

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

Tuesday, January 28, 2020 – 12:00 noon
Bi-State Regional Commission
Third Floor Room 317 County Board Chambers
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois
Mayor Mike Thoms, Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stephanie Acri	Mayor, City of Moline
Ray Ambrose	Alderman, City of Davenport
Bob Baecke	Chair, MetroLINK Board
Ken Croken	Scott County Board of Supervisors
Rick Dunn	Alderman, City of Davenport
Reggie Freeman	Mayor, City of East Moline
Bob Gallagher	Mayor, City of Bettendorf
Tim Marshall	FHWA – Iowa Division
Mike Matson	Mayor, City of Davenport
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

OTHERS PRESENT

Patrick Carlson	IUOE Local 150
Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation, Springfield
Ryan Drew	IUOE Local 150
Sean Litteral	FHWA – Iowa Division
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Dylan Parker	Indian Illinois Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting
Stephen Rashid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Election of Transportation Policy Committee Officers. Mayor O’Boyle nominated Mayor Thoms as Chair and Mayor Gallagher as Vice-Chair. Mr. Dunn seconded the nomination, and it passed unanimously.
2. Approval of Minutes of the December 3, 2019 Quad Cities MPO Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mayor Thoms called for the approval of the Quad Cities MPO minutes. Mr. Ambrose motioned for approval of the October 22, 2019 minutes of the Quad Cities MPO Transportation Policy Committee as written. Mayor Matson seconded the motion, and it carried.
3. I-74 Mississippi River Corridor Reconstruction Update. Mr. Ryan reported on the status of the I-74 Mississippi River Corridor reconstruction. A major milestone has been reached in the installation of the first intermediate strut on the Iowa side of the arch. This piece is structurally very significant and is the first time two legs of the arch have been joined together, confirming that the required tolerances are being achieved. Similar work will be continuing on the Illinois side of the arch with two upper cables stays being installed and tensioned. This will be followed by a survey to ensure the arches are in proper alignment. The intermediate strut will be installed on the Illinois side and then another critical survey will be performed before continuing with more arch ribs. At this point, 20 arch ribs have been installed, and there are 10 more to go. The final two arch ribs will be preassembled with two more struts and will be installed in the keystone section. This part will be challenging and done with great care because it will have to align with and be attached to all four arch legs at the same time. Land progress continues, and the plan shared at the December 11 public meeting was well-received to utilize new detours in Moline to allow continued progress on the Illinois approach. There will be more

route changes coming in the spring with more details and media blasts to come. Over all, the project is about half a year behind schedule, but progress is being made to ensure a safe bridge for the public.

4. Consideration of Revisions to the Quad Cities MPO FFY 2020-2023 MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Rashid described the revisions to the FFY 2020-2023 MPO TIP enclosed in the agenda packet recommended by the Technical Committee. Mr. Ambrose motioned to approve the amendments as presented. Mr. Croken seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The approved projects are included as a table at the end of these minutes.
5. Status of 2050 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan Update – Non-Motorized Transportation and Complete Streets, TAZ Designations for Future Projects, and Results of Citizen Survey. Mr. Rashid outlined the progress being made on updating the traffic analysis zones (TAZ) and network structure for the Travel Demand Model (TDM). This is a necessary update to produce a TDM that is consistent with the Iowa DOT Standardized Model Structure. The update reforms the TAZs to align with the parcels in our area and refines them to be smaller in size than previous versions of the TDM. This is advantageous because it will allow more fine grain analysis of travel in the region, and the alignment with parcels will allow future updates to better integrate changes do land use, including future development.

Mr. Schmid presented on the status of the Non-motorized Transportation and Complete Streets components of the long range transportation plan. He presented figures displaying trail counts for existing trails in the area that show which existing facilities are the most well used. The map highlighted the riverfront trails with the highest counts occurring in Lindsay Park, Schwiebert Park, and Ben Butterworth Park. These were followed by the Duck Creek trail in Bettendorf. Mr. Schmid also shared a heat map showing Environmental Justice weighting. This map highlights areas that have high concentrations of people with limited English proficiency, minority populations, and low income populations. These areas are important to consider in planning non-motorized transportation because these populations are disproportionately affected by mobility limitations and safety issues associated with non-motorized transportation. Mr. Schmid also highlighted changes to non-motorized transportation infrastructure that have occurred since 2016. Examples include Mississippi River Trail (MRT) extensions in Buffalo and Bettendorf; sidepaths on Spruce Hill Drive and Forest Grove Road in Bettendorf; sidepaths on Veterans Memorial Parkway, Elmore Avenue, and Eastern Avenue in Davenport; and repaving of Ben Butterworth Park Trail in Moline. Mr. Schmid also referenced upcoming non-motorized transportation improvements in the area. Mayor Matson expressed concern over the inclusion of Division Street in the Complete Streets priority list and requested further coordination with the City of Davenport on the subject.

Ms. McCullough shared the results of the Connect QC 2050 Citizen Survey Results. The survey collected 179 responses between September 6, 2019 and October 25, 2019. Respondents indicated that their short-term desires include street and bridge repair, better bike lanes, improved transit service, becoming more pedestrian friendly, and establishing passenger rail service. Most respondents indicated that car travel is relatively easy in the area, and street repair needs the most improvement. Respondents also indicated they would like more sidewalks in areas that do not currently have them. The next public involvement for the long range transportation plan will be open house style workshops in early to mid-February. There will be one workshop in Illinois and one in Iowa. Input from interest groups such as the Trails Committee, Riverfront Council, and Air Quality Task Force will be gathered in the spring. Mr. Ambrose expressed concern at the low response and suggested other avenues of input might be explored.

6. Public Comments. Mr. Dylan Parker thanked the committee for opting out of the SWAP program. He went on to update the status of the 53rd Street project in Davenport that remained SWAP due to the timing of the decision. The project was awarded to Manatts, which he pointed out does have materials facility in the area, but their construction group is from Brooklyn, IA.
7. Other Business. Ms. McCullough noted that the next TPC meeting will be on February 25, 2020 and will be in the Rock Island County Boardroom.
8. Adjournment. Mr. O'Boyle moved to adjourn. Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

January 28, 2020 - Transportation Policy Committee - FFY2020-2023
 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
State of Illinois - IL													
IL-20-10	2020	I-88	Under Moline Rd, 0.7 miles East of I-80	Bridge Painting	MAINT	\$422,000	\$380,000	NHPP	\$42,000	STA			New Project
Bi-State Regional Commission - (Transportation Planning Roadway - TP)													
TP-23-02	2023	Iowa Quad Cities Urbanized Area	Iowa Quad Cities Urbanized Area	Pavement Condition Data Collection	PL	\$77,000			\$77,000	STBG SWAP			
TRANSIT													
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MetroLINK - ML													
ML-20-14	2020	Harware	C	\$100,000	\$100,000	5307						Increasing total funding from \$50,000 and using TDC	
ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS - NO COMMITTEE ACTION REQUIRED													
ROADWAY/TRAIL/OTHER													
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State of Illinois - IL													
IL-20-05	2020	I-80 over Rock River I-74 over Rock River	Various District 2 Locations over Rock River	Bridge Washing	MAINT	\$90,000	\$81,000	STP	\$9,000	STA			Moved to Current Status Bridges: SN 037-0021 SN 037-0022 SN 081-0161 SN 081-0162
IL-20-09	2020	US 67	IL 92, RR & Mississippi River in Rock Island	Bridge Repair	OTHER	\$2,000,000	\$800,000	STP	\$200,000	STA			Typo in previous amendment listed this project as IL-20-05.
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MetroLINK - ML													
ML-20-07	2020	ADP Software	C	\$150,000	\$150,000	5307						Increasing total funding from \$125,000 and using TDC	