

Minutes of the

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

Tuesday, November 28, 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
Bob Gallagher	Mayor, City of Bettendorf
Reggie Freeman	Mayor, East Moline
Frank Klipsch	Mayor, City of Davenport
Ken Maranda	Chair, Rock Island County
Marty O’Boyle	Mayor, City of Eldridge
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation, District 6
Mike Thoms	Mayor, City of Rock Island
Kris Tobin	Illinois Department of Transportation District 2
Kerri Tompkins	Alderman, City of Davenport
Larry Lorensen	Chair, MetroLINK

OTHERS PRESENT

Rachel Bruce	Bi-State Regional Commission
Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation Springfield
Ryan HIPPIN	Illinois Department of Transportation
Jeff Koenig	I-74 GEC
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Brandon Melton	Bi-State Regional Commission
Brent Morlok	City of Bettendorf
Lindsay Whitson	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of Minutes of the October 24, 2017 Transportation Policy Committee. Mayor Klipsch called the meeting to order and asked for approval of the minutes. Chairman Maranda motioned for approval of the October 24, 2017 minutes of the Transportation Policy Committee as written. Mayor Thoms seconded, and the motion carried.
2. Consideration of the Endorsement of the Quad City International Airport’s Fly Local Alliance. Ms. McCullough described a new initiative from the Quad City International Airport. They are requesting that area leaders join the Fly Local Alliance in order to promote use of the airport and encourage use of a “True-Cost Trip Calculator” to help determine if any difference in airfare is worth spending valuable time, tolls, and parking by driving to other nearby airports. Chairman Maranda motioned to endorse the Fly local Alliance, and Mayor Thoms seconded. The motion carried.
3. Presentation on Bettendorf State-Grant Streets Traffic Study. Mr. Morlok provided a presentation regarding a traffic study conducted for State and Grant Streets in downtown Bettendorf. In 2016, the City of Bettendorf commissioned a traffic feasibility study with Snyder & Associates to explore the potential for converting the State Street and Grant Street corridors between 15th Street and 26th

Street from a one-way couplet to both carrying two-way traffic. By converting both corridors to two-way traffic, the intent was to keep Grant Street designated as U.S. 67 and to change State Street to a lower speed two-way local street with enhanced parking and bicycle and pedestrian accommodations.

Mr. Morlok described existing conditions of the study area including information on traffic volume and land use. He highlighted that the project goals are:

1. Convert the Grant/State Street one-way couplet to two-way corridors between 15th and 26th Streets
2. Support the continued economic redevelopment of the downtown area
3. Provide increased pedestrian accessibility
4. Convert State Street to a low-speed, two-way roadway with on-street parking
5. Convert Grant Street to a two-way highway thoroughfare

Mr. Morlok described three scenarios and the cost/benefit of each. It was determined that the Grant Street Center alignment is preferred based upon total construction costs and least amount of impact to adjacent properties, and the State Street two-lane configuration is preferred based upon inclusion of bike lanes and on-street parking. Bettendorf will be submitting the study to Iowa Department of Transportation for their review and will incorporate any comments they have into the final version of the study.

4. Public Comments. None
5. Other Business. Mr. Koenig provided a status update on the I-74 bridge construction project. He noted which contractors were awarded each piece of the project. It was noted that costs were coming in \$83 Million lower than estimated. This is due to some padding built into the estimates prior to going out for bid.

Ms. McCullough noted that there is a February deadline for MPOs to set targets for safety performance measures. She shared that staff intends to recommend that the states' goals be accepted for now.

It was also noted that Illinois DOT has reached an agreement with FTA extending grants related to preliminary engineering for the passenger rail connection between Chicago and the Quad Cities. It was requested that ILDOT provide a presentation on the project status. Ms. McCullough noted that staff has asked for a presentation to the Bi-State Regional Commission, and DOT will at a time when there is more to report.

It was also announced that the Illinois State Freight Plan is available for public comment through the end of November.

6. Adjournment. Mayor Klipsch asked for a motion to adjourn. Mayor Freeman made the motion, and it was seconded by Mayor Thoms. The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.