

## Minutes of the

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

Tuesday, August 22, 2017 – 12:00 noon  
Bi-State Regional Commission  
Third Floor Conference Room 320  
1504 Third Avenue  
Rock Island, Illinois

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Stephanie Acri	Mayor, City of Moline
Ray Ambrose	Alderman, City of Davenport
Duane Dawson	Mayor, Village of Milan
Frank Klipsch	Mayor, City of Davenport
Tony Knobbe	Scott County Supervisor
Larry Lorensen	Board Chair, MetroLINK
Ken Maranda	Chairman, Rock Island County
Becky Marruffo	Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2
Gary Miller	Council Member, City of East Moline
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation, District 6
Kerri Tompkins	Alderman, City of Davenport

#### OTHERS PRESENT

Rachel Bruce	Bi-State Regional Commission
Denise Bulat	Bi-State Regional Commission
Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation, Springfield
Ryan Hippen	Illinois Department of Transportation – Field Engineer
Kristina Kuehling	Images, Inc.
Brandon Melton	Bi-State Regional Commission
Danielle Mulholland	Iowa Department of Transportation
George Ryan	Amec Foster Wheeler
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Dave Soliz	Bi-State Regional Commission
Anthony Watt	Dispatch-Argus
Lindsay Whitson	Bi-State Regional Commission
Jeff Whitten	KWQC

1. Approval of Minutes of the June 27, 2017 Transportation Policy Committee. Mayor Klipsch called the meeting to order and asked for approval of the minutes. Mr. Knobbe motioned for approval of the June 27, 2017 minutes of the Transportation Policy Committee as written. Mr. Maranda seconded, and the motion carried.
2. Consideration of the Amendments to the FFY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Melton explained that the Federal Transit Administration released full-year apportionments for FY17 since the adoption of the FFY 2018-2021 TIP in June. The amendments concerned changes in funding pertaining to three Federal Transit Administration programs, Sections 5307, 5310, and 5339. The amendments will adjust the 8/12 apportionments for FY17 to include the final four months of the fiscal year. The tables following represent the revised figures.

Mr. Ambrose motioned to approve the FFY 2018-21 Transportation Improvement Program as discussed. Mr. Lorensen seconded the motion, which carried.

Transit System	Total 5307 Fund Allocation for Capital Projects FY 2017
Bettendorf Transit	\$478,548
Davenport CitiBus	\$1,069,716
MetroLINK	\$2,696,218
<b>TOTAL - Quad Cities Urbanized Area</b>	<b>\$4,244,482</b>

Transit System	Total 5310 Fund Allocation FY 2017
Bettendorf Transit	\$32,687
Davenport CitiBus	\$98,094
MetroLINK	\$125,518
<b>TOTAL - Quad Cities Urbanized Area</b>	<b>\$256,299</b>

Transit System	Total 5339 Fund Allocation FY 2017
Bettendorf Transit	\$47,716
Davenport CitiBus	\$114,811
MetroLINK	\$257,803
<b>TOTAL - Quad Cities Urbanized Area</b>	<b>\$420,329</b>

3. Status of I-74 Mississippi River Corridor Reconstruction. Mr. Ryan gave a presentation on the current status of the I-74 Mississippi River Bridge Reconstruction project. A groundbreaking ceremony was held on June 26. Mr. Ryan introduced officials who were key figures in the project development and public outreach efforts. Phase II construction has begun on the central section of the project in the river. Lunda began by dredging and boring a test caisson. Trees and debris have been removed on both sides of the river. The intersection of 19<sup>th</sup> Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Moline will be closed for several months beginning in late August. The detour will be located on 15<sup>th</sup> Street. In 2019, detours will be in place for 19<sup>th</sup> Street in Moline and Kimberly Road during the heaviest construction season.

Project coordination is being conducted at monthly meetings between the public information officer and city staff of Davenport, Bettendorf, Moline, and Rock Island. An Emergency Communications Plan is in place and is updated as conditions change. Public outreach is vitally important to communicate the most recent detours and changes to traffic during construction. The public has already been invited to the formal groundbreaking and other public meetings. Social media will be used extensively in addition to more traditional media releases. It was noted that the public should also know about construction on arterial roadways, and traffic projections should also be part of the project communications. Currently, average daily traffic on the I-74 bridge is approximately 77,000 vehicles per day, increasing to 100,000 in the future.

4. Presentation on Bi-State Region Transit Development Plan (TDP) Update Process. Ms. Whitson gave a presentation on the Transit Development Plan Update. The purpose of the plan is to provide information and guidance on future passenger transportation mobility options and human services coordination. The plan includes an inventory of current public transportation options, existing issues in coordination between human service agencies and transit agencies, a list of priorities and strategies, and a discussion on funding.

Public input on the plan is solicited on an on-going basis through semi-annual transit summits throughout the Bi-State Region. The Bi-State Region is served by eight transit agencies: Bettendorf Transit, Davenport CitiBus, MetroLINK, MuscaBus, River Bend Transit, RIM Rural Transit, Henry County Public Transportation, and Whiteside County Public Transportation. Common issues with transit described through input in the past include need for extended hours and days of service, availability of funding, affordability for customers, and more informative education and marketing. One major barrier to transit service in the region is the fragmented nature of the different systems.

The goals of the TDP are to improve convenience, investment, affordability, land use decisions, geographic coverage, and safety among the varied transit systems in the region. Numerous changes to the passenger transportation system have occurred in recent years, such as the introduction of Uber and Megabus services to the area. Updates to transit facilities and technology continue to be made to improve the passenger experience and the maintenance capabilities of agencies. The document's text will be updated by January, with draft plans being submitted to the Iowa DOT in February and the Illinois DOT in March 2018. The plan will be published in May 2018.

5. Status of Trail Counting in the Region. Mr. Schmid presented on the trail counting program conducted by Bi-State Regional Commission. The purpose of counting along area trails is to inform planning documents and decisions based on objective data. Temporal analyses can be conducted to track trail usage over time, including before and after a construction project. Performance measurement can also provide a degree of measurable success of a particular project or a project's impact on a network.

Bi-State purchased 12 infrared counters from TRAFx in 2012, with counting beginning in 2013. The counters are loaned to member governments upon request at no extra cost. The counters are installed by Bi-State staff after input is received from the partner government on counter location. The member government assumes responsibility for the equipment while it is installed. The counters are triggered by heat signatures left by people, animals, vehicles, or vegetation warmed by the sun. Once the count data is retrieved and downloaded, it is uploaded to the TRAFx DataNet website and can be accessed by the member government. Simple reports can be generated to one or multiple sites. While the count data is useful, it is not without its faults and inconsistencies, and must be analyzed with an eye toward those irregularities.

6. Public Comments. No comments were made.
7. Other Business. Mayor Klipsch noted that the meeting of the Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative will be in St. Louis between September 14 and 16. The meeting will be hosted in the Quad Cities in 2018. The Illinois DOT will be receiving public input on the five-year Capital Improvement Program through September 15.
8. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 12:55 pm.