

Minutes of the

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

Tuesday, March 28, 2017 – 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
Karen Bobo	Division Administrator, FHWA
Mardy Davis	Mayor, Village of Oak Grove
Bob Gallagher	Mayor, City of Bettendorf
Frank Klipsch	Mayor, City of Davenport
Tony Knobbe	Scott County Supervisor
Larry Lorensen	Chair, MetroLINK Board
Ken Maranda	Chairman, Rock Island County
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, City of East Moline
Kris Tobin	Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2

OTHERS PRESENT

Rachel Bruce	Bi-State Regional Commission
Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation, Springfield
Darla Hugaboom	FHWA, Iowa Division
Bob Del La Rosa	Village of Oak Grove, Trustee
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Brandon Melton	Bi-State Regional Commission
Donnie Miller	Quad City Bicycle Safety
Tao Pan	Bi-State Regional Commission
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Lindsay Whitson	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of Minutes of the January 24, 2017 Transportation Policy Committee. Mayor Gallagher called for approval of the minutes. Mayor O’Boyle motioned for approval of the January 24, 2017 minutes of the Transportation Policy Committee as written. Mayor Thodos seconded, and the motion carried.
2. Consideration of FFY2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Revisions. Mr. Melton described two proposed amendments. One was for Davenport’s project (DA-17-01) to clarify the scope of the project. The other was a new project on I-74 for Illinois DOT (IL-17-07) for erosion repair and mitigation near 38th Avenue. Mayor O’Boyle moved for approval of the revisions. Mr. Ambrose seconded and the motion carried. The approved revisions are attached in a table at the end of the minutes for reference.

3. Presentation on the FY2018 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) and Revisions to the Public Participation Process. Ms. McCullough presented the FY2018 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 2017 was shared. Ms. McCullough reported transportation planning fund targets for FY2018. At this time, with the information available, the targets reflect static funding levels: Iowa FTA (5305d) - \$53,131, Iowa FHWA Planning - \$225,487 (without carryover), Illinois FTA (5305d) - \$68,067, and Illinois FHWA Planning - \$286,828. Also included in the planning targets were FTA 5307 Urban Transit Planning funds for the metropolitan transit systems. A handout included object class and program budgets outlining these funds by line item and category. 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 Policy Committee. The FY 2018 TPWP will be taken to the Bi-State Regional Commission at their May meeting as a component of the Commission's overall budget. Mr. Ambrose expressed appreciation for Bi-State staff's work. Mayor Gallagher asked about the indirect cost rate which is applied to all Bi-State projects, grants and contracts on the proportion of direct labor expenses using a fixed percentage rate based on FY2016 actual audited costs.

4. Status of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Applications and Funding Discussion. Ms. McCullough provided a presentation regarding STBG and TASA funding programs and applications received from local jurisdictions. Three STBG projects were submitted in the Iowa Quad Cities requesting \$16.9 million in federal funds with \$15.9 million available. Sixteen STBG projects were submitted in the Illinois Quad Cities requesting \$51.7 million, one didn't meet the matching requirement and was removed from the ranking process. There is \$2.9 million available for programming in the Illinois Quad Cities. Related to the TASA funds, there were 4 projects submitted in total, 3 in Iowa and one in Illinois. Ms. McCullough provided a timeline for programming said funds. The funds are expected to be considered for programming in May. Ms. McCullough reviewed eligibility for each funding source and shared a listing of submitted projects. She also outlined the response form that will be sent to applicants to confirm the information provided in each project application.
5. Demonstration of the Bi-State Region Freight Commodity Tool. Mr. Melton provided an overview of the freight commodity tool developed for Bi-State through a previous freight plan update effort. The tool, developed by Parsons Brinckerhoff, utilizes data visualization software (Tableau) to provide insights on freight transportation issues. Mr. Melton demonstrated a number of views within the tool that analyze commodity flows, truck volume, congestion and other related topics. Bi-State staff is continuing to develop skills internally to update and enhance the tool.
6. Public Comments. None
7. Other Business. Karen Bobo, FHWA Division Administrator in Iowa, introduced herself to the Policy Committee and described her role within the administration. Ms. McCullough provided a handout related to the new I-74 bridge construction project with updated information for talking points for elected officials.
8. Adjournment. Mr. Ambrose motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Klipsch seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.

March 28, 2017 – Transportation Policy Committee – Revisions to the FFY 2017-2020 TIP

AMENDMENTS - COMMITTEE ACTION REQUIRED													
ROADWAY/TRAIL/OTHER													
PROJECT NUMBER	Year Programmed (FFY)	PROJECT ROUTE	PROJECT LOCATION	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PLAN JUST.	TOTAL ESTIMATED COST	FEDERAL SHARE	FEDERAL SOURCE	STATE SHARE	STATE SOURCE	LOCAL SHARE	LOCAL SOURCE	NOTES
City of Davenport - DA													
DA-17-01	2017	76th St	From E. of Hancock Court to 0.1 Mile east of Division; approach construction on Division Street from 0.2 miles south of 76 th Street to 0.2 miles north of 76 th Street	Grade and Pave, Turn with Lanes in all directions @ Division St	CMP	\$4,496,333	\$3,597,167	STP-REG	\$0		\$899,166	CTY	Added clarification to project location
State of Illinois - IL													
IL-17-07	2017	I-74 SB	0.2 mi N to 38 th Ave/Coaltown Rd	Erosion repair/mitigation within ROW	MAINT	\$550,000	\$495,000	NHPP	\$55,000	STA			New Project