

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

Tuesday, December 1, 2020 – 12:00 Noon
WEBINAR-TELECONFERENCE
Mayor Mike Thoms, MPO Chair

Due to on-going COVID-19 meeting directives by state and federal officials, the Policy Committee was held by webinar-teleconference to limit personal contact. 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
Richard Brunk	Chairman, Rock Island County
Ken Croken	Scott County
Gerri Doyle	Federal Transit Administration, Region VII
Rick Dunn	Alderman, City of Davenport
Bob Gallagher	Mayor, City of Bettendorf
Marty O'Boyle	Mayor, City of Eldridge
Sam Shea	Iowa DOT District 6
Mike Thoms	Mayor, City of Rock Island
Kris Tobin	Illinois Department of Transportation – District 2
Betsy Tracy	FHWA Illinois

OTHERS PRESENT

Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation, Springfield
Aaron Granquist	H. R. Green
Jeff Holland	Foundation for Fair Contracting
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Dylan Parker	Foundation for Fair Contracting
Stephen Rashid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Robert Sinkler	Dawson and Associates
Cathy Starling	Illinois Iowa Center for Independent Living
Joe Wick	Hutchinson Engineering
Chong Qing Wu	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of Minutes of the October 27, 2020 Quad Cities MPO Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mayor Thoms requested a motion to approve the minutes from the October 27, 2020 meeting. Mr. Ambrose motioned for approval of the respective minutes each as written. Mr. Croken seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
2. I-74 Mississippi River Reconstruction Update. Mr. Wick of Hutchinson Engineering company provided the status report of the I-74 Bridge construction project. The westbound structure opened to traffic on November 13, 2020. Walsh company work on the Illinois side is largely complete. Kramer is conducting demonstrations of viaducts. Lunda is working on the westbound electrical work and plumbing line under the deck. Eastbound arch preparation continues. Langman is working on local streets. McCarthy is wrapping up roadway lighting and working on switching to eastbound towards end of year. The goal is to open eastbound I-74 to traffic by the end of 2021. In regard to question about colored lights, they are working on coordination and lots of work to do yet.

3. Consideration of Revisions to the Quad Cities MPO FFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Rashid noted there were administrative modifications only to the TIP since last meeting. Rock Island County and Illinois DOT projects were requested to be moved to advanced construction status. No action is required. See the last page of the minutes for these modifications.
4. Consideration of Quad Cities Traffic Safety Plan Mr. Rashid presented the safety plan in which the methods to rank the top traffic crash locations were explained. The Quad City Traffic Safety Plan was modeled after each state's plan, and included an intersection analysis similar to former Quad Cities crash reports. Mr. Ambrose asked if data from insurance companies were used in the analysis. The answer is only public sector data was utilized, but with some research, it could be referenced in the future.
5. Status of the Corn Belt Ports and the Mississippi River Port of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois. Former Col. Robert Sinkler presented the efforts to coordinate and organize the statistical areas for the Corn Belt ports in the Mississippi River region plus eastern Iowa and western Illinois waterway area, and on the Illinois River. Much progress was made for the recognition of the Corn Belt ports as nation's top inland ports system. The designation will call attention to these rivers and support changes to legislation that clean up reporting geographies. Mr. Ambrose expressed appreciation for the work. Ms. McCullough noted that a maritime freight roundtable is being planned for early 2021, and that the MRPEIWI mapping project would soon be under contract to begin mapping area ports and terminals.

Mr. Ambrose commended the great progress made on this and thanked Col. Sinkler for his leadership.
6. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
7. Other Business. Ms. McCullough noted there will be no December Policy Committee meeting.
8. Adjournment. Mr. Baecke moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. O'Boyle seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

December 1, 2020 - Transportation Policy Committee - FFY2021-2024
 Transportation Improvement Program

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
ROCK ISLAND COUNTY - RC													
RC-18-01	2021	Rock Island County	Various Locations Rock Island County	PE I & II - Guardrail Upgrades	OTHER	\$222,222	\$200,000	HSIP	\$0		\$22,222	LOC	Moved from FY2020 for January 2021 Letting
RC-20-02	2021	Rock Island County	Various Locations Rock Island County	Construction - Guardrail Upgrades	OTHER	\$888,888	\$800,000	HSIP	\$0		\$88,888	LOC	Moved from FY2020 for January 2021 Letting and Moved to Advanced Construction
STATE OF ILLINOIS - IL													
IL-21-26	2021	Various	Rock Island County	Bridge Deck Sealing		\$168,000	\$134,000	STP	\$34,000	STA			Moved to Advanced Construction
IL-21-18	2021	US 6	BN RR & TR 38.3 mi E of Rock Island Co Line	Bridge Preservation/Deck Overlay		\$1,000,000	\$800,000	STP	\$200,000	STA			Moved to Advanced Construction
IL-21-23	2021	Various	Henry County	Bridge Deck Sealing		\$123,000	\$99,000	STP	\$24,000	STA			Moved to Advanced Construction
IL-19-05	2020	I-80	At I-74	PE I		\$1,450,000	\$1,305,000	NHPP	\$145,000	STA			Moved to Advanced Construction