

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

Tuesday, December 16, 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
Chelsey Hohensee	MetroLINK
Justin Johnson	City of Rock Island
Tim Kammler	City of East Moline
Dan Long	Illinois Department of Transportation
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation
Gary Statz	City of Davenport

OTHERS PRESENT

Taylor Beswick	Bi-State Regional Commission
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Brandon Melton	Bi-State Regional Commission
Donnie Miller	Bicycle Safety
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 October 14, 2014 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting. Mr. Burgstrum called the meeting to order and requested a motion for approval of the October 14, 2014 minutes of Transportation Technical Committee. Mr. Hellige motioned to approve the minutes as written, and Mr. Anderson seconded it. The motion carried.
2. Project Progress Report. Mr. Melton informed the Committee of edits. Updated progress reports are posted following the Technical Committee meetings at: <http://bistateonline.org/index.php/transportation/quad-cities-metro-planning/2012-11-13-20-10-34/quad-cities-metro-tip-transportation-improvement-program>. He had distributed an administrative modification for the City of Bettendorf that required no action but was postponed for the next meeting to seek clarification on the costs.
3. Additional Public Input, Discussion on 2045 Long Range Transportation Vision, Goals and Performance Objectives, and Status of TAZ Projections Input for Travel Demand Model. Ms. McCullough gave a status report on the 2045 *Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan* update process. A public input summary was e-mailed prior to the meeting. Community-specific input will be sent to the respective jurisdictions. For public input, 1,700 household travel surveys were

collected. There were 101 registered participants using the MindMixer public forum. Eighteen attended the late May public meetings. A online survey, using Survey Monkey was launched between October and November with 255 responses. Of interest, survey participants indicated that commercial and industrial development were the most important land uses followed by parks and recreation. The top three congested corridors were I-74, East Kimberly Road, and John Deere Road. The biggest transportation issues included: bridge congestion and infrastructure; roadway congestion; transit issues; bike/pedestrian accessibility; safety, parking, and awareness; and planning, coordination, and design. The input was consistent with the major issues that the MPO has been addressing in the last five years. Additionally, Ms. McCullough received input from the engineering community at the Davenport–Bettendorf Engineering Conference. Participants were asked to rank the performance objectives by priority. The top three included Support Economic Vitality, Increase Accessibility and Mobility Options, and Enhance Connectivity. These were consistent with feedback from the other public input opportunities.

The regional vision for the area was reviewed: “The Quad Cities Region is recognized globally in 2030 for growing and attracting talent and businesses, is energized by a culturally rich community, inspires innovation and embraces lifelong learning.” A discussion ensued on refinement of the *2045 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan* goals and performance objectives. Based on the discussion, staff will prepare updates for review at the next meeting. The timeline for plan development stretches into February 2016, but the majority of work will be completed by December 2015.

4. Public Comments. No public comments were provided.
5. Other Business. Ms. McCullough briefly noted a meeting was held in November related to 2015 bridge restrictions. Centennial Bridge work was not completed, so work will resume in the spring. Work is planned on Fort Armstrong Avenue, which will be closed to cross-river travel at the Rock Island Arsenal. Work is also planned on I-74 that was delayed due to the Centennial Bridge work. More details will be available in early 2015. It was noted that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will be publishing in the Federal Registrar the intent to reduce the national ozone standard in the range of 65 – 70 ppb from 75 ppb. The lower limit would put the Quad Cities in nonattainment for this standard based on the current three-year design value of 66 ppb.
6. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 11:00 a.m.