

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

Tuesday, April 27, 2021 – 10:30 a.m.  
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	Mayor, Village of Coal Valley
Richard “Quijas” Brunk	Chair, Rock Island County
Ken Croken	Scott County Board of Supervisors
Rick Dunn	Alderman, City of Davenport
Reggie Freeman	Mayor, City of East Moline
Becky Marruffo	Illinois Department of Transportation (DOT) – District 2
Mike Matson	Mayor, City of Davenport
Marty O’Boyle	Mayor, City of Eldridge
Sam Shea	Iowa DOT District 6
Mike Thoms	Mayor, City of Rock Island
Betsy Tracy	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Illinois

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Doug DeLille	Illinois DOT – Springfield
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
George Ryan	Wood Environment and Infrastructure Solutions, Inc.
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Cathy Starling	Iowa Illinois Center for Independent Living
Freddy Vasquez	Bi-State Regional Commission
Chong Qing Wu	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of Minutes of the March 23, 2021 Quad Cities MPO Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mayor Matson requested a motion to approve the minutes with the amendment from the March 23, 2021 meeting. Mayor Thoms motioned for approval of the minutes. Mr. Baecke seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
2. I-74 Mississippi River Construction Update. Mr. Ryan with the I-74 project team provided the status report of the I-74 Bridge construction project. He indicated great progress has been made. Currently, 28 out of 30 sections of the Illinois-bound arches are installed. The keystone piece was anticipated to be installed within two weeks. Preparations are underway for the platform deck pavers. The eastbound bridge is anticipated to open by the end of this year.
3. Consideration of Revisions to the Quad Cities MPO FFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Vasquez directed committee members to their agenda packets. Three amendments were received for consideration. MO-16-04 was reduced in funding due to a duplicate project listing related to trail construction in Moline. IL-22-10 for repairs at the I-80 weight stations south of IL84 was added. ML-21-19 is a new project added by MetroLINK for planning cyber security using COVID-19 Research Demonstration

Grant funds. Mayor O'Boyle motioned to approve the amendments as presented, and Mr. Baecke seconded. The motion carried, and the TIP revisions are documented at the end of these minutes.

4. Presentation on the FY2022 Transportation Planning Work Program. Ms. McCullough provided an overview of the work completed to-date under the current FY2021 TPWP. The Committee received a FY2022 TPWP draft in their agenda packets. She noted the total target federal transportation funding amount of \$765,445 will be used for transportation planning for Quad Cities MPO efforts. FY2022 TPWP major issues continue to include river crossing capacity improvements with I-74 reconstruction and I-80 bridge and corridor engineering and environmental analysis for future reconstruction. Bi-State staff is working on implementing Long Range Plan projects with local and state partners. Staff will continue to incorporate resilience planning process, and assisting local jurisdictions with transit and non-motorized transportation improvements, operations/ITS/safety, and passenger transportation coordination. Comments on the work activities can be directed to staff prior to the Policy Committee. The Bi-State Regional Commission approves the budget and authorizes staff to process the contracts at its May 2021 meeting. A final document will be published in June.
5. Presentation on Iowa Department of Public Health Physical Activity Access Project. Mr. Schmid presented on a three-year project on which Bi-State is coordinating with the Scott County Health Department to examine older Iowans' access to physical activity. The Physical Activity Access Project is funded through a USDA Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) administered by the Iowa Department of Public Health. The stated goal of the project is to increase opportunities for older Iowans with low incomes, who live independently, to be physically active in their neighborhoods and local communities. The project seeks to build cross-sector partnerships to find actionable steps to improve the walking and bicycling environment for older Iowans.

Project partners began by identifying target areas in Scott County through GIS analysis of census data, which indicated areas of lower incomes and higher proportions of older residents. Three meal site locations were selected after consultation with Milestones Area Agency on Aging. Bi-State and Health Department staff conducted walk audits of the areas around the meal site locations and summarized the findings into reports that were shared with staff from the cities of Davenport and Bettendorf. The project team conducted written surveys of residents of the meal site locations as well as transit drivers who serve the facilities. In Year 3, the team will conduct interviews with residents of the Luther Heights, Luther Manor, and Luther Knoll facilities who noted difficulty accessing the nearby Hy-Vee grocery store. Staff coordinated the effort with the property management company, Cardinal Capital Management, the owner of the Hy-Vee store, and City of Bettendorf staff. A temporary "pop-up" project is being explored to demonstrate potential pedestrian improvements in the parking lot of Hy-Vee.

6. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
7. Other Business. It was noted that there are a number of national recognitions in the month of May including National Bike Month, Bike to Work Week (May 17-23, 2021), and National Senior Health and Fitness Day (May 26). Additionally, the agenda noted two trails grant deadlines in Iowa for May 17 Iowa COVID-19 Relief Recreational Trails Grant, and July 1 Iowa State Recreational Trails Grant. There are no anticipated actionable agenda items for May, so the next meeting would be June 22. An election of vice-chair would occur to replace former Mayor Aciri from the Illinois Quad Cities.
8. Adjournment. Mr. Ambrose motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Thoms seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

April 27, 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
<b>City of Moline - MO</b>													
MO-16-04	2021	Mississippi River	17th Street to W of ROW line for new I-74 Bridge; then S. connecting to existing trail/ AoC to MRT	Trail Construction	OTHER	\$466,700	\$373,360	TAP-REG			\$93,340	CTY	Reduced Project Cost/Federal Share. Duplicate Project.
<b>State of Illinois - IL</b>													
IL-22-10	2022	I-80	Weigh Stations 1.4 mi S of IL 84	Repairs and Pavement Patching	MAINT	\$1,200,000	\$1,080,000	NHPP	\$120,000	STA			New Project
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>METROLINK - ML</b>													
ML-21-19	2021	Transit Planning - Cybersecurity Project	P	\$525,000	\$400,000	CV-RDG	\$0		\$125,000	LOC		New Project: COVID-19 Research Demonstration Grant	