

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

Tuesday, June 9, 2015, 10:00 a.m.  
Bi-State Regional Commission  
Third Floor Conference Room 302  
1504 Third Avenue  
Rock Island, Illinois

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Brian Fries	City of Bettendorf
Jim Grafton	City of Silvis
Scott Hinton	City of Moline
Chelsey Hohensee	MetroLINK
Tim Kammler	City of East Moline
Mike Kane	City of Rock Island
Dan Long	Illinois Department of Transportation – Dixon
John Massa	Rock Island County
Kurt Scheible	Davenport CitiBus
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation – District 6

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Jeff Anderson	City of Moline
Alfonso Ayew-ew	Illinois Iowa Center for Independent Living
Taylor Beswick	Bi-State Regional Commission
Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation – Springfield
Brandy Howe	City of Rock Island
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Brandon Melton	Bi-State Regional Commission
Donnie Miller	Bicycle Safety
Christian Montbriand	Augustana College
Meghan Overton	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 May 12, 2015 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting.  
Mr. Kammler requested a motion for approval of the May 12, 2015 minutes of the Transportation Technical Committee. Mr. Fries motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Kane seconded the motion, and it carried.
2. Status of Project Progress Report. Mr. Melton asked the Committee for updates to the progress report that he would send out after the meeting. 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>.
3. Consideration of the FFY2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Melton provided a presentation on the TIP update for FFY2016-2019. He explained that the TIP is a summary of roadway, public transit, trail, and related projects expected to be initiated over the next four years and will be financed in whole or in part with federal and/or state funds. Regionally significant projects that require FHWA or FTA approval shall also be included in the TIP regardless of funding source. The document is updated annually on a federal fiscal year basis (October 1-September 30). The TIP process is to be comprehensive, coordinated and continuing, and must be financially feasible based on anticipated state, federal, and local sources for the region in year-of-expenditure dollars.

The TIP may be revised in two ways through an amendment or an administrative modification. Amendments are major revisions and require Transportation Policy Committee approval. Reasons for an amendment include new or deleted federally funded projects, changes in federal aid by 30% or more, or the addition of a federal source. Administrative modifications are minor revisions and do not require Policy Committee approval. Mr. Hinton moved to recommend approval of the FFY2016-2019 TIP to the Policy Committee. Mr. Scheible seconded the motion, which passed.

4. Presentation and Discussion on 2040 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan Update – Timeline, Quad City Area Community Profile, and Roads Today. Ms. McCullough noted that a timeline had been sent to the Technical Committee in slide form after the May Policy Committee meeting. Ms. Overton presented a profile of the socio-economic trends for the Quad City Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA). The area that makes up the MPA includes portions of three counties: Scott County, Iowa and Rock Island and Henry Counties in Illinois. The area has grown in population by 29.4% between 1950 and 2010. As a whole, the MPA is more diverse than the State of Iowa, but less so than Illinois and the nation as a whole. Compared to these same geographies, the MPA has the highest median age, 38.4 years, and the lowest average household size, 2.37 individuals per household. Median household income stands at \$49,783, whereas nationally it stands at \$53,046. The vast majority of residents of the MPA, 85%, drove to work alone. Most commutes took 10-24 minutes.

Mr. Melton gave an overview of the current state of roadways in the Quad Cities. He began by discussing Federal Functional Classification of roads. Approximately one-third of the roadway mileage in the Quad Cities Area is eligible for federal monies. The Mississippi River bridges in the area witness among the highest traffic counts in the region, with the I-74 Bridge carrying the most traffic by far among the bridges with 70,500 vehicles per day on average. Mr. Melton shared maps of truck routes and low clearance structures, as well as the locations of Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) infrastructure and the type of surface material on area roads. He also discussed data associated with crashes and safety throughout the urban area. In the portion of Scott County within the MPA, an average of 9.4 fatalities occurred every year. The Illinois portion of the MPA averaged five fatalities annually between 2009 and 2013. Mr. Melton finished by noting the public input to date, which included 101 participants on MindMixer and 255 survey responses. Staff took questions and touched on the issues related to pavement conditions data in the Illinois Quad Cities. Illinois Quad Cities Technical Committee members concurred there was various methodologies used between communities for pavement data collection and to show this in the plan and utilize it for funding evaluation was discouraged.

5. Public Comments. No public comments were provided.
6. Other Business. Ms. McCullough shared with the Committee two resolutions concerning Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds for Sections 5307 and 5310. Both resolutions dealt with FY2014 funds. As the full apportionment of FY2015 funds has yet to be dispersed, the same process will need to be completed once the full year's funds have been apportioned. A correction was made and the resolutions will be taken to the June Policy Committee.

The Committee also chose to cancel its July meeting, citing a lack of actionable agenda items. The next meeting will take place on August 11. Ms. McCullough also asked the Committee if there was interest in using STP funds for collecting pavement condition data, noting that there are inconsistencies in data collection and categorization between Illinois and Iowa. As follow-up, staff will look into potential options in the future for obtaining a vendor to jointly collect local pavement condition data in the Illinois Quad Cities. Ms. Hohensee shared that River Action is currently coordinating a feasibility study into a possible bike share system in the Quad Cities. There is an interactive map online, where participants may place points where they think a bike rental station would work.

7. Adjournment. Mr. Kane motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Scheible seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:15 a.m.