

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

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 – 12:00 noon
Bi-State Regional Commission
Third Floor Conference Room 320
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 (Vice Chair of this Committee)
Sean Litteral	Federal Highway Administration (by phone)
Becky Marruffo	Illinois Department of Transportation – District 2
Mike Matson	Mayor, City of Davenport
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation – District 6
Mike Thoms	Mayor, City of Rock Island

OTHERS PRESENT

Rachael Anderson	Quad Cities Chamber
Denise Bulat	Bi-State Regional Commission
Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation, Springfield
Bill Jansen	HDR (Rail Crossing Study Consultant)
Michelle Krueger	Califf & Harper
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Justin Opitz	GHA
Dylan Parker	IIFFC
Stephen Rashid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Kathy Starling	IICIL
Chong Qing Wu	Bi-State Regional Commission

The following consultants for the IL 92 Corridor Study team were on the phone, remotely attending this meeting:

Lesley Roth	Fish Transportation Group
Cindy Fish	RATIO
Bill Grieve	GHA

1. Approval of Minutes of the January 28, 2020 Quad Cities MPO Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mayor Gallagher called for the approval of the minutes. Mr. Ambrose motioned for approval of the January 28, 2020 minutes of the Quad Cities MPO Transportation Policy Committee as written. Mr. Croken seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Mayor Thoms presided over the remainder of the meeting.
2. I-74 Mississippi River Corridor Reconstruction Update. Mr. Jim Threadgill of Hutchinson Engineering Inc., I-74 Bridge Deputy Corridor Manager reported on the status of the I-74 Mississippi River Corridor reconstruction. Avenue of the Cities at 19th Street access in Moline is closed. Rerouting requires NEPA approval sometime in April. River bridge is hoping to open this fall with 2 lanes in each direction. R5 section is placed, and the second piece R5 for the

coming weekend. McCarthy staging is to continue work this year. Mr. Croken asked if any prominent signs could be displayed showing estimated completion date of the project to drivers. Mr. Threadgill said not that he could think of, but they wouldn't assume a concrete date until the arch of the new bridge is closed.

3. 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. Rashid noted four amendments recommended to be made to the TIP: Davenport Elm Street Bridge replacement; IL DOT's IL 5 resurfacing project and IL 92 lighting; and East Moline's Grand Illinois Trail connector project. Mr. Ambrose motioned to approve the amendments as presented. Mr. Gallagher seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Croken asked if CN rail company will pay for some of the Elm St. Bridge. Mr. Ambrose answered yes, the railroad will pay a portion of the project. The approved projects are included as a table at the end of these minutes along with administrative modifications noted but not requiring action.
4. Report on Mississippi River Rail Crossing Study. Ms. McCullough provided an overview of the Illinois Statewide Planning and Research (SPR) program that provides funding for the study. The project was highlighted in the Bi-State Freight Plan and noted in the Long Range Transportation Plan as needs further study. Mr. Jansen presented the findings from the Mississippi River Rail Crossing Study, from the history of each of the crossings in this area, to the operators of systems to the critical roles each of the bridge plays. He described how the existing rail network can be maintained for this region. He highlighted three alternative areas for improvement with sub-scenarios for each. The final alternatives were being discussed with the railroads, and a report should be finalized by the end of March.

Mr. Ambrose asked about the next steps (funding, timeline, pay allotments) for the rail crossing project. This was a preliminary analysis, so additional detailed engineering would be required to move forward, as well as working with the railroads. Mr. Thoms stated that rail bridges should be a top priority for all level of governments. He asked about a possible cost study but there wasn't costs available at this time.
5. Report on Illinois 92 Corridor Study. – The Illinois 92 corridor team was represented by William Grieve and Justin Opitz, Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc., Cindy Fish, Fish Transportation Group, and Lesley Roth, Ratio. Jason Opitz gave the presentation on the Illinois 92 Corridor Study. He described each of the six zones of this study corridor for their existing characteristics, lane configurations, neighborhood features, and transit services. He continued by describing the study approach of Defining the Problems, the Purpose and Needs, the Alternatives Analysis, and Public Engagement. The team followed the principles of Connectivity and Multi-modal Accommodation, Current and Future Transportation, Economic and Land Use Demands and vs Local Unique Identities for each of the 4 communities and zones: Rock Island, Moline, East Moline and Silvis. MetroLINK was also involved in the study to examine transit. Connections to trails was another element. Mr. Croken asked about next steps for this project. Mr. Opitz indicated that the next steps will be to adopt the plan and to further coordination and discussion with Illinois DOT.
6. Public Comments. None
7. Other Business. Ms. McCullough reminded everyone that the next TPC meeting will be moved to March 31st at 12:00 Noon due to staffing conflicts. Ms. Bulat gave an update on the status of Mississippi River Ports of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois (MRPEIWI) Ports Statistical Area (PSA) Application. Fourteen of the fifteen counties have supported the application which was submitted to the U.S Army Corps of Engineers in January 2020. Ms. McCullough noted that Bi-State staff was drafting an application for Illinois Statewide Planning and Research (SPR) Grants to build an interactive GIS map related to the port statistical area similar to something developed for a linear port near Cincinnati on the Ohio River.
8. Adjournment. Mr. Ambrose moved to adjourn. Mr. Thoms seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

February 25, 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
City of Bettendorf - BE													
BE-20-02	2020	Forest Grove Dr.	International D. - Middle Rd.	PE, ROW	MAINT	\$1,000,000	\$781,448	STBG			\$218,552	LOC	BE-21-01 was split so PE and ROW can begin in 2020
BE-21-01	2021	Forest Grove Dr.	International D. - Middle Rd.	Reconstruction	MAINT	\$6,630,000	\$5,181,000	STBG			\$1,449,000	LOC	
City of Davenport - (DA)													
DA-21-02	2021	Elm St	Over CP Railroad between Eastern Ave and Mound St	Bridge Replacement	MAINT	\$2,470,525	\$1,000,000	CBP			\$1,470,525	LOC	New Project
State of Illinois - IL													
IL-22-03	2020	IL 5	0.3 mi E of 70th St in Moline to Colona Rd in Carbon Cliff	Resurfacing	MAINT	\$5,000,000	\$4,000,000	NHPP	\$1,000,000	STA			Increase in funding from \$3 M (\$2.4 M / \$600 K)
IL-21-12	2021	IL 92	7th Ave, 18th Ave, 31st Ave in Rock Island	Lighting	OTHER	\$475,000	\$380,000	NHPP	\$95,000	STA			New Project
City of East Moline - EM													
EM-11-03	2020	GIT	Along 7th St at 12th Ave to 21st Ave, 21st Ave to Archer Dr to 30th Ave/Crosstown Ave to 10th St	Trail Construction	OTHER	\$3,554,867	\$2,843,893	ITEP			\$710,973	LOC	GIT Connector project extents revised to align with available funding. Unfunded sections moved to Unmet needs section.
ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS - NO COMMITTEE ACTION REQUIRED													
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State of Illinois - IL													
IL-20-04	2020	I-74/I-280 over US 6 27th St over I-280	Various District 2 Locations	Bridge Washing	MAINT	\$93,000	\$84,000	STP	\$9,000	STA			Moved from Advanced Construction to Current Status Bridges: SN 037-0003 SN 037-0004 SN 081-0166
City of Silvis - SL													
SL-15-01	2020	Avenue of the Cities (23rd Ave)	Hospital Road to 12th St.	Multi-use Path Construction	OTHER	\$612,875	\$150,000 / \$340,300	TAP-REG / ITEP			\$122,575	CTY	Moved from FY2019 to FY2020
SL-21-01	2020	10th St.	Avenue of the Cities - Crosstown Ave.	Multi-use Path Construction	OTHER	\$662,050	\$529,640	TASA	\$0		\$132,410	LOC	Moved from FY2019 to FY2021