

Minutes of the

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

Tuesday, September 22, 2015 – 12:00 noon
Scott County Administration Building
600 West 4th Street; Davenport, IA

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ray Ambrose	Alderman, City of Davenport
Duane Dawson	Mayor of Milan
Carol Earnhardt	Scott County Board of Supervisors
Bill Gluba	Mayor of Davenport
Jeff Justin	Alderman, City of Davenport
Paul A. Loete	Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2
Ken Maranda	Chair, Rock Island County Board
Marty O'Boyle	Mayor of Eldridge
Scott Raes	Mayor of Moline
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation, District 6
Thomas Thomas	Manager, City of Rock Island
John Thodos	Mayor of East Moline

OTHERS PRESENT

Dee Bruemmer	County Administrator, Scott County
Jon Burgstrum	Scott County
Denise Bulat	Bi-State Regional Commission
Tom Conrad	Mayor of Silvis
Mardy Davis	Mayor of Oak Grove
Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2
Gene Hellige	City of Davenport
Tim Kammler	City of East Moline
Michael Kane	City of Rock Island
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Brandon Melton	Bi-State Regional Commission
Clay Merritt	City of Davenport
Donnie Miller	Bicycle Safety
Brent Morlok	City of Bettendorf
Jeff Nelson	MetroLINK General Manager
Cole O'Donnell	City of East Moline
Becky Passman	Bi-State Regional Commission – IAQC Transit
Decker Ploehn	Administrator, City of Bettendorf
Lalit Patel	Bi-State Regional Commission
Brian Schadt	City of Davenport
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Brian Schmidt	City of Bettendorf
Gary Statz	City of Davenport
Lindsay Whitson	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the Minutes of the August 25, 2015 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mr. Ambrose motioned for approval of the August 25, 2015 minutes of the Transportation Policy Committee. Mr. Justin seconded, and the motion carried.
2. Consideration of Resolution of Support for Bi-State Regional Commission Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP) Grant and Consistency with Transportation Planning. Mr. Melton briefly described the potential project to promote pedestrian and bicycle transportation and safety through a media campaign and other outreach efforts. Mr. Ambrose motioned to approve the resolution as provided to committee members prior to the meeting. Mr. Justin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
3. Project Prioritization Roundtable for 2045 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan Update. Ms. McCullough provided an overview of the 2045 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan update process and provided a status of the progress made so far in the plan. She introduced a number of handouts that showed a list of projects identified for potential inclusion in the long range plan. The projects were broken out into projects over \$10 Million and referred to as the “Big Projects.” These projects were ranked by technical committee members in order to help prioritize them. Bi-State staff fielded a number of questions regarding various projects listed. It was determined by the committee that a project identified in the recent freight study to construct an east-west corridor south of the Quad City International Airport should be listed as an illustrative project rather than a long range plan project as it was beyond the scope of the long range plan at the time.

The question posed to the group was: What are the big projects after the I-74 bridge reconstruction is complete? The discussion highlighted the need to upkeep and evaluate the other Mississippi River crossings, both highway and rail. Illinois Department of Transportation has identified the need to reconstruct the I-80 Mississippi River Bridge. The need for continued repair of Centennial Bridge was also identified as well as a reliable Mississippi rail crossing. The idea was brought forth to study the potential of a hybrid highway-rail bridge. Funding these improvements would take significant investments that are currently not anticipated to be available from traditional sources. The potential of developing a Transportation Authority to facilitate funding these projects was discussed.

Bi-State staff outlined the results of the previous Comprehensive River Crossing Analysis conducted several years past. The need for an updated crossing analysis was identified.

4. Public Comments. Mr. Miller thanked the Committee for their continued efforts in supporting bicycle and pedestrian projects.
5. Other Business. None.
6. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 1:20 p.m.