

## Minutes of the

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

Tuesday, February 27, 2018 – 12:00 noon  
Bi-State Regional Commission  
Third Floor Conference Room 320  
1504 Third Avenue  
Rock Island, Illinois

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Masood Ahmad	Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2
Ray Ambrose	City of Davenport
Ken Beck	Supervisor, Scott County Board
Reggie Freeman	Mayor, East Moline
Larry Lorensen	Chair, MetroLINK
Ken Maranda	Chair, Rock Island County
Marty O'Boyle	Mayor, City of Eldridge
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation, District 6

#### OTHERS PRESENT

Rachel Bruce	Bi-State Regional Commission
Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation, Springfield
Katrina Lamansky	WQAD
Stephanie Mattan	WQAD
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Brandon Melton	Bi-State Regional Commission
Jim Mennan	Dispatch
Clay Merrit	City of Davenport
John Powell	Davenport CitiBus
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Jim Threadgill	Hutchison Engineering

1. Approval of Minutes of the January 23, 2018 Transportation Policy Committee. Mr. Maranda called the meeting to order and asked for approval of the minutes. Mr. Ambrose motioned for approval of the January 23, 2018 minutes of the Transportation Policy Committee as written. Mr. Lorensen seconded, and the motion carried.
2. Consideration of the Revisions to the FFY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Melton provided an overview of the amendments and administrative modifications to the FFY 2018-2021 TIP contained as part of the agenda packet. Request for amendments have been received from the City of Davenport and Davenport CitiBus. Project number DA-16-01, Davenport's Goose Creek Trail Phase II project, will see its scope reduced. Its termini are Goose Creek Park to east of U.S. 61 under Brady Street. Four amendments concerning projects from Davenport CitiBus were received. Project numbers CB-18-01, CB-18-02, CB-18-08, and CB-19-07 required committee action. Project CB-18-01 saw its federal funding reduced to \$460,714. The federal funding source for project CB-18-02 changed from Sec. 5307 to 5310. A new project, CB-18-08, was added that will install solar panels on bus shelters using revenue from the Quad Cities Garage disposition. And finally, project CB-19-07 was shifted from FY2019 to 2018. Its federal funding source changed from Sec. 5339 to Quad Cities Garage disposition revenue.

Refer to the TIP Revisions attached at the end of these minutes for record of the changes. The amendments were recommended for approval by the Technical Committee. Mr. Ambrose motioned to approve the FY2018-2021 TIP amendments as presented. Mr. Beck seconded the motion and it carried.

3. Consideration of Revisions to FY2018 Transportation Planning Work Program. Ms. McCullough noted that Bi-State Regional Commission has been without a travel demand modeler since July. Some of the funds that would have been spent on long range planning are proposed to be transferred to general planning for an enhancement of an existing website supporting regional socio-economic data. The proposed project is an

update to the data portal developed by Bi-State. Data will be updated and additional features will be introduced, such as automatic updates to additional data and improved reporting abilities. The back end of the website will also be improved. A consultant will be hired to complete the work. The effort totals \$8,300. Mr. Beck motioned to approve the revisions to the FY2018 Transportation Planning Work Program as presented. Mr. Ambrose seconded the motion, which carried.

4. Quad Cities Traffic Safety Plan Overview. Mr. Melton presented an overview of the upcoming Traffic Safety Plan for the Quad Cities Area. The plan is a response to the implementation of performance measures in federal transportation planning. Strategic planning will find and analyze where problem locations are and develop measures to increase safety at those locations and across the transportation system as a whole. Background information on types of crashes occurring in the urban area will provide insight into the solutions to help alleviate future crashes. The Illinois DOT provided heat maps of crashes in the area as part of consultant work done for Rock Island County. The Rock Island County plan will be used as a template for the Quad Cities plan. The draft of the Traffic Safety Plan will be drafted by August to bring to the Committee for review.
5. Presentation on Illinois Freight Competitive Grant Program and Other Funding Opportunities. Ms. McCullough presented an explanation of Illinois' competitive grant program to improve efficient movement on the National Highway Freight Network. Over five fiscal years, the IL DOT will program over \$225 million to fund solution-based projects to address bottlenecks, safety, intermodal accessibility, and technology deployment. A local match of at least 20% will be required. There will be no required geographic distribution to the selected projects. Partnerships among various governmental agencies and non-public sector entities are encouraged. The maximum grant award is \$45 million and \$22.5 million for intermodal projects. The application window is from February 16 to April 6, and must be completed online. The projects will be selected by data-driven criteria. Awards will be announced as early as May 2018. A similar program in Iowa, Linking Iowa's Freight Transportation System (LIFTS), will offer over \$77 million between FY2016 and FY2020. Many of the same requirements as the Illinois Freight Competitive Grant Program persist with the Iowa program under the FAST Act.

The IL DOT will also be changing the way another one of its programs operates: the Special Planning and Research (SPR) Funds. Previously, funds were awarded on an ad hoc basis as projects came up. The IL DOT will be moving the funds to a competitive grant process. The application and selection process for the funds must still be determined. The DOT anticipates it will have an annual solicitation. The first round may open in summer 2018.

6. Public Comments. None
7. Other Business. Mr. Threadgill provided an update on the status of the I-74 bridge project. At the southern end of the project, Walsh Construction is removing trees and light poles south of 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Shoulder work is beginning with crews setting up barrels to push the lanes out. More tree clearance is taking place along 19<sup>th</sup> Street. Between 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the river, Kramer Construction will start building piers in Moline like the ones in Bettendorf. A permanent closure of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue will begin on March 5. Lunda Construction has been working in the river with approximately 100 workers over two shifts all winter to drill shafts. Piers will begin coming out of the water this summer.

Ms. McCullough noted that Bi-State is hosting an alternative fuels summit April 3<sup>rd</sup> at Augustana College. Invitations will be sent out soon. Mr. DeLille said the ILDOT is accepting public comments on the Illinois State Rail Plan, which can be found currently on the DOT's website. Ms. McCullough said Bi-State is developing a timeline to guide work on the next Long Range Transportation Plan. Mayor Klipsch had indicated that he would like to hear from members of the Transportation Policy Committee on their communities' wants and needs. A facilitated discussion will take place in the coming months.

8. Adjournment. Mr. Ambrose made the motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Mr. O'Boyle. The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

February 27, 2018 – Transportation Policy Committee – Revisions to the FFY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program

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
<b>City of Davenport - DA</b>													
DA-16-01	2018	Goose Creek Trail (Phase II)	Goose Creek Park to under and E of US 61	ROW, Ped/Bike Grade & Pave	OTHER	\$1,422,466	\$1,137,973	TAP-REG			\$284,493	CTY	Reduce scope due to increased costs. Previous limits: 53rd St. NW 1.2 Mi to 59th and Scott St.
AMENDMENTS - COMMITTEE ACTION REQUIRED													
TRANSIT													
PROJECT NUMBER	Year Programmed (FFY)	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PROJECT TYPE	TOTAL ESTIMATED COST	FEDERAL SHARE	FEDERAL SOURCE	STATE SHARE	STATE SOURCE	LOCAL SHARE	LOCAL SOURCE	STATE # (IA TPMS #)	NOTES	
<b>Davenport Citibus - CB</b>													
CB-18-01	2018	Transit Operations	O	\$4,700,000	\$460,714	SEC 5307	\$492,136	STA	\$3,747,150	LOC	979	Fed funding reduced from \$800k	
CB-18-02		ADA Paratransit	O	\$690,000	\$98,094	SEC 5310	\$0		\$591,906	LOC	981	Fed funding source changed from Sec. 5307	
CB-18-08	2018	Solar Panels	C	\$110,000	\$110,000	QC Garage Disposition Revenue						New Project	
CB-19-07	2018	Bus Annunciation System	C	\$110,000	\$110,000	QC Garage Disposition Revenue					4737	Shift project from 2019 to 2018, change in fed funds from 5339, revised cost est from \$125k	
ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS - NO COMMITTEE ACTION REQUIRED													
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<b>Davenport Citibus - CB</b>													
CB-18-05	2018	Preventative Maintenance	C	\$780,000	\$609,002	SEC 5307	\$0		\$170,998	LOC	980	Fed share increased from \$500k	
CB-18-07	2018	Additional Service and Bus Rehab for I-74 Construction	O	\$1,680,119	\$1,096,310	5307	\$274,078	PRF	\$309,731	MetroLINK	4773	Fed funding changed from 50% to 80% share.	