

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

Tuesday, March 22, 2016 – 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
Bob Gallagher	Mayor, City of Bettendorf
Diane Holst	Scott County Board of Supervisors
Jeff Justin	Alderman, City of Davenport
Frank Klipsch	Mayor, City of Davenport
Larry Lorensen	MetroLINK Board Chair
Ken Maranda	Rock Island County Board Chair
Marty O’Boyle	Mayor, City of Eldridge
Dennis Pauley	Mayor, City of Rock Island
Scott Raes	Mayor, City of Moline
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation, District 6
John Thodos	Mayor of East Moline
Kris Tobin	Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation, Springfield
Gene Hellige	City of Davenport
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Brandon Melton	Bi-State Regional Commission
Donnie Miller	QC Bicycle Safety
Becky Passman	Bi-State Regional Commission/IAQC Transit Coordinator
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Public Hearing on 2045 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan. Mayor Gallagher welcomed those in attendance and opened the public hearing on the 2045 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan, noting that public notices were published on February 10 in the Quad City Times and Dispatch/Argus newspapers announcing the five public informational meetings and the March 22 Policy Committee public hearing. Ms. McCullough provided an overview of the results of the informational meetings. Five meetings were held at various locations and times in Bettendorf, Davenport, East Moline, Moline, and Rock Island. Advanced media stories were televised on WQAD and WHBF. Thirty flyers were placed at local grocery stores, restaurants and ethnic markets, along with a newsletter sent to the media and to Bi-State’s advisory groups. There were 37 participants in total and 232 website pages views.

Written comments were received primarily from state and federal partners. A copy of comments received to date and how the staff planned to address these comments in the final document were provided in committee members' agenda packets. Using maps of the various modes, Ms. McCullough reviewed key comments. Two comments require concurrence by the Committee. Federal Transit Administration recommended the addition of a sub-objective under the "Increase Accessibility and Mobility Options". It was recommended that the following be added "Study the feasibility of bus rapid transit, express bus and park-n-ride enhancements to the overall transit system." Another was to add a "Project Requiring Additional Study" at Indiana Avenue/205<sup>th</sup> Street/Holland Street between Bettendorf and LeClaire within Scott County. This segment is between two segments intended to be improved. The county agreed but suggested that it needed further study before it became a fiscally constrained project. The Technical Committee agreed to recommend both of these changes in the final document. Ms. McCullough also received a comment as of the morning from a resident of Davenport who suggested using the Blackhawk rail spur near and west of Clark Street as a bikeway. Bi-State staff sent the information to Davenport staff who deliberated on the input and suggested that because of the relative short length available, the safety and cost concerns, as well as the availability of alternate routes on existing streets, the city recommended not to pursue the use of this abandoned railroad right-of-way or consider it for future plans. At the conclusion of the presentation, comments were requested from the public. Hearing no comments, Mr. Ambrose motioned to close the public hearing and it was seconded by Mayor Klipsch. The hearing concluded at 12:20 pm.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the February 23, 2016 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mayor Gallagher called for approval of the minutes. Mr. Ambrose motioned for approval of the February 23, 2016 minutes of the Transportation Policy Committee as written. Mr. Maranda seconded, and the motion carried.
3. Consideration of 2045 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan. Based on the recommended revisions by Bi-State staff and the Technical Committee recommendation for approval, the Policy Committee was asked to recommend approval of the 2045 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation as revised to the Bi-State Regional Commission for approval. Mr. Ambrose made the recommendation as stated and Mr. Justin seconded the motion. The recommendation of approval carried. The Bi-State Regional Commission will consider adoption of the plan at its meeting Wednesday, March 23 at 3:30 pm.
4. Consideration of FFY2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Revisions. Mr. Melton presented one amendment for IL-14-13 programmed in FY2016 for the I-74 Mississippi River Corridor project. An amendment was required to shift part of the federal funding from NCII to NHPP and the total federal funding was reduced from \$426,000 to \$320,000 NHPP and \$32,000 NCII with a total cost of \$440,000. Mr. Ambrose motioned to approve the amendment as presented. Mayor Thodos seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Melton also provided an administrative modification for RC-15-01 programmed in FY2015 for Rock Island County related to traffic sign upgrades where the project was changed from advanced construction to current status.

5. Consideration of Revisions to the Iowa Quad Cities Federal Functional Classification. Mr. Shea directed the Committee to the resolution and map contained in the agenda packet. He discussed eight federal functional classification changes that either were to clean up mapping or were in cooperation with the Cities of Davenport and Bettendorf. The resolution outline the following revisions:

- 1A. In Davenport, change 76th St. from Northwest Blvd. east 0.41 miles from Local to Urban Collector; and
- 1B. In Davenport, add 76th St. from Division St. west approximately 0.50 miles to existing 76th St. as Proposed Collector; and
2. In Davenport, change E. 39th St. west of Elmore, from Minor Arterial to Local, 0.19 miles; and
3. In Davenport, change Elmore Rd. from E. 39th St to E. 53rd St. from Collector to Minor Arterial, 1.10 miles; and
- 4A. In Davenport, change Jersey Ridge Rd. from Vets Memorial Pkwy. to Interstate 80 center, from Minor Arterial to Collector, 0.46 miles; and
- 4B. In Davenport, change Jersey Ridge Rd. from Interstate 80 north 0.55 miles to Collector to connect at existing Collector; and
- 5A. In Davenport, change Gaines St. from US Hwy. 6/Kimberly Rd. southerly 0.20 miles from Collector to Local; and
- 5B. In Davenport, change Gaines St. from W. 35th St. northerly 0.11 miles from Proposed Collector to Obliterate; and
- 6A. In Davenport, change E. 29th St. from Jersey Ridge Rd. to Belle Ave. from Collector to Local, 0.12 miles; and
- 6B. In Davenport, change E. 29th St. from Eastern Ave. to Belle Ave. from Proposed Collector to Obliterate, 0.38 miles; and
7. In Bettendorf, change Tanglefoot Lane west of Utica Ridge Rd., from Minor Arterial to Local, 0.23 miles; and
8. In Bettendorf, change 53rd Ave. from Devils Glen Rd. to Middle Rd., from Local to Minor Arterial, 1.01 miles.

Mr. Ambrose motioned to approve the resolution and the stated FFC revisions in the Iowa Quad Cities. Mayor Thodos seconded the motion and it carried. It was noted that changes in the Illinois Quad Cities had been addressed approximately one year ago.

6. Presentation on FY2017 Transportation Planning Work Program. Ms. McCullough presented the FY2017 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 under the FAST 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 2016 were shared. Ms. McCullough reported transportation planning fund targets for FY2017. At this time, with the information available, the targets reflect static funding levels: Iowa FTA (5305d) - \$53,282, Iowa FHWA Planning - \$222,447 (without carryover), Illinois FTA (5305d) - \$69,208, and Illinois FHWA Planning - \$286,695. 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 provided 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. Justin noted former Mayor Gluba was noted in the title page. This will be corrected. Mr. Ambrose noted issues with cross-border law enforcement and potential use of technology, such as license plate capture from the ITS deployed at the river crossings. The FY 2017 TPWP will be carried forward to the Bi-State Regional Commission at their April 27 meeting as a component of the Commission's overall budget.

7. Public Comments. Mr. Miller thanked the committee for continued trail support in the Quad Cities and the planning effort of the Long Range Transportation Plan.
8. Other Business. There was no other business.
9. Adjournment. Mr. Ambrose motioned to adjourn, and Mayor Klipsch seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.