

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

Tuesday, December 1, 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
Mardy Davis	President, Village of Oak Grove
Carol Earnhardt	Scott County Board of Supervisors
Bob Gallagher	Mayor, City of Bettendorf
Bill Gluba	Mayor, City of Davenport
Jeff Justin	Alderman, City of Davenport
Larry Lorensen	Chair, MetroLINK Board
Ken Maranda	Chair, Rock Island County Board
Marty O’Boyle	Mayor of Eldridge
Scott Raes	Mayor of Moline
John Thodos	Mayor of East Moline
Kris Tobin	Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2
Betsy Tracy	Federal Highway Administration

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Taylor Beswick	Bi-State Regional Commission
Denise Bulat	Bi-State Regional Commission
Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation, Springfield
Brandon Melton	Bi-State Regional Commission
Becky Passman	Bi-State Regional Commission
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Lindsay Whitson	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the Minutes of the October 27, 2015 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mayor Gallagher welcomed those in attendance and called for approval of the minutes. Mr. Ambrose motioned for approval of the October 27, 2015 minutes of the Transportation Policy Committee. Mr. Maranda seconded, and the motion carried.
2. Consideration of FFY2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Revisions. Mr. Melton directed the Committee to revisions found in their agenda packets. There were five requests for amendments from the Cities of Buffalo and Davenport. The first request was BU-12-01 to correct the terminus of the Mississippi River Trail route through Buffalo. The correct terminus is now shown as County Road Y40, not Wildcat Den Road. There were three amendments from Davenport CitiBus regarding project numbers CB-14-10, CB-15-05, and CB-

16-08. The first project involving GPS real time bus tracking was moved from FFY 2015 to 2016, using \$234,400 from the sale of the QCP (G Garage) and added additional FTA Section 5339 funds. Project CB-15-05 had a significant cost increase associated with bus shelters. The increase in cost will be covered using \$185,600 from the sale of the QCP (G Garage) and \$51,520 from FTA Section 5307. CitiBus also added a new project for FFY 2016: Farebox replacement, project number CB-16-01. The total estimated cost of this project is \$375,000. Arc of the Quad Cities also added a new project, project number AR-16-01, replacing two ADA Mini-vans totaling \$76,352.

Mr. Melton noted that six other projects required administrative modifications that did not require committee action. Those six projects were EM-15-01, CB-16-04, CB-16-07, ML-15-09, ML-15-10, and ML-17-09. Mayor Gluba motioned to approve the amendments as presented. Ms. Earnhardt seconded, and the motion carried.

3. Presentation and Discussion on the 2045 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP Update – Roadway Projects for Modeling Review, Public Outreach, and Timeline. Mr. Melton detailed the status of the development of the 2045 LRTP. Staff is paring down the list of transportation projects through 2025, moving some to the timeframe between 2025 and 2045. The list of short-term projects, those projects through 2025, is not fiscally-constrained, totaling approximately \$40 million above the expected revenues level. Staff utilizes Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to inform decision-makers in their prioritization of projects, using roadway conditions, volume-over-capacity ratios, and crashes as data inputs. The travel demand model, currently being calibrated and finalized, also informs decisions by forecasting traffic demand throughout the Quad Cities region.

A full draft of the 2045 LRTP is expected to be brought to the Transportation Technical Committee for review in mid-December. Input will be solicited from the Technical Committee members and incorporated for a draft to the Policy Committee in late January. Bi-State staff will hold three meetings seeking input on the regional transportation system and the urban transit system. The first public meeting will be the Quad Cities Transit Summit to be held December 2 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Bettendorf Public Library. In addition, Bi-State staff is working with the Iowa State University Extension Office to host two community outreach meetings specifically targeting the local Hispanic population. Two meetings will be held with an interpreter on Thursday, December 10 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the LULAC Center in Davenport and on Saturday, December 12 from 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club in Moline.

4. Presentation on Safe Routes to Schools Planning. Mr. Beswick gave an overview of Year One of the PICH grant. The Partnerships to Improve Community Health grant is intended to promote physical activity and healthy eating choices for residents of the Quad Cities. One component of the first year of the grant is the creation of Safe Routes to School plans for three area elementary schools. Two of the schools for Year One were located in Rock Island and the third in Buffalo. The plans identified major barriers, such as distance to the school from home and gaps in the sidewalk network, that may prevent or deter children from walking or bicycling to school. The three completed plans serve approximately 950 students. Year Two of the three-year grant will see plans created for three more schools in the Quad Cities, most likely in Davenport, Moline, and East Moline. The overall goal of the PICH grant is to combat

childhood obesity, which, according to health surveys and assessments, disproportionately affects children in the Quad Cities area.

5. Public Comments. No public comments were received.
6. Other Business. There was no other business.
7. Adjournment. Mayor Gluba motioned to adjourn, and Mayor Raes seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.