

Minutes of the

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

Tuesday, January 27, 2015 – 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
Mardyne Davis	Mayor of Oak Grove
Carol Earnhardt	Scott County Board of Supervisors
Bob Gallagher	Mayor of Bettendorf
Bill Gluba	Mayor of Davenport
Jeff Justin	Alderman, City of Davenport
Dan Long	Illinois Department of Transportation
Ken Maranda	Chairman, Rock Island County Board
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

Taylor Beswick	Bi-State Regional Commission
Brock Earnhardt	River Action
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Brandon Melton	Bi-State Regional Commission
Donnie Miller	Bicycle Safety
Lalit Patel	Bi-State Regional Commission
Becky Passman	Bi-State Regional Commission
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Scott VanDeWoestyne	Quad City Chamber of Commerce
Lindsay Whitson	Bi-State Regional Commission
Kathy Wine	River Action

1. Election of Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) Chair and Vice Chair. Mayor Gallagher opened the meeting. Mayor Thodos made a motion to retain Mayor Gallagher as Chair of the TPC and to elect Mayor Raes as Vice Chair of the TPC. Mayor Gluba seconded the motion, which unanimously passed.
2. Approval of the Minutes of the October 28, 2014 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mayor Gallagher requested a motion for approval of the October 28, 2014 minutes of the Transportation Policy Committee. Mr. Ambrose moved to approve the minutes as written, and Mr. Justin seconded. The motion carried.

3. Consideration of Revisions to the FFY 2015-18 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Melton presented the TIP revisions attached to the minutes. Mayor O'Boyle clarified the request to extend their project was to have the multi-use path terminate to the north east corner of Elmegreen Park rather than the middle of the block. Mr. Ambrose motioned to approve the revisions as presented. Mr. Justin seconded, and the motion passed.
4. Consideration of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Bi-State Regional Commission and Illinois Department of Transportation for Programming and Administering Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5310 Program funds for the Illinois Portion of Davenport, IA/IL Urbanized Area. A draft copy of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was provided in the Policy Committee's meeting packets in advance of the meeting for their review. Mr. Schmid reviewed the MOU and incorporated comments to date. He provided background information on the program including eligible activities. He also provided a breakdown of the FFY 2014 funding amounts for the program between Bettendorf Transit, Davenport Citibus, and MetroLINK. Mayor Thodos motioned to approve the MOU. Mayor Gluba seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.
5. Consideration of 2045 Long Range Transportation Vision, Goals, and Performance Objectives and Status of Plan Development, Model Work and Timelines. Ms. McCullough went over the vision, performance goals, and objectives of the *2045 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan*. The vision, performance goals, and objectives have been updated in consideration of input received from public involvement activities thus far. Many remained the same but were reworded in such a way as to infer a more active approach in fulfilling the region's vision. Mr. Ambrose suggested emphasis be placed on system preservation. The vision, goals, and performance objectives were approved by consensus.

Mr. Patel provided a status of the travel demand model Bi-State Staff is in the process of gathering housing and employment data for each of these TAZs. Mr. Patel noted that the network has been updated to include links for all new TAZs. The majority of socio-economic data had been collected, and the accuracy of link data had been checked for accuracy. Mr. Patel outlined the external stations to be used in the model and described the linear regression analysis methodology being used to project average daily traffic between stations. He concluded by going through the traffic demand model timeline.
6. Presentation on "First Bridge – The Original Gateway to the West. Ms. Wine provided a video that described a proposed pedestrian bridge over River Drive in the new River Heritage Park. The video described the history of the first railroad bridge built across the Mississippi. The bridge is expected to increase heritage tourism in the area and provide another link to the riverfront. The pedestrian bridge will imitate the railroad bridge's original design from 1856. Mayor Gluba motioned to endorse the project with a letter of support from the Transportation Policy Committee. Mr. Ambrose seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.
7. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
8. Other Business. Ms. McCullough announced that there will be an Upper Mississippi River System, Ports, Terminal Operators, Workshop in Dubuque, IA on February 24 and 25. Policy Committee members were invited to attend the workshop, and an e-mail was sent with the details.
9. Adjournment. Mayor O'Boyle motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Justin seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned by consensus at 1:00 p.m.