

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

Tuesday, June 23, 2015 – 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
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	Rock Island County
Marty O’Boyle	Mayor of Eldridge
Scott Raes	Mayor of Moline
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation – District 6
John Thodos	Mayor of East Moline
Kris Tobin	Illinois Department of Transportation – Dixon

OTHERS PRESENT

Taylor Beswick	Bi-State Regional Commission
Denise Bulat	Bi-State Regional Commission
Larry D’Autremont	Citizen
Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation – Springfield
Brandon Melton	Bi-State Regional Commission
Donnie Miller	Bicycle Safety
Meghan Overton	Bi-State Regional Commission
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Lindsay Whitson	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Public Hearing on FFY2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program. Mayor Raes opened the public hearing. Mr. Melton provided a presentation on the TIP update for FFY2016-2019. He explained that the TIP is a summary of roadway, public transit, trail, and related projects expected to be initiated over the next four years and will be financed in whole or in part with federal funds. Regionally significant projects that require FHWA or FTA approval shall also be included in the TIP regardless of funding source. The document is updated annually on a federal fiscal year basis (October 1-September 30). The TIP process is to be comprehensive, coordinated, and continuing, and must be financially feasible based on anticipated state, federal, and local sources for the region in year-of-expenditure dollars.

The TIP may be revised in two ways: through an amendment or an administrative modification. Amendments are major revisions and require Transportation Policy Committee approval. Reasons for an amendment include new or deleted federally funded projects, changes in federal aid by 30% or more, or the addition of a federal funding source. Administrative modifications are minor revisions and do not require Policy Committee approval. Notice of the public hearing was noted on the agenda according to the public participation plan. No public comments were received. Comments from both Departments of

Transportation were received and edits have been made or presented accordingly. With no other comments or items, the public hearing was closed.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the May 26, 2015 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mayor Raes requested a motion for approval of the May 26, 2015 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 the FFY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Melton asked for any further questions regarding Item 1 and the TIP. Hearing none, Mr. Ambrose motioned to approve the FFY2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program as presented. Mr. Justin seconded and the motion passed.
4. Consideration of Resolutions for Designated Recipient Supplemental Agreements for the FY2014 Distribution of FTA 5307 and 5310 Funds. Mr. Schmid explained the purpose of the two resolutions found in the agenda packet. Bi-State, acting as the designated recipient, will transfer the roles and responsibilities for the funds to the three urban transit systems as direct recipients. These resolutions apply to FY2014 funds. The same process will be carried out for FY2015 funds once a full year's apportionment is allocated. Mayor Thodos moved to approve the resolutions. Mr. Ambrose seconded the motion, which passed.
5. Presentation and Discussion on Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan Update – Quad City Area Community Profile and Road Today. – Ms. Overton presented a profile of the socio-economic trends for the Quad City MPA. The area that makes up the MPA includes portions of three counties: Scott County, Iowa and Rock Island and Henry Counties in Illinois. The area has grown in population by 29.4% between 1950 and 2010. As a whole, the MPA is more diverse than the State of Iowa, but less so than Illinois and the nation as a whole. Compared to these same geographies, the MPA has the highest median age, 38.4 years, and the lowest average household size, 2.37 individuals per household. Median household income stands at \$49,783, whereas nationally it stands at \$53,046. The vast majority of residents of the MPA, 85%, drove to work alone. Most commutes took 10-24 minutes.

Mr. Melton gave an overview of the current state of roadways in the Quad Cities. He began by discussing Federal Functional Classification of roads. Approximately one-third of the roadway mileage in the Quad Cities Area is eligible for federal monies. The Mississippi River bridges in the area witness among the highest traffic counts in the region, with the I-74 Bridge carrying the most traffic by far among the bridges with 70,500 vehicles per day on average. Mr. Melton shared maps of truck routes and low clearance structures, as well as the locations of Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) infrastructure and the type of surface material on area roads. He also discussed data associated with crashes and safety throughout the urban area. In the portion of Scott County within the MPA, an average of 9.4 fatalities occurred every year. The Illinois portion of the MPA averaged five fatalities annually between 2009 and 2013. Mr. Melton finished by noting the public input to date, which included 101 participants on MindMixer and 255 survey responses.
6. Public Comments. Mr. Miller wished to thank the Policy Committee for their consideration of bicycle and pedestrian improvements. Mayor Raes noted that the City of Moline would begin collaborating with the Illinois DOT on installing bike lanes and pedestrian improvements along the 27th Street and 38th Avenue corridor as part of the River to River Corridor.
7. Other Business. There was no other business.
8. Adjournment. Mayor Gluba motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Earnhardt seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m.