

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

Tuesday, February 23, 2021 – 12:00 Noon
WEBINAR-TELECONFERENCE
Mayor Mike Matson, 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

Ray Ambrose	Alderman, City of Davenport
Bob Baecke	Chair, MetroLINK Board
Mike Bartels	President, Coal Valley
Richard “Quijas” Brunk	Chair, Rock Island County
Ken Croken	Scott County Board of Supervisors
Gerri Doyle	FTA Region VII
Reggie Freeman	Mayor, City of East Moline
Bob Gallagher	Mayor, City of Bettendorf
Becky Marruffo	Illinois Department of Transportation – District 2
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
Betsy Tracy	FHWA, Illinois

OTHERS PRESENT

Denise Bulat	Bi-State Regional Commission
Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation – Springfield
Lisa Kotter	City of Eldridge
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Katelyn Miner	Bi-State Regional Commission
Cathy Monroe	FTA, Region VII
George Ryan	Wood Environment and Infrastructure Solutions, Inc.
Damion Sadd	Continental Cement
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Roger Strandlund	Califf Harper
Chong Qing Wu	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of Minutes of the January 26, 2021 Quad Cities MPO Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mayor Matson chaired the meeting, and requested a motion to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2021 meeting. Mr. Ambrose motioned for approval of the minutes as written. Mayor O’Boyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
2. I-74 Mississippi River Reconstruction Update. Mr. Ryan with the I-74 project team provided the status report of the I-74 Bridge construction project. Currently, 19 out of 30 sections of the Illinois-bound arch are installed. A staging change at Grant Street will be completed to allow for deconstruction of old on-ramps. In Moline, the new 7th Street off-ramp will open in early April. Severe cold in recent weeks has slowed progress.

3. Consideration of Certificate of Appreciation to Retired Army Colonel Robert Sinkler for Efforts Toward Port Statistical Area Designations. At the January Transportation Policy Committee meeting, members requested a formal acknowledgement for Col. Sinkler's work to designate regional portions of the Mississippi River as part of the Mississippi River Ports of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois (MRPEIWI). Mr. Ambrose motioned to approve a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the Transportation Policy Committee for Col. Sinkler's efforts to establish the port statistical area designation. Mayor Gallagher seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
4. Consideration of Revisions to the Quad Cities MPO FFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Two amendments were received. The first is from the IL DOT for project IL-21-29 for a bridge painting project over Case Creek and under 23rd Avenue in Moline. The total cost was reduced to \$300,000. The second amendment is from Davenport for project DA-16-01, part of Goose Creek Trail (Phase II). The project was moved from FFY20 to FFY21. Mayor O'Boyle motioned to approve the amendments and Mr. Ambrose seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the TIP revisions are documented at the end of these minutes.
5. Status of the 2050 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan. Ms. McCullough presented on adding the theme of diversity, equity, and inclusion as a development goal to Chapter 1. Bi-State staff were asked to formulate an addition to the plan to address equity, and researched long range transportation plan documents from metropolitan planning organizations from around the country. Examples were shared from counterpart agencies in Omaha, Milwaukee, Chicago, and Portland. The existing development goals of "Residential Development" and "Urban Design" contain elements of diversity, equity, and inclusion. The proposed goal addition of "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion" states: Foster development plans and processes to serve and benefit all residents in ways that reduce, mitigate, or eliminate inequity, and encourage diversity and inclusion of environmental justice defined populations." Mr. Brunk motioned to approve the addition of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion as a development goal for the *2050 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan*. Mr. Ambrose seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Ms. Miner presented on transportation revenue forecasts to be used to determine fiscal constraint in the LRTP. The methodology is largely unchanged from the last plan update, with the exception that the forecasts use a linear growth method instead of a compounded annual increase. With the input from the Transportation Technical Committee, costs were decreased to come in below the revenues, resulting in a fiscally constrained plan. Ms. Miner detailed that forecasts are consistent with previous plans.

Mr. Wu noted that the Transportation Technical Committee reviewed roadway projects as part of the fiscal constraint analysis. He detailed the assessment of the roadway projects using four datasets in assigning scores to projects: volume/capacity ratio, pavement condition, fatal and serious injury crashes, and resilience data. Maps depicting the four datasets were shared, followed by the weighted scores of 2030 projects and 2050 projects. Each community must take into account local economies, facility continuity and other factors in determining projects for future consideration. The travel demand model takes a broad view with respect to assigning volume and capacity changes. No serious corridor congestion was forecast in the Quad Cities Area through 2050.

Ms. McCullough noted that the remaining chapters will be uploaded to the Bi-State website in the next couple days. A media release will announce that the draft plan is available on the website for public review. Staff intends on hosting virtual public input sessions in early March.

6. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
7. Other Business. There was no other business.
8. Adjournment. Mr. Ambrose motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Brunk seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

February 23, 2021 - Transportation Policy Committee - FFY2021-2024 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-21-29	2021	1-74/I-280	Over Case Creek and under 23rd Ave Moline	Bridge Painting	MAINT	\$300,000	\$270,000	NHPP	\$30,000	STA			Reduced Total Cost from \$785,000; Federal Share Reduced
ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS - NO COMMITTEE ACTION REQUIRED													
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DA-16-01	2021	Goose Creek Trail (Phase II)	North of Goose Creek on East side of Brady to Existing Goose Creek Trail at 53rd St	ROW, Ped/Bike Grade & Pave	OTHER	\$1,553,465	\$1,137,973	TAP-REG	\$0		\$415,492	CTY	Move from FFY20 to FFY21; TPMS 30876