

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

Tuesday, April 26, 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
Diane Holst	Scott County Board of Supervisors
Jeff Justin	Alderman, City of Davenport
Frank Klipsch	Mayor, City of Davenport
Larry Lorensen	MetroLINK 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
Kris Tobin	Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2
Betsy Tracy	Federal Highway Administration – Illinois Division
Sean Litteral	Federal Highway Administration –Iowa Division

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation – Springfield
Darla Hugaboom	Federal Highway Administration – Iowa Division
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Phil Mescher	Iowa Department of Transportation – Ames
Brandon Melton	Bi-State Regional Commission
Donnie Miller	QC Bicycle Safety
Holly Osttick	Illinois Department of Transportation –Springfield
Garrett Pedersen	Iowa Department of Transportation – Ames
Nikita Rainey	Iowa Department of Transportation – Ames
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Chris Schmidt	Illinois Department of Transportation – Springfield
Adam Shell	Iowa Department of Transportation – Ames
Andrea White	Iowa Department of Transportation – Ames

1. Public Hearing For Bi-State Regional Commission Transportation Management Area (TMA) Federal Transportation Certification Review. Mayor Raes opened the public hearing at noon and welcomed the federal and state planning partners. He asked for introductions around the room. Following introductions, Mark Bechtel, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) – Region 7, provided an overview on the 2016 federal cooperative review of the Quad Cities metropolitan transportation planning process occurring April 26-27. The public hearing is to receive public comments related

the effectiveness of multi-modal transportation planning activities by Bi-State Regional Commission. The review is conducted every four years as a requirement of the Metropolitan Planning section of the federal transportation act and as an obligation for receiving federal funds. The review team included both Illinois and Iowa representatives from Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the state Departments of Transportation (DOTs) as well as FTA.

The transportation planning process is important for decisions on how federal transportation funding is spent in the Quad Cities, and for prioritizing regional needs in light of funding limitations. There are many stakeholders who can be and are involved from local, state, and federal governments; transit providers; other transportation facility operators; interest groups; and local citizens. The process under review should be continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive. It should address multi-modal transportation and its users and provide for public input. Key documents developed in this process include the Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Public Participation Plan (PPP), Metropolitan (Long Range) Transportation Plan (MTP), and Congestion Management Process (CMP).

FHWA and FTA representatives will accept comments on the major elements of the Quad Cities Area metropolitan transportation planning process, such as organization and management of the planning process, cooperative process, project selection, transportation improvement programming, long range planning, and other elements. Written comments can be directed to either Mark Bechtel, Federal Transit Administration – Region VII, 901 Locust Street, Kansas City, MO 64106 or by e-mail at [Mark.Becht@dot.gov](mailto:Mark.Becht@dot.gov); or Betsy Tracy, FHWA-Illinois Division, 3250 Executive Park Drive, Springfield, IL 62703 or by e-mail [betsy.tracy@dot.gov](mailto:betsy.tracy@dot.gov). Comments will be accepted in writing through June 30, 2016. A comment form was distributed at the meeting. Mr. Ambrose shared a few comments related to the City of Davenport. Hearing no other comments, Mayor Raes asked for a motion to close the hearing. Mr. Ambrose motioned to close the hearing, and Mr. Justin seconded the motion. The public hearing concluded at 12:15 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the March 22, 2016 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mayor Raes called for approval of the minutes. Mr. Ambrose motioned for approval of the March 22, 2016 minutes of the Transportation Policy Committee as written. Mayor Klipsch seconded, and the motion carried.
3. Consideration of FFY2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Revisions. Mr. Melton presented one amendment for IL-19-02-13 programmed in FY2016 for 19<sup>th</sup> Street (IL84/92 to 0.1 mi. south in Silvis) to conduct maintenance work on a retaining wall and rip rap. An amendment was required due to increased costs. The total project cost is \$1.6 million with a federal share of \$1,280,000 (increased from \$960,000) in Surface Transportation Program (STP)–Urban funds, and a state share of \$320,000. Mr. Ambrose motioned to approve the amendment as presented. Mr. Justin seconded, and the motion carried.

Mr. Melton also provided information on administrative modifications for IL-16-01 at I-80/IL110 and IL14-13 at I-74, which were converted from advanced construction to current status. There was also another administrative modification related to BT-16-05 for the purchase of buses for Bettendorf Transit and a shift of two from FFY2017 to FFY2016.

4. Presentation on the Development of Iowa and Illinois Statewide Long Range Transportation Plans. Garret Pedersen, Iowa Department of Transportation (IADOT), and Chris Schmidt, Illinois Department of Transportation (ILDOT), each provided an overview of the status of long range transportation planning for each state. States are required to have a statewide long range plan, and voluntarily update them on five-year cycles. They have been typically policy documents and broadly mention statewide needs. Iowa's update is anticipated by May 2017 while Illinois's update is expected by November 2017.

Notable differences from Iowa's 2012 plan include more extensive internal and external stakeholder and public input in this update process, as well as the inclusion of an action plan with specific strategies and improvements, along with performance measures. An internal steering committee is guiding the plan development, and an action plan focus group will be assisting with the specific strategies and improvements. A survey was conducted, and information is posted to the IADOT website. Some key feedback to-date included the need to maintain an appropriately-sized system, address needs of all users, plan for expansion where there is need, increase efficiency, ensure repairs are done right the first time, ensure system durability, and support alternative modes of transportation. More information can be found at <http://www.iowadot.gov/iowainmotion>.

Similarly, ILDOT completed a plan in 2012. DOT staff are reviewing best practices in plan development and the federal requirements. Preliminary goals have been developed related to economic growth, livability, access, resilience, stewardship, and safety. Engagement will include internal and external stakeholders beginning in summer/fall 2016, and preliminary white papers on the sections of the plan. Strategies will be formulated in fall/winter 2016. Performance measures will also be addressed. More information will be coming out in the next several months.

5. Update on FY2017 Transportation Planning Work Program. Ms. McCullough presented the FY2017 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) at the March meeting. 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. A general information sheet was provided to the Regional Transportation Advisory Group to encourage feedback on the work program as well as encourage attendance at the public hearing on the Certification Review, as an opportunity to comment on the transportation planning process. Ms. McCullough also noted that the TPWP included a draft revision of the Public Participation Plan (PPP) where the former transportation act, MAP-21 is replaced with the current one, Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. Presentation at the March meeting constituted the beginning of the 45-public review period for the PPP revision. This revision will be included with the TIP update in June.
6. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
7. Other Business. No other business was addressed.
8. Adjournment. Mr. Ambrose motioned to adjourn, and Mayor Klipsch seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.