

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

Tuesday, August 23, 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
Bob Gallagher	Mayor, City of Bettendorf
Jeff Justin	Alderman, City of Davenport
Frank Klipsch	Mayor, City of Davenport
Ken Maranda	Chairmen, Rock Island County
Marty O’Boyle	Mayor, City of Eldridge
Scott Raes	Mayor, City of Moline
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation, District 6
John Thodos	Mayor, City of East Moline
Kris Tobin	Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2

OTHERS PRESENT

Taylor Beswick	Bi-State Regional Commission
Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation, Springfield
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Brandon Melton	Bi-State Regional Commission
Kate Meyer	Rock Island County Health Department
Donnie Miller	Quad City Bicycle Safety
Tao Pan	Bi-State Regional Commission
Becky Passman	Bi-State Regional Commission
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the Minutes of the June 28, 2016 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mayor Gallagher called for approval of the minutes. Mayor Klipsch motioned for approval of the June 28, 2016 minutes of the Transportation Policy Committee as written. Mr. Maranda seconded, and the motion carried.
2. Consideration of FFY2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Revisions. Mr. Melton described the revisions related to four I-74 projects including IA-17-12 (2017), IA-18-03 (2018), IA-19-01 (2019), and IA-20-09 (2020). Mayor Thodos motioned to approve the amendments, which included an estimated increase in federal funds for the 2017 project and decreased funding for the remaining three projects. Mr. Justin seconded the motion, which carried. The four amendments are attached to the minutes for reference. Mr. Melton also noted

an administrative modification for IL-14-13, which also had cost increase, but not to the threshold requiring an amendment.

3. Consideration of Letter to Iowa Legislators on Bicycle Safety. Mr. Schmidt directed the Policy Committee to their agenda packet and a sample letter to be sent to our area Iowa legislators. The letter asks for consideration of support for a safe passing distance law and other legislation to enhance bicycling safety in Iowa. There have been eight bicyclist fatalities in Iowa since 2010. After review and discussion, Mayor Thodos motioned to approve sending the letter to legislators. Mr. Justin seconded the motion and it carried. Staff will send the letters out as directed.
4. Presentation on Developing Policies for Street Design to Include Multi-Modal Users and Iowa Department of Public Health Project. Ms. McCullough provided a short presentation on a grant funded effort through the Iowa Department of Public Health being implemented in the Iowa Bi-State Region, including the Iowa Quad Cities. She reviewed the 2045 Long Range Transportation Performance Objective related to increasing accessibility and mobility options in the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA). In 2008, the Policy Committee adopted a Complete Streets Policy – Where the public right-of-way is designed for the safety and accessibility of multiple users, regardless of ability. The LRTP outlined a number of Complete Street corridors. The collaboration with IDPH will allow for a training workshop to be held, sharing best practices and model language, and invitation to local jurisdictions to implement such policies. She noted the overall benefits lend to choices for greater physical activity by citizens. The project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2017.
5. Public Comments. Mr. Miller thanked the Policy Committee for consideration and approval of sending a letter to the Iowa legislators related to safe passing of bicycles. He indicated that legislation will help foster education on the subject. He asked that as communities build facilities such as the Amtrak station, not to forget to include end of ride facilities like bicycle lockers and changing areas. He also suggested more bicycle racks in the Quad Cities.
6. Other Business. Ms. McCullough noted two items. In Iowa, there is a shift from October 1 to December 1 grant deadlines for Iowa Clean Air Attainment, Federal Recreation Trails, and Statewide Transportation Alternatives Programs. Also, the Illinois Department of Transportation Fall Planning Conference will be held in Moline at iwireless Center October 6-7, 2016. Ms. McCullough indicated that information would be sent to the Policy Committee related to the conference. Mr. Miller noted the Illinois State Bicycle Summit was slated for September 19-20 and participants from Iowa could also attend.
7. Adjournment. Mr. Ambrose motioned to adjourn, and Mayor Klipsch seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.