

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

Tuesday, March 24, 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
Bill Gluba	Mayor of Davenport
Jeff Justin	Alderman, City of Davenport
Larry Lorensen	Chair, MetroLINK Board
Ken Maranda	Chairman, Rock Island County
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation
John Thodos	Mayor of East Moline
Kris Tobin	Illinois Department of Transportation

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Taylor Beswick	Bi-State Regional Commission
Nick Gottwalt	Village of Carbon Cliff
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

1. Approval of the Minutes of the January 27, 2015 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mayor Thodos requested a motion for approval of the January 27, 2015 minutes of the Transportation Policy Committee. Mr. Ambrose moved to approve the minutes as written, and Mr. Justin seconded. The motion carried.
2. Consideration of Revisions to the FFY 2015-18 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Melton presented the TIP revisions attached to these minutes. Three transit related amendments were presented. They included MetroLINK's ML-15-11 as a new project, CitiBus's CB-15-09 as a change in scope and costs, and CB-14-10 as a change in costs and elimination of federal share. Administrative modifications not requiring action were also noted. Mr. Lorensen motioned to approve the amendments as presented. Mr. Justin seconded, and the motion passed.
3. Consideration of *Bi-State Region Transit Development Plan (TDP) 2015 Update.* A draft copy of the TDP was provided to the Policy Committee in advance of the meeting for their review via the Bi-State Regional Commission website. Ms. Whitson presented a brief overview of the TDP. She noted that Bi-State staff revises the document annually with minor modifications, and completes a full update

every four years. Ms. Whitson discussed the format of the plan, the public input process, goals, and common issues and barriers experienced throughout the Bi-State Region related to transit and mobility. Lastly, she discussed the updates that were included in this year's annual TDP update. She noted a few including alternative transportation options now offered in the region, facility updates, service updates, and updated maps for the rural areas. There was a comment related to wayfinding for buses. Mayor Gluba motioned to approve the update as presented. Mr. Ambrose seconded the motion, and it carried.

4. Presentation on FY2016 Transportation Planning Work Program. Ms. McCullough presented the FY2016 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP). She described the tasks and activities to be undertaken by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in the coming fiscal year. These 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 sampling of tasks accomplished in fiscal year 2015 were shared and included programming and project selection for \$2.8 million in Transportation Alternatives Program funds. Ms. McCullough reported transportation planning fund targets for FY2016. At this time, with the information available, the targets reflect static funding levels: Iowa FTA (5303) – \$52,474, Iowa FHWA Planning – \$211,704 (without carryover), Illinois FTA (5303) – \$74,226, and Illinois FHWA Planning – \$275,854. Also included in the planning targets were FTA 5307 Urban Transit Planning funds for the metropolitan transit systems. The process for and groups involved in approval of the TPWP were outlined. She noted that the Technical and Policy Committees provide information and feedback on the program activities while the Bi-State Regional Commission approves the budget and contracts. There were no additions recommended at this time from the Technical Committee. Mr. Ambrose noted with the upswing in oil transportation and recent derailments with hazardous material spills that it is important to include safety and response in our metro area transportation planning. The FY 2016 TPWP will be carried forward to the Bi-State Regional Commission at their April 22 meeting as a component of the Commission's overall budget.

5. Presentation on Additional Analysis of the Quad Cities Household Travel Survey. Taylor Beswick provided an overview of the Quad Cities Household Travel Survey. The survey was conducted in the fall of 2013 and published in 2014. There were three sub-contractors that had roles in completing the survey. The data from the survey represented a sampling of the total Quad Cities population and does not completely represent the travel habits of everyone.

Mr. Beswick shared a series of maps where additional analysis was done using the original data. Overall, the results were consistent and supported local knowledge of the general sense of travel in the metro area. A map of the "bi-state trips by bridge used" was shown. Labelling and visual analysis was briefly explained to the committee. Another map illustrated trip departure from origin time of

day: 06:00 – 09:00 a.m. Clusters in downtown areas were noted. Trip departure from origin time of day: 15:00 – 18:00 was shown. Additionally, trips by non-auto mode used were shown. Pie charts displayed the percentage of non-auto and auto based trips and trips by non-auto mode used. The modes displayed were biking, walking, public transit, and school bus.

Mr. Beswick reported on trips by trip purpose, including work and consumer activities. He pointed out clusters in different areas of the Metro Area related to work travel. He analyzed the trip purpose related to consumer activities. This variable included activities that involve spending money. A brief explanation of the data displayed and a visual analysis was given to the committee pointing out clusters in different areas of the Metro Area. The analysis of trip purpose by drop-off included drivers who are dropping off or picking up as well as passengers. These were slightly more scattered. Lastly, he showed trips for the purpose of social and family activities. The travel data from the survey forms the basis for the trip purposes in the travel demand model and provided current information on travel behavior for the Quad Cities. This will help as staff works to forecast future travel and transportation system needs.

6. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
7. Other Business. Ms. McCullough shared the results from an Upper Mississippi River System, Ports, Terminal Operators, Workshop in Dubuque, IA on February 24 and 25. Key outcomes were to advocate the importance of the river navigation infrastructure to Congress, refine communications related to river navigation in order to optimize service development and investment in the system, support implementation of technology to improve efficiencies and communication, and explore public-private partnership investment opportunities.

As follow-up to action taken at the January meeting resulting from a presentation on the First Bridge project, a letter of support was distributed for the Committee's reference. The letter was sent to River Action on March 13. Lastly, it was noted the next Policy Committee meeting would be held on April 28 as long as there were actionable items for the agenda.

8. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 12:50 p.m.