

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

Tuesday, January 14, 2014, 10:00 a.m.
Bi-State Regional Commission
Third Floor Conference Room 302
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeff Anderson	City of Moline
Jon Burgstrum	Scott County
Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation
Brian Fries	City of Bettendorf
Gene Hellige	City of Davenport
Scott Hinton	City of Moline
Tim Kammler	City of East Moline
Mike Kane	City of Rock Island
Dan Long	Illinois Department of Transportation
James Martin	City of Eldridge
John Massa	Rock Island County
Doug Roelfs	City of Davenport
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation
Gary Statz	City of Davenport
Betsy Tracy	Federal Highway Administration- Illinois Division
Alan Wilson	Village of Coal Valley

OTHERS PRESENT

Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Brandon Melton	Bi-State Regional Commission
Becky Passman	Bi-State Regional Commission
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Lindsay Whitson	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the Minutes of the October 8, 2013 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting. Mr. Burgstrum called the meeting to order and requested a motion for approval of the October 8, 2013 minutes of Transportation Technical Committee. Mr. Hinton motioned to approve the minutes as written and Mr. Kammler seconded. The motion carried.
2. Project Progress Report. Mr. Melton noted updates to the TIP Progress Report. These were provided by Rock Island and Rock Island County. The TIP Progress Report is available at: http://bistateonline.org/index.php/documents/doc_download/2258-ffy14-progress-report-jan-14-pdf
3. Consideration of Revisions to the FFY2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Melton outlined eight TIP amendments. These are attached to the minutes for reference and addressed requests from Cities of Davenport and Bettendorf for their adjoining Forest Grove Road/Drive projects and the need to change the project terminus to address construction staging of

these projects. Additionally, amendments were requested for 6 CitiBus projects with 3 new ones and 2 related to changes in funding and 1 for a change in scope. Mr. Kane motioned to recommend approval of the amendments to the Policy Committee as presented. Mr. Hinton seconded the motion, and it carried.

4. Approval of Surface Transportation Program (STP) Evaluation Process Technical and Special Considerations. Ms. McCullough reviewed the project ranking process, including the ranking criteria - Level of Service, Safety, and Physical Condition and point values. Twenty-six projects were submitted from Bettendorf (1), Davenport (8), Eldridge (2) in the Iowa Quad Cities and East Moline (2), Moline (3), Rock Island (9) and Rock Island County (1). A map locating the projects was shared as part of the slide presentation. The criteria for technical and special considerations was also reviewed.

As follow-up to the Certification Review, Bi-State staff will be looking at projects as they are presented in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) under the Environmental Justice (EJ) analysis. The key issues for EJ are: Avoid, minimize or mitigate disproportionately high and adverse impacts; Ensure full and fair participation by all potentially affected communities in the transportation decision-making process; and Prevent the denial of, reduction in or significant delay in receipt of benefits. The candidate STP projects were mapped with density and percentage of population for those below poverty level, those non-white and those populations with limited English proficiency to show the distribution of projects in relation to these populations.

The projects were reviewed for technical and special considerations. A color-coded handout in the agenda packets outlined projects that were highlighted in green for recommendation and eligibility and red for decline request. Yellow highlights indicated a need for clarification. It was noted that for the (#17) 53rd Street Extension, Davenport that other segments of 53rd Street were used as a comparable roadway for this non-existent segment rather than a parallel roadway. Four projects were discussed for Technical Committee's interpretation of the Long Range Plan eligibility. Ms. McCullough explained that projects listed in the plan focused on expansions which typically were reconstruction projects requiring additional right-of-way acquisition. Maintenance and operational improvements were typically discussed and covered generally by the plan. The projects in question appeared to be resurfacing projects without the need of additional right-of-way with a request for an additional bi-directional lane, none related to one-way conversions. The Technical Committee was asked if they concurred that these projects were operational and maintenance improvements that are generally referenced in the plan. Ms. McCullough noted that this topic will become part of the discussion as projects are developed for the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan development process.

In reviewing the criteria, Bi-State staff recommended removing special considerations for a number of projects related to connectivity – Illinois Quad Cities: (#5) IL92 Relocation (East Configuration), and Iowa Quad Cities: (#18) Division Street, (#19) Eastern Avenue, (#20) Fairmount Street, (#21) Jersey Ridge, (#23) Utica Ridge, and (#24) Wisconsin. Based on the Connectivity special consideration, Bi-State staff interpreted the criteria to encourage filling gaps where no roadway existed or that the number of lanes would be continuous through a corridor. In reviewing the special considerations for employment centers, (#10) 20th Street in Rock Island request was recommended to be removed from special consideration as the segment didn't appear to directly tie to a large employment center.

Special considerations for designated truck routes was also discussed. The criteria states that projects are to be located on a federal or state designate truck or business route using Illinois or Iowa DOT route information. While the State of Iowa showed a number of local truck routes, the ILDOT maps only showed state routes as designated. Technical Committee members noted that within their jurisdictions, there are locally designated truck routes. Bi-State staff recommendations were to decline truck route special considerations for (#7) 38th Street, Rock Island and (#14) 13th Street, East Moline, (#18) Division Street. Mr. Shea suggested to add (#16) Interstate 80, Bettendorf as a designated truck route for special consideration. As part of the discussion, the Technical Committee would like this and the other special considerations to be reviewed and clarified once the ranking process has been completed.

Air quality special considerations were discussed. As part of the other considerations, some projects were suggested to be added under the air quality special consideration. Mr. Shea noted that it appeared that any and all projects could receive a percentage of points based on the evaluation criteria. It was suggested that staff apply the appropriate percentage to each project and as part of the STP Response Form review by the submitting jurisdiction, the selected percentage could be reviewed at that time.

Based on these recommendations, Mr. Hinton motioned to accept the recommendations discussed for technical and special considerations for the Illinois Quad Cities projects. Mr. Kammler seconded the motion and it carried. Mr. Hinton motioned to accept the recommendations discussed for the technical and special considerations for the Iowa Quad Cities projects. Mr. Statz seconded the motion and it carried. Bi-State staff will send a summary of the technical and special considerations out to the Technical Committee following the meeting to get concurrence that the motions have been interpreted correctly.

5. Consideration of 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Public Involvement Outline. Ms. McCullough directed the Committee to the agenda packet for the outline. The outline is similar to the previous plan public outreach, except that staff will be utilizing a web-based public involvement tool to solicit greater online dialog for the transportation planning effort. Additionally, this tool will be used as part of the Region's economic development strategy which follows a similar update cycle as the LRTP, due in early 2016. Mr. Hinton motioned to recommend approval of the outline to the Policy Committee. Mr. Kane seconded the motion and it carried.
6. Discussion of MAP-21 Performance Measures and Traffic Safety. The agenda item was deferred to the next meeting due to time limitations. Mr. Melton inquired about feedback on the Rock Island County Highway Safety Plan and mentioned the he would be setting up an interdisciplinary traffic safety meeting to review the plan and seek emphasis area recommendations.
7. Public Comments. No public comments were provided.
8. Other Business. No other business was addressed.
9. Adjournment. A motion was made by Mr. Massa to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kane, and it carried. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:20 a.m.