

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

Tuesday, June 24, 2014 – 12:00 noon
Bi-State Regional Commission
Third Floor Conference Room 320
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bill Cusack	Board of Supervisors, Scott County
Bob Gallagher	Mayor of Bettendorf
Jeff Justin	Alderman, City of Davenport
Marty O’Boyle	Mayor of Eldridge
Scott Raes	Mayor of Moline
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation
John Thodos	Mayor of East Moline
Kris Tobin	Illinois Department of Transportation

OTHERS PRESENT

Denise Bulat	Bi-State Regional Commission
Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation
Brandon Melton	Bi-State Regional Commission
Lisa Miller	Bi-State Regional Commission
Meghan Overton	Bi-State Regional Commission
Lalit Patel	Bi-State Regional Commission
Asadur Rahman	Bi-State Regional Commission
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Lindsay Whitson	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Public Hearing on FFY2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mayor Gallagher called the meeting to order and opened a public hearing on the FFY2015-2018 TIP. Mr. Melton explained that at least 14 days’ notice was given prior to the meeting to notify the public of the hearing. There was no input from the public at this time. Mr. Melton presented to the Committee the background and purpose of the TIP. He noted that the TIP is fiscally constrained on an annual basis and is subject to reauthorization of the federal transportation bill, currently MAP-21, beyond 2015. Mayor Gallagher closed the public hearing.
2. Approval of the Minutes of the May 27, 2014 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mayor Gallagher requested a motion for approval of the May 27, 2014 minutes of Transportation Policy Committee. Mr. Cusack noted that he represented the Scott County Board of Supervisors, not the Board of Administrators. Mr. Justin moved to approve the minutes with this change, and Mayor Thodos seconded. The motion carried.
3. 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. There was one amendment from the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding I-74

construction. Mr. Cusack moved to approve the TIP revisions as presented. Mayor Thodos seconded the motion which carried. The TIP revisions are attached with the minutes.

4. Consideration of FY2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mayor Gallagher asked if there were any questions regarding the FY2015-2018 TIP, which Mr. Melton had presented under Item 1. There were none. Mayor Raes moved to approve the TIP as presented. Mr. Justin seconded the motion which carried.
5. Status of 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Update: Development of Employment Projections and Consideration of Recommendation. Ms. Overton presented on the employment projections for the Quad Cities Planning Area to be used for the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan. Two methodologies were used, resulting in three scenarios. The first scenario, Scenario 1A, involved a projection based on Scenario 1 of the Population Projections, which models a very low growth rate. The ratio of population to employment in the base year 2010, which was 61.543% was applied to 2045 projected population (298,527), resulting in a projected employment. This resulted in an annual compound growth rate of 1.00005, a nearly flat projection. The second scenario, Scenario 1B, followed the same methodology as Scenario 1, but used Scenario 5 of the Population Projections which resulted in a higher annual compound growth rate of 1.00470. Scenario 2 used a different methodology based on Woods and Poole Economics, Inc., employment projections. Woods and Poole produces data at the county level. The proportion of the projected employment that falls within the QC Planning Area for the base year 2010 (86.4227%) was applied to the 2045 projected employment. This data is only available through 2040, so a straight line growth projection was created to fill the employment value to 2045. This scenario produced the highest employment projections of the three scenarios.

Mayor Gallagher asked how long-term trends, such as aging population, affect the overall employment projections. Ms. Overton explained that demographics such as age, and birth and death rates are complicated and beyond the scope of the simple employment projections that Bi-State produces for the Long Range Transportation Plan. Discussion followed on the use of historical employment data and Ms. Miller noted that historical employment data used in past Plans has not been consistent, or without some error due to reporting/data collection methods, so determining historic trends is challenging. The Committee asked to see more information and data regarding the Employment Projections, including past trends and the average growth rate over the past few decades. Mayor O'Boyle moved to table this discussion until the next meeting. Mr. Justin seconded the motion which carried.

6. Public Comments. No public comments were provided.
7. Other Business. Ms. Bulat introduced Mr. Rahman. Mr. Rahman comes to Bi-State Regional Commission and the Quad Cities from Chicago, where he worked for a private consultant in the Chicago area as a transportation engineer. He also worked previously at the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission.
8. Adjournment. Mr. Justin motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Cusack seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.