. A total of 18 people attended the two meetings and provided feedback on trails, transit and roadway improvements, among the comments.

Mr. Patel provided a presentation regarding the status of travel model development for the 2045 LRTP. He provided a brief history of the previous plan development and a summary of recommendations received from various reviews. Mr. Patel noted that many of the suggestions received have been incorporated in the model at this point.

Ms. Overton presented population projections. She provided that the purpose of population projections are to provide a vision for growth in the Quad Cities. In order to provide a realistic outlook for the vision, it is important to establish a logical framework for population growth in our region. She reviewed the methodology for establishing that framework and outlined a range of potential scenarios. The Technical Committee recommended Scenario 1 and 5 to be used as guidance in developing individual community projections by traffic analysis zone (TAZ). The merits of this methodology are two-fold. It both allows for variation at the TAZ level and it establishes a control on metro area-wide totals. Ms. Overton provided five population growth scenarios, the details of which were provided in a handout to the committee. By plotting all five scenarios, the highest and lowest theoretically establish a range in which the population can be expected to fall. Per the recommendation of Bi-State staff and the Transportation Technical Committee, Mayor. Gluba motioned to approve limiting community traffic analysis zone (TAZ) level projections to the range between scenario 5 (351,154) and scenario 1 (298,527). Mayor Thodos seconded the motion. The motion carried with one vote opposed.

4. Public Comments. None.
5. Other Business. Ms. McCullough reminded the group of an open house meeting being held by Illinois DOT regarding repairs to the Centennial Bridge on June 4<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Rock Island County Building. Bi-State staff provided talking points for elected officials. Concerns were raised regarding the location and size of the meeting place. It was also suggested there be a meeting in Davenport as well. The committee agreed with this suggestion. These suggestions would be shared with Illinois Department of Transportation District staff planning the open house to see if changes could be made prior to the public notification.
6. Adjournment. Mayor Gluba motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Thodos seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.