

Minutes of the

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

Tuesday, October 28, 2014 – 12:00 noon
Bi-State Regional Commission
Third Floor County Board Chambers
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ray Ambrose	Alderman, City of Davenport
Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation
Bob Gallagher	Mayor of Bettendorf
Jeff Justin	Alderman, City of Davenport
Larry Lorensen	MetroLink
Ken Maranda	Chairman, Rock Island County
Marty O’Boyle	Mayor of Eldridge
Scott Raes	Mayor of Moline
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation
John Thodos	Mayor of East Moline

OTHERS PRESENT

Matt Flynn	City of Davenport
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Brandon Melton	Bi-State Regional Commission
Donnie Miller	Bicycle Safety
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. Approval of the Minutes of the September 23, 2014 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mayor Gallagher requested a motion for approval of the September 23, 2014 minutes of the Transportation Policy Committee. Mr. Ambrose moved to approve the minutes as written, and Mayor Thodos seconded. The motion carried.
2. Consideration of Resolution of Support and Concurrence on Consistency with Transportation Planning for Bi-State Regional Commission’s Iowa Clean Air Attainment Grant Application and Status of “Make Clean Air Visible” Strategic Plan Update. Mr. Melton reviewed a grant application for the Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP), which seeks to acquire mobile phone data to better understand movement within the Quad Cities. This data will enhance the travel demand model and improve our understanding of external-to-external movement through the Quad Cities Region. This data will allow for better identification of problem areas, which will in turn allow for additional measures to be taken to lessen non-recurring congestion. This data will provide a snapshot of the entire region, not just the Iowa side of the Quad Cities, and will augment data received already from the Iowa DOT and area traffic counts. There will also be an educational component to the grant

program, focusing on a traffic safety awareness campaign to reduce non-recurring congestion. Mr. Ambrose made a motion to approve a resolution of support and concurrence with Bi-State Regional Commission's ICAAP grant application. Mr. Justin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Mr. Melton also provided a status update on the Air Quality Strategic Plan, which was approved in December 2011. Bi-State conducted a freight industry survey but did not receive much feedback. Nevertheless, air quality in the region has improved over the past few decades.

3. Consideration of Federal Functional Classification Revisions in the Iowa Quad Cities Census Designated Urban Area. Mr. Shea conveyed that there were nine changes in the Federal Highway Administration's review of the federal functional classification in the urban Iowa Quad Cities. Most of the routes in question changed from rural to urban routes. However, one route in Princeton is changing from urban to rural in classification and will no longer be eligible for federal aid. Mayor Thodos moved to approve the revisions to federal functional classification as presented. Mr. Ambrose seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
4. Summary of Public Input to Date and Discussion on 2045 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan Vision, Goals and Performance Objectives. Ms. McCullough provided a summary of public input to date on the *2045 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan*. Currently, Bi-State Regional Commission is starting on the modal updates to the travel demand model. The plan's vision, goals, and performance objectives will attempt to reflect the regional vision put forth by the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce. The *2045 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan* will seek to support that vision. Ms. McCullough outlined public involvement to date, including 126 active participants with Mind Mixer and a recently launched survey through the website Survey Monkey that will close on November 7. A brief discussion followed on promoting safe neighborhoods and communities in the Quad Cities and Bi-State's role in terms of using transportation infrastructure and technology, such as possible implementation of license plate detection on bridges, to target habitual criminals.
5. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
6. Other Business. Ms. McCullough shared with the Committee a joint letter that was sent by the executive directors of five national organizations representing municipal and regional governments to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The letter encourages a multi-year transportation authorization bill to provide a level of certainty for a longer period of time than what has recently been the trend of extending bills for one or two years.

Mayor Gallagher shared the desire to establish Marine Highway M-35 on the Mississippi River from St. Louis to Minneapolis. Designated Marine Highways are eligible for federal funds. A route from New Orleans to Chicago via St. Louis, the M-55, currently exists. Commercial traffic on the Upper Mississippi River may see increased demand as containerization of barge traffic may drive development. Mr. Shea noted that there was a public meeting in early October to seek input for possible park and ride locations in the Iowa Quad Cities. The Iowa DOT is currently looking at existing locations to host park and ride facilities.

7. Adjournment. Mayor Thodos motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ambrose seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.