

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

Tuesday, April 8, 2014, 10:00 a.m.
Bi-State Regional Commission
Conference Room 320
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeff Anderson	City of Moline
Jon Burgstrum	Scott County
Jeff Eder	City of Rock Island
Matt Flynn	City of Davenport
Jim Grafton	City of Silvis
Gene Hellige	City of Davenport
Chelsey Hohensee	MetroLINK
Tim Kammler	City of East Moline
Mike Kane	City of Rock Island
Dan Long	Illinois Department of Transportation
John Massa	Rock Island County
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation
Gary Statz	City of Davenport
Alan Wilson	Village of Coal Valley

OTHERS PRESENT

Stacey Bricka	Texas A&M Transportation Institute
Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Brandon Melton	Bi-State Regional Commission
Jim Meyer	URS Corporation
Donnie Miller	Bicycle Safety
Marty O'Boyle	Mayor of Eldridge
Lalit Patel	Bi-State Regional Commission
Becky Passman	Bi-State Regional Commission-IAQC Transit
Doug Roelfs	Davenport CitiBus
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Chris Simek	Texas A&M Transportation Institute
Lindsay Whitson	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the Minutes of the March 11, 2014 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting. Mr. Burgstrum called the meeting to order and requested a motion for approval of the March 11, 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 explained there were no significant changes to the TIP Progress Report. The TIP Progress Report is available at the following link identified for April 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 Revisions to the FFY2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Melton noted there were two project revisions in the TIP that required consideration. The first project, Project Number RC-14-01 programmed for FFY2014, reflected an increase in the federal share of funding for curve sign upgrades in Rock Island County. The local share of the project is \$24,343. The second project, Project Number DA-11-01 programmed for FFY2014-2015, had a change in project termini. The Veterans Memorial Parkway project location termini changed to 500 feet east of Elmore Avenue. The local share of the project over two years is \$798,000. Mr. Kammler moved to accept the revisions to the TIP. Mr. Kane seconded the motion, and it carried.
4. Status of the Household Travel Survey, Initial Results and Travel Model Enhancements Effort. Mr. Meyer introduced the team from Texas A&M Transportation Institute, Stacey Bricka and Chris Simek, who shared the preliminary results of the survey. Ms. Bricka shared that the data set represented a good sample of the population, pulling from approximately 1% of households in the sample population. Ten percent of those sampled were also given a GPS unit to track their movements. The project was split into two tasks: the survey and modeling the data.

The research team indicated that the portion of Henry County that was located within the MPO boundaries would be included as part of Rock Island County for data purposes, reducing “statistical noise.” The dates of January 6 and 7 were deemed blackout dates due to extreme cold affecting travel and continued cold affected surveyed travel on January 8 and 9, with consideration of eliminating these dates from the compiled results. A total of 18 % of survey participants reported no travel at all on those days. On the whole, approximately 58 % of households indicated that they crossed the Mississippi River at least once a week.

Results of the survey roughly follow national trends. The majority of travel is intra-county travel. Only a small proportion of trips were classified as walk/bike/transit trips. The large majority of trips were by automobile. The information derived from this survey will help specifically in trip generation in the modeling process. It also helps in the calibration process with origin-destination pairings.

The research team fielded a number of questions following their presentation. Ms. Bricka indicated that nearly 10,000 letters were mailed as part of the solicitation process, and participants were asked for their information, including telephone numbers. She also mentioned that transit rides were included under the “Other” category. A full report was expected to be delivered in early May.

5. Discussion on Potential Revisions to Surface Transportation Evaluation Process Manual. Ms. McCullough indicated that as a result of the STP Evaluation Process in January and February, more project criteria will be brought to future meetings. Mr. Patel discussed a few key points for the STP Evaluation Process. More information will be shared at a later date. Mr. Patel outlined the following tasks in regard to the evaluation process:
 - a. Special Considerations – air quality, truck routes, and employment centers. All TTC members agree on criteria for connectivity.

- b. Air Quality – research may need to be done on how other MPOs are implementing in the ranking process. The current was based from another MPO, but additional research can be done.
 - c. Revisions may be needed in the methodology for non-existing road projects. Non-existing projects may receive surface type and facility condition points from the project that is being compared. The current method gives full points.
6. Public Comments. No public comments were provided.
7. Other Business. Ms. McCullough shared that there are two upcoming project meetings on April 23 and 24 regarding project staging for the I-74 bridge project. The Transportation Policy Committee meeting was moved to Wednesday, April 23 to allow for presentations from the consultants. Bi-State launched its initial public input for the Long Range Transportation Plan and the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). The goal of the online public participation is 4,000 participants with public meetings taking place in May.
- Mr. Wilson wanted to share with the Committee that there will be construction on Niabi Zoo Road. Traffic will be detoured through residential streets. The intersection of Illinois Route 84 and U.S. Highway 6 will be closed for 90 days and will require a detour as well. The anticipated completion date is in November.
8. Adjournment. A motion was made by Mr. Kane to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Anderson, and it carried. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:55 a.m.