

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

Tuesday, November 30, 2021 – 12:00 p.m.
Bettendorf City Hall
1609 State Street, Bettendorf, IA 52722
Mayor Mike Matson, MPO Chair

COVID-19 recommendations continue to encourage social distancing and wearing of face coverings for those unvaccinated persons. In counties with substantial or high virus transmission, CDC recommends universal masking in public indoor spaces. The Policy Committee was held in-person this month. Wearing of facial coverings in public spaces was required.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ray Ambrose	Alderman, City of Davenport
Richard “Quijas” Brunk	Chair, Rock Island County
Duane Dawson	Mayor, City of Milan
Rick Dunn	Alderman, City of Davenport
Reggie Freeman	Mayor, City of East Moline
Bob Gallagher	Mayor, City of Bettendorf
Dennis Gerard	Mayor-elect, City of LeClaire
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 Department of Transportation – District 6
Jenni Swanson	City of Rock Island
Mike Thoms	Mayor, City of Rock Island
Matt Timion	Councilman, City of Moline

OTHERS PRESENT

Ray Allen	Mayor, City of LeClaire
Rachael Anderson	QC Chamber
Doug DeLille	Illinois DOT – Springfield
Dennis Gerard	Mayor Elect, City of LeClaire
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Clay Merritt	City of Davenport
Tony Rupe	City of Eldridge
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Freddy Vasquez	Bi-State Regional Commission
Chong Qing Wu	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of Minutes of the October 26, 2021 Quad Cities MPO Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mayor Matson requested a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Ambrose motioned for approval of the minutes as written. Mr. Dunn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
2. I-74 Mississippi River Construction Update. Mr. George Ryan with the I-74 project team provided the status report of the I-74 Bridge construction project, maybe for the last time as Mayor Matson suggested. Mr. Ryan indicated that the project is going well, and the EB span is to open before the end of this weekend. The remaining work Lunda is doing will last until next spring and will not affect traffic. The grand opening ceremony will be on December 1, 2021 with the new span open for the public 1:00-4:00 p.m.
3. Consideration of Revisions to the Quad Cities MPO FFY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Vasquez reviewed amendments, mostly new projects, to be included in the TIP. He noted that the

projects that are affiliated with Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds will be subject to the 70% funding limit. This list includes projects from the Cities of Bettendorf, Davenport, Moline, and Rock Island, and Scott County. The City of Silvis had a project amended into FY22 that had not been reprogrammed in a few years. It is a trail project on 10th Street in Silvis. Illinois DOT amended three new projects to FY22 as well. There was one administrative modification for a project in Eldridge that moved it from FY21 to FY22. Mayor Ambrose moved to approve these TIP amendments as presented. Chairman Brunk seconded, and the motion carried. The approved revisions are included at the end of these minutes.

4. Status of I-80 Corridor Reconstruction and Bridge Replacement Projects. Ms. Marruffo updated the project status starting by indicating that the start-up funding has just been approved for Phase I study with consultant. She showed slides highlighting the study area from SW 35th St to I-80/I-88 Interchange, and the shifting of western terminus from Middle Road Interchange to SW 35th Street. This is in coordination with Iowa DOT who has an I-80 PEL (Planning and Environmental Linkages) project underway from this point west to just east of Walcott, IA. And this section of the project will proceed as PEL Alternatives to be carried forward to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) study. Ms. Marruffo outlined the deficiencies of the existing I-80 Bridge, highlighting the crash analysis results and sharing project need and purpose statements. A potential project schedule includes Spring 2023 Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), after purpose, need and alternatives, as well as environmental assessment.

Mr. Shea picked up the presentation with focus on the Iowa section of the I-80 study project. He confirmed the study section from SW 35th Street to east of Walcott. He discussed the purpose and needs, constraints along the study corridor, and existing and future travel demand. Mr. DeLille asked if the future traffic reflected the newly proposed Amazon facility. Mr. Shea redirected the question to Bi-State. Ms. McCullough indicated that *Connect QC 2050: Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan* took into account the industrial land use in that area of Davenport per city zoning. The future forecast is reflective of potential industrial development, but not to specific developers.

Mr. Shea continued to describe the NEPA process and the proposed alternatives (roadway and interchanges, and the rest areas). He introduced the Integrated Corridor Management proposed alternatives: Transit, TSM, TDM, and ATM. He indicated the schedule for the final NEPA document will likely be sometime after 2024 when public hearing is passed.

5. Overview of Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Ms. McCullough provided an overview of the newly enacted law for infrastructure. She reviewed the total amount of the bill (\$1.2 Trillion/\$550 Billion new spending) that break down to \$280 B for Transportation, \$192B for Energy-Environment-Climate, and \$65B for Broadband. She also shared further break down of funding for roads, bridges, rail, airports, ports public transit, safety, and so on.

Ms. McCullough reviewed the spending categories from the Highway Trust Fund to Guaranteed Appropriations to General Funds. An overview of the potential program increases was provided with 5-yr funding increase percentages for FHWA and FTA programs. Followed by a look at impacts of the IIJA to the Quad Cities MPO on transportation planning funds and new programs.

Ms. McCullough ended the presentation by pointing out the next steps especially in regard to competitive grants:

- Identify local transportation priorities
- Find best grant fit for priorities
- Get costs and project materials ready
- Engage grant writers
- Alert legislators

6. Public Comments. There were no public comments.

7. Other Business. The Transportation Policy Committee recognized Mayor Ray Allen, Mayor Ray Ambrose, and Mayor Marty O'Boyle for the service and contribution in serving on this committee. Mayor Matson presented recognition certificates to each.

Ms. McCullough mentioned that all 3 Corn Belt Ports and Mississippi River Ports of EIWI were approved as statistical areas.

Ms. McCullough reminded everyone that the next Policy Committee meeting will be on January 25, 2022.

8. Adjournment. Mr. Gallagher motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. O'Boyle seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

November 30, 2021 - Transportation Policy Committee - FFY2022-2025
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
<u>City of Bettendorf - BE</u>													
BE-24-01	2024	Central Avenue	14th St to 150 ft. W of Pius Lane	Resurfacing	MAINT	\$2,450,000	\$1,715,000	STBG			\$735,000	CTY	New recommended STBG project.
<u>City of Davenport - DA</u>													
DA-25-01	2025	W Central Park Avenue	Lincoln to Fairmount	Resurfacing	MAINT	\$3,709,676	\$2,596,773	STBG			\$1,112,903	CTY	New recommended STBG project.
DA-25-02	2025	Eastern Avenue	Bridge over Duck Creek	Bridge Replacement	MAINT	\$2,720,946	\$865,348	STBG			\$1,855,598	CTY	New recommended STBG project. Project funded with the remaining STBG funds, not to exceed a 70% federal cost share of the original project cost.
<u>City of LeClaire - LE</u>													
LE-24-01	2024	US 67	Ewing St to Chestnut St	Reconstruction	MAINT	\$5,016,125	\$3,511,288	STBG			\$1,504,837	CTY	New recommended STBG project.
<u>City of Moline - MO</u>													
MO-24-01	2024	19th Avenue	Rock Island to 7th Street	Resurfacing	MAINT	\$1,265,436	\$885,805	STBG			\$379,631	CTY	New recommended STBG project.
MO-24-02	2024	19th Avenue	7th Street to 16th Street	Resurfacing	MAINT	\$1,510,730	\$1,057,511	STBG			\$453,219	CTY	New recommended STBG project.
MO-24-03	2025	25th Avenue	10th St Place to 12th St Place	Shared-Use Trail Construction	OTHER	\$429,525	\$343,620	TASA			\$85,905	MFT	New recommended TASA project.

City of Rock Island RI													
RI-25-01	2025	IL 92	15th Street to 24th Street	Reconstruction	MAINT	\$3,250,000	\$2,275,000	STBG			\$975,000	CTY	New recommended STBG project.
City of Silvis - SL													
SL-21-01	2022	10th Street	Avenue of the Cities - Crosstown Avenue	Trail Construction	OTHER	\$662,050	\$529,640	TASA			\$132,410	LOC	Project had not been programmed since FY19.
Scott County - SC													
SC-25-01	2025	Z30	Bridge (2) over Spencer Creek	Bridge Replacement	MAINT	\$1,740,000	\$1,218,000	STBG			\$522,000	CTY	New recommended STBG project.
State of Illinois - IL													
IL-22-18	2022	N 1800th Avenue	At BNSF RR - DOT Crossing #065654N in Colona Township	RR Crossing Improvements: automatic flashing light signals & gates	OTHER	\$325,000	\$325,000	HSIP					New project.
IL-22-19	2022	IL 84	Over the Green River at the South Edge of Colona	Bridge Painting	MAINT	\$448,000	\$358,000	STP	\$90,000	STA			New project.
IL-22-20	2022	IL 92	Over Hills Creek 0.1 mi E of 115th St in Andalusia	Bridge Painting	MAINT	\$100,000	\$80,000	STP	\$20,000	STA			New project.
ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS - NO COMMITTEE ACTION REQUIRED													
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City of Eldridge - EL													
EL-20-01	2022	Intersection: First St & LeClaire Rd	1st St, S of High School to N of Wade St, On LeClaire Rd, W of 2nd St to E of Vet Lot	Reconstruction	MAINT	\$3,486,897	\$2,724,829	STBG			\$762,068	CTY	Moved from FY21.