

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

Tuesday, February 11, 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
Jim Grafton	City of Silvis
Gene Hellige	City of Davenport
Scott Hinton	City of Moline
Chelsey Hohensee	MetroLINK
Tim Kammler	City of East Moline
Mike Kane	City of Rock Island
James Martin	City of Eldridge
John Massa	Rock Island County
Brian Schmidt	City of Bettendorf
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation
Gary Statz	City of Davenport
Kris Tobin	Illinois Department of Transportation

OTHERS PRESENT

Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation
Brian Fries	City of Bettendorf
Christina McDonough	Scott County Health Department
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Brandon Melton	Bi-State Regional Commission
Geoff Olson	Bi-State Regional Commission
Lalit Patel	Bi-State Regional Commission
Becky Passman	Bi-State Regional Commission – IAQC Transit
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Lindsay Whitson	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the Minutes of the January 14, 2014 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting. Mr. Burgstrum called the meeting to order and requested a motion for approval of the January 14, 2014 minutes of Transportation Technical Committee. Mr. Kammler motioned to approve the minutes as written and Mr. Hinton seconded. The motion carried.
2. Project Progress Report. Mr. Melton noted there were not significant changes to the TIP Progress Report. The TIP Progress Report is available at the following link identified for February 2014: <http://bistateonline.org/index.php/transportation/quad-cities-metro-planning/2012-11-13-20-10-34/quad-cities-metro-tip-transportation-improvement-program>.

3. Consideration of the Surface Transportation Program (STP) Evaluation Process Candidate Projects for Project Selection. The Technical Committee was directed to the agenda for the projects received. A correction was noted that Eldridge had submitted two projects where only one was shown on the agenda. It was noted that there was approximately \$4.15 million to program in the Illinois Quad Cities through FY2019 based on current estimates of funding available. A total of \$26.98 million had been received in total project costs for the Illinois Quad Cities. Respectively, it was estimated that there was approximately \$5.34 million to program through FFY2019 in the Iowa Quad Cities and \$47.97 million in total project costs were received for projects. Additionally, a summary of considerations of the STP process approvals from the January 14th meeting were provided in the agenda packet.

Mr. Patel reviewed the special considerations for air quality that had been discussed at the January meeting and implemented with comments from the submitting jurisdictions. Mr. Kane motioned to accept the air quality percentages as part as special considerations presented in the summary table. Mr. Hinton seconded the motion and the air quality special considerations were approved as presented.

Another change was noted to the number of crashes for the 7th Street (26th Avenue to Avenue of the Cities) project in East Moline. In the original response form, 119 crashes were identified. In subsequent staff review of the crash data attributed to this segment, 108 were determined to be attributed to this location. Mr. Kammler concurred with this recommendation.

For the I-80/Middle Road interchange, staff removed the points for non-motorized consideration of paved shoulders as the project was an access controlled route and the ramp improvements wouldn't allow for non-motorized access. Mr. Schmidt concurred to this change.

Another technical consideration for review and concurrence related to the treatment of interchanges. The current STP manual does not clearly interpret how the average daily traffic should be handled. Mr. Patel indicated that he treated these like an intersection using traffic from the ramp and directional mainline that would be impacted by the project. This approach looked at the traffic interactions and potential traffic conflicts to analyze the data for the location. Mr. Kammler motioned to concur with this approach for the two interchange projects submitted for review. Mr. Kane seconded the motion and it carried. There was one abstention. Mr. Hinton inquired why these projects were being submitted on the state systems. In Bettendorf's case, the City needs to show activity and funding support towards the interchange to enable the project to continue to be viable and utilize existing funds and maintain the interchange justification report. In both cases, local STP funds are intended to leverage state funds for these projects.

Following these technical approvals, Mr. Patel moved on to the project rankings. He reviewed the projects scores and recommended project clusters based on the logical groupings of scores, as Group A (highest values) to Group C (lowest values). Group A projects in the Illinois and Iowa Quad Cities included:

ID No.	Jurisdiction	Project Location	TOTAL SCORE with Sp. C.	Program Year - FFY	TTC Approved Fed. Amt.
Illinois Quad Cities					
IL - 15	East Moline	7th Street (26th Avenue to Avenue of the Cities)	249.4	2018	\$640,677
IL - 7	Rock Island	38th Street (18th Avenue to 31st Avenue)	221.3	2019	\$1,281,730
IL - 11	Moline	12th Avenue (41st Street to 53rd Street)	215.2	2017	\$847,650
IL - 14	East Moline	13th Street (IL 84 to Archer Drive)	213.2	2015	\$682,549
IL - 12	Moline	12th Avenue (34th Street to 41st Street)	212.2	2016	\$703,242
IL - 9	Rock Island	31st Avenue (11th Street to 24th Street)	209.1	N/A	-
Iowa Quad Cities					
IA - 20	Davenport	Fairmount Street (Heatherton Drive to Hickory Grove Road)	219.3	N/A	-
IA - 22	Davenport	Telegraph Road (Fairmount Street to Wisconsin Avenue)	213.7	N/A	-
IA - 26	Eldridge	First Street at E. LeClaire Road	211.2	N/A	-

After the scoring was revealed, Mr. Patel outlined the total project costs and identified 80% federal share of the projects. The STP Evaluation Manual allows for an increase in costs not to exceed 33% of the project. For illustration, these costs were also shown. Without the inflation of costs, the first five projects could be funded leaving a slight balance.

Mr. Hinton motioned to recommend the top five ranked projects in the Illinois Quad Cities to the Policy Committee, to utilize the full amount of funds available for programming up to \$4,155,848, allocate the projects by fiscal year for programming in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and hold the federal share at this slightly inflated amount, as shown in the table above. Mr. Kane seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Schmidt motioned to fund community priorities in lieu of the ranking by recommending IA-26 for 80% federal share, \$3 million for IA-16 and the remaining funds to a project priority as identified by Davenport, either within the currently ranked projects or from previously programmed projects not fully funded. Mr. Hellige appended the motion to specify the Davenport project as a previously programmed project identified as DA-17-01, 76th Street (East of Hancock Street to Division Street). Mr. Statz seconded the motion as appended. Some concern by Technical Committee members was expressed. The concern was related to submitting projects for ranking and recommending community priorities over the technical ranking. Some members indicated that the role of the Technical Committee was to convey the quantitative analysis and allow the Policy Committee to consider the broader community issues. Following this discussion, the motion carried with three abstentions. The following table summarizes the Iowa Quad Cities recommendations.

ID No.	Jurisdiction	Project Location	TOTAL SCORE with Sp. C.	Program Year - FFY	TTC Approved Fed. Amt.
		Iowa Quad Cities			
IA - 16	Bettendorf	Interstate 80 (Middle Road EB Entrance Ramp)	204.0	2019	\$3,000,000
IA - 26	Eldridge	West LeClaire Road (Buttermilk Road to North Ninth Street)	175.1	2016	\$939,912
Prior Project	Davenport	76th Street Project (East of Hancock St to Division Street)	N/A	2018	\$1,464,218

4. Consideration of Revisions to the FFY2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Melton distributed a revised TIP revisions page from the version sent in the agenda packets. There were seven TIP amendments for consideration of which six were new projects and one was a change in federal funding source. There were ten administrative modifications which do not require action. Mr. Kammler recommended approval of the TIP amendments to the Policy Committee as presented. Mr. Schmidt seconded the motion and it carried. A copy of the recommendations are attached with the minutes.
5. Discussion of MAP-21 Performance Measures and Traffic Safety. Due to time limitations, the agenda item was deferred to the next meeting. Mr. Melton noted that the federal performance measures would be rolling out sequentially with safety being the first measures for consideration. Mr. DeLille noted the ILDOT would be having another statewide advisory committee meeting in the near future. Mr. Kane, Ms. Hohensee and Ms. McCullough represent the area on this advisory committee. A reminder to the Illinois Quad Cities Technical Committee that they have been invited to a special traffic safety meeting immediately following the Technical Committee meeting.
6. Public Comments. No public comments were provided.
7. Other Business. Ms. McDonough, Community Transportation Consultant for the Scott County Health Department distributed handouts on the department's Iowa Community Transformation Grant. The grant program encourages public health efforts with multiple focus areas, including safe and healthy environments. This later focus has community initiative opportunities related to walkability, bikeability and built environment and community enhancements. She is seeking one to two communities willing to participate. Previous work has included Eldridge and Walcott. Suggestions for new communities included Buffalo, Princeton, Long Grove and Blue Grass.

Ms. McCullough noted that the household travel survey was progressing. A presentation by the consultant to the Technical Committee was postponed until April.
8. Adjournment. A motion was made by Mr. Grafton to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schmidt and it carried. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:05 a.m.