

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

Tuesday, July 28, 2020 – 12:00 p.m.  
TELECONFERENCE FOR POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS  
Mayor Mike Thoms, Chair

*Due to on-going COVID-19 meeting directives by state and federal officials, the Policy Committee was held by teleconference to limit personal contact. Webinar sign-in information was provided to Policy Committee members, general public, and media with the agenda.*

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Stephanie Acri	Mayor, City of Moline
Ray Ambrose	Alderman, City of Davenport
Bob Baecke	Chair, MetroLINK Board
Reggie Freeman	Mayor, City of East Moline
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
Betsy Tracy	Federal Highway Administration, Illinois Division

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Rachel Anderson	QC Chamber
Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation, Springfield
Stephanie Hedrick	KWQC
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Stephen Rashid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Chong Qing Wu	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of Minutes of the June 23, 2020 Quad Cities MPO Transportation Policy Committee Meeting  
Mayor Thoms called for the approval of the minutes. Mr. Ambrose motioned for approval of the June 23, 2020 minutes of the Quad Cities MPO Transportation Policy Committee. Mr. Baecke seconded the motion, and it carried.
2. I-74 Mississippi River Reconstruction Update. Mr. Jim Threadgill gave an update on the progress on the I-74 bridge construction. Walsh Construction has paved the bridge deck all the way to 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Moline. Most of the eastbound road south of the river will be done this year except for the railroad bridge. The I-74 Bridge westbound floor steel is done, and is ready for rebar and concrete. The first piece of steel is set eastbound north of the river.
3. Consideration of Revisions to the Quad Cities MPO FFY2020-2023 and FFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Rashid noted requests from CitiBus. CitiBus added a project to purchase and install bus stop signs for \$99,406. He noted two administrative modifications from Illinois Department of Transportation on I-80 for the PEL study and a various locations in Rock Island County for guardrail upgrades. Mr. O’Boyle made a motion to approve the revisions to the TIP. Mr. Ambrose seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The TIP revisions are provided in a table at the end of the minutes.

4. Status of the 2050 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan Development – Non-motorized Transportation, Passenger Transportation Existing Conditions and Future Land Use.

Mr. Schmid presented on the existing conditions of non-motorized transportation and passenger transportation as part of the long range transportation plan, including:

***Non-Motorized Transportation Changes on the Horizon***

**Moline:** SRTS 48<sup>th</sup> Street sidewalks; MRT reroute; River-to-River; 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue

**East Moline:** GIT Connector

**Silvis:** Avenue of the Cities; 10<sup>th</sup> Street

**Bettendorf:** I-74 Bridge path & elevator

**Davenport:** Goose Creek Trail; Brady Street/VMP: Duck Creek-Emeis Connector

**Eldridge:** 1<sup>st</sup> Street Trail; East LeClaire Road extension; Townsend Farms Trail

***Passenger Transportation***

- Fixed-route transit systems: routes, fleets and passenger trips
- Maps of each transit system showing routes and ridership
- Year-to-year ridership changes for each transit system
- American Community Survey of modes of transportation – 5-year estimates
- Twelve-year trend on Nationwide Bus Ridership
- Intercity passenger transportation service: bus, rail and air
- Public inputs in regard to passenger transportation

Ms. McCullough presented the future land use data for the long range transportation plan.

- Parcel based data identifying land use types and intensity
- Population growth thresholds: Census based growth (medium), Scott County trend based growth (high), Regression model growth (low)
- Existing (2015) Parcel Based Population Map – total 310,196 compared to Census 2015 306,546
- Future Residential Land Use Assumptions (applied to 2030 and 2050)
- Future Land Use Residential Growth Map provided by the communities – 2050 unadjusted population 405,750
- Adjusted 2050 population with an overall 64% reduction in the future proposed residential parcel growth areas: 350,000

**Future Land Use Projections Comparison by Population**

Year	Threshold (Decline)	Threshold (Incline High)	LU Original Population	LU Adjusted Population*
2015	306,546	306,546	310,196	<b>310,196</b>
2030	305,169	333,330	351,731	<b>330,000</b>
2050	303,344	372,718	405,750	<b>350,000</b>

ChongQing Wu outlined the travel demand model development for the long range plan.

- A new model structure – Iowa Standardized Model Structure (ISMS)
- A new data input format that is parcel based
- A new, more detailed TAZ (2070 zone) system conforming to the parcels
- New forecast years: 2015, 2030 and 2050
- Same 4-step model is employed
- Same travel behavior from the QC HHTS
- Same importance application in evaluating and prioritizing future transportation projects to be included in the long range plan

Alderman Ambrose raised concerns about the unstable current economic condition and how the future forecast can be reasonable. Ms. McCullough stated the process of future planning involved local communities and their best forecast. Mr. Wu stated the planning as being an ongoing process, and that the plan is updated every five years to account for changes in the outlook. Mayor Matson inquired about the public feedback in the passenger transportation planning process. He requested names/zip codes of individuals who provided the feedback. Ms. McCullough indicated that names were not available but zip codes were, and staff would share the input information.

5. Public Comments. No public comments were made.
6. Other Business. Ms. McCullough noted that the U.S. House of Representatives has passed the new Transportation Bill “Moving Forward & Invest in America,” an update to the prior transportation bill, with \$500 billion in transportation funding reauthorization. The new bill needs to go through the Senate and be signed by the President. It will go through a number of iterations before this occurs. The FAST Act expires on September 30, 2020.
7. Adjournment. Mr. Ambrose moved to adjourn. Mr. O’Boyle seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

July 28, 2020 - Transportation Policy Committee - FFY2020-2023  
Transportation Improvement Program

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-20-09	2020	Purchase and Installation of bus stop signs	C	\$99,406	\$79,525	5339			\$19,881	LOC		New Project	
ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS - NO 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>State of Illinois - IL</b>													
IL-19-09	2020	I-80	Mississippi River	Planning and Environmental Linkage study		\$1,020,000	\$408,000	NHPP	\$102,000	STA			Moved to Current Status
<b>Rock Island County - RC</b>													
RC-18-01	2020	Rock Island County	Various Locations Rock Island County	PE I & II - Guardrail Upgrades	OTHER	\$222,222	\$200,000	HSIP	\$0		\$22,222	LOC	Moved to Current Status