

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

Tuesday, May 24, 2022 – 12:00 p.m.
Rock Island County Board Chambers
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois
Mayor Mike Matson, MPO Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ken Croken	Scott County Board
Rick Dunn	Alderman, City of Davenport
Bob Gallagher	Mayor, City of Bettendorf
Dennis Gerard	Mayor, City of LeClaire
Becky Marruffo	Illinois Department of Transportation (DOT) – District 2
Mike Matson	Mayor, City of Davenport
Robby Ortiz	Alderman, City of Davenport
Sangeetha Rayapati	Mayor, City of Moline
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation – District 6
Berlinda Tyler-Jamison	MetroLINK

OTHERS PRESENT

Denise Bulat	Bi-State Regional Commission
Doug DeLille	Illinois DOT – Springfield
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Josh Urmanski	Davenport Community School District
Joe Wick	Hutchinson Engineering
Chong Qing Wu	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of Minutes of the April 26, 2022 Quad Cities MPO Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mayor Matson requested a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Croken motioned for approval of the minutes as written. Mr. Ortiz seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
2. I-74 Mississippi River Reconstruction Update. Mr. Wick shared that demo work continues on the Moline viaduct and eastbound aesthetic lighting in on. Mr. Wick noted there is utility work being done underground 12th Street on the Iowa side of the bridge. Lastly, he noted the tragic traffic incident that occurred on the pedestrian pathway. He discussed that they are working on safety measures with the Iowa Department of Transportation.
3. Consideration of Revision to the Quad Cities MPO FFY-2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Vasquez explained one TIP amendment this month for the Illinois DOT. The new project IL-22-21 is for construction engineering costs of I-74 as a reimbursement and overages to the Iowa DOT. The total cost is \$21,180,000 with the federal share of \$18,744,000 from NHPP. Mr. Croken moved to approve the TIP amendment as presented. Mr. Ortiz seconded, and the motion carried.
4. Overview of I-80 Mississippi River Bridge Corridor Study Status. Ms. Marruffo presented the I-80 corridor study that is currently taking place. A second online public meeting was held on May 11. Ms. Marruffo reviewed the project study area, purpose and need of the planning and linkages study, six alternative alignments at the Mississippi River and I-80, as well as the four alternatives at the I-88 interchange. The PEL study will examine the area between southwest 35th Street west of the U.S. 67 interchange in Iowa and to the Mississippi Rapids Rest Area ramps south of the IL 84 interchange, Illinois for bridge alternatives, and through the I-80/I-88 interchange and the I-88/Old IL 2 interchange in Illinois. The purpose of the PEL study is to provide a structurally sound bridge over the Mississippi River, improve safety on the I-80 mainline and interchanges, improve deficient conditions on the existing bridge and culvert, and to improve roadway geometrics where they are clearly a contributing cause to safety issues. The study is expected to be completed in 2023 and would be followed by the next phase of engineering for detailed contract plans for the selected improvement alternative.

5. Status of Congestion Management Process (CMP) – Addendum to the *Connect OC 2050: Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan* Mr. Vasquez presented the update of the CMP, specifically the 8-action framework of the process. He noted the current framework is structured in actions opposed to steps as the previous framework was structured. He discussed that the new FHWA CMP Guidebook places great emphasis on implementation, evaluation, and monitoring. Mr. Vasquez noted that one of the greatest takeaways from the process regards identifying and assessing strategies, specifically alternative work hour programs. Traffic patterns resulting from working from home will need to be monitored as time moves forward. He noted it will be interesting to analyze traffic patterns the next time the CMP is updated as a result of the pandemic and greater work-from-home shifts. He concluded by discussing the next steps in the process that involve a final draft by early June, and the recommendation and approval of the CMP at the June Technical and Policy Committee meetings.
6. Presentation on FY2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TPWP). Ms. McCullough presented the FY2023 TPWP where she discussed the historic federal funding for the MPO. She discussed the transportation planning targets, FY23 projects Bi-State will be completing, and transportation issues in the region. She explained the categories entailed in the TPWP, for example program support and administration, general development, long-range transportation planning, and short-range transportation planning. Ms. McCullough noted the FY22 accomplishments that range from the FY22-25 TIP to conference trainings and traffic counting. She also noted that if there is anything not in the TPWP that should be in there, to let the Bi-State staff know. The TPWP budget is adopted by Bi-State Regional Commission along with authorization to execute the federal grants with the Departments of Transportation while the activities are coordinated through the Technical and Policy Committees for concurrence.
7. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
8. Other Business. Mayor Matson directed the Committee to the various deadlines and recognitions this month.
 - *May 2022 – National Bike Month and National Bicycle Safety Month*
 - *May 25 National Senior Fitness Day*
9. Adjournment. Mr. Dunn motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Gerard seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.