

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

Tuesday, August 11, 2015, 10:00 a.m.  
Bi-State Regional Commission  
Third Floor Conference Room 302  
1504 Third Avenue  
Rock Island, Illinois

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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
Dan Long	Illinois Department of Transportation – Dixon
John Massa	Rock Island County
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation – District 6
Gary Statz	City of Davenport
Betsy Tracy	Federal Highway Administration – Illinois Division

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Jeff Anderson	City of Moline
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
Lalit Patel	Bi-State Regional Commission
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the Minutes of the June 9, 2015 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting.  
Mr. Kammler requested a motion for approval of the June 9, 2015 minutes of the Transportation Technical Committee. Mr. Hinton motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Kane seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. Status of Project Progress Report. Mr. Melton asked the Committee for updates to the progress report to be provided to me. 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 noted that the FY 2016 projects would be rolled into the September progress report and encouraged jurisdictions provide updates.
3. Presentation and Discussion on Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update – Timeline, Mobility Alternatives (Non-motorized Transportation), Freight and Roadway Scenarios; and Draft Chapter 1 Vision and Chapter 4 Passenger Systems. Ms. McCullough directed members to their agenda packets for draft copies of Chapters 1 and 4. Comments were requested by Monday, August 17 in preparation for the August 25 Policy Committee.

Mr. Schmid presented information related to non-motorized transportation and mobility access. About 5% of the trips in the Quad Cities are via non-motorized transportation. Nationally, pedestrian fatalities are on the rise while bicycle fatalities have remained steady. In the Quad Cities, there are various types of multi-purpose trails for both pedestrians and bicyclists from separated trails to signed routes. There has been a growth in shared use paths since

the last plan update. He shared trails traffic counts from Bettendorf, Davenport, and Rock Island. For the future, he reviewed public input related to non-motorized transportation, such as Complete Streets, Duck Creek trail loop, more bike/walk options, more bicycle lanes and additional sidewalks. All are consistent with the Complete Streets guidance to design streets to include a variety of users. LRTP projects would create a regional system of over 300-miles of trails in the MPA. There is interest in striving toward Bicycle Friendly Community designations. A crossing designed with the new I-74 Mississippi River corridor was a notable improvement, as well as extensions of the Mississippi River Trail, Rock River Trail, and Veterans Memorial Parkway/Forest Grove Road Trail.

Ms. McCullough reported on the status of the Bi-State Region Freight Commodity Flow Plan and development of the freight chapter of the LRTP. Key transportation issues related to freight are river crossing capacity, transportation infrastructure and facility capacity and state of repair, environmental impacts like air quality and congestions, modal coordination needs and integration of safety and security. She reviewed public input and areas of recurring congestion. The Freight Plan identified five planning themes – Economy, Infrastructure, Operation, Access and Modal Options and Resiliency. Proposed project coming from this plan included 14 new highway projects, an intermodal, transload and/or consolidation facility, rail bridge replacement, rail spurs and connections to the Class II system, and water port expansion.

In past plans, I-74 Mississippi River corridor reconstruction has been the MPA's highest priority. With construction of the facility on the short-term horizon, the question is what are the next projects. A map showing the illustrative projects from the current LRTP was discussed with additions of new projects. Staff is working to set up a "Big Projects" workshop between the Technical and Policy Committees to discuss what might be the bigger projects to support. Prioritization of future projects is anticipated to be done at a high level using federal functional classification, state of good repair/condition, crash history, system reliability, connectivity, readiness/feasibility, and environmental justice. Ms. McCullough reported on the proposed roadway projects submitted by each jurisdiction. She also outlined proposed travel model scenario analyses – No Build, Full Build, Corridor Analysis, Growth Analysis, and Illustrative Projects Analysis.

4. Public Comments. Mr. Miller indicated that a Bicycle Friendly Community application is being submitted for the City of Bettendorf. He expressed interest in seeing other communities submit applications so eventually the entire Quad Cities would have designations. Mr. Miller was willing to work with communities on the application process, which can take up to 3 months in advance of the deadline. Applications are on a spring and fall cycle. He expressed that the process is a good tool for building a bicycle network.
5. Other Business. Ms. McCullough noted that the Illinois Quad Cities Technical Committee members were invited to a vendor presentation immediately following the meeting. The vendor, Applied Research Associates, Inc., was invited to share information on pavement conditions data collection. Iowa Quad Cities Technical Committee members are welcome to join but already have pavement condition data through the Iowa Pavement Management System and a contract between the Iowa Department of Transportation and In-Trans, via Iowa State University. Mr. Long mentioned that Tom Kelso with Illinois DOT Planning and Programming was looking into a potential joint arrangement to cover non-state routes within the MPOs.

Mr. Melton indicated that he would be working with the Illinois Quad Cities technical committee representatives and other multi-disciplinary staff to review the emphasis areas of the Rock Island County Highway Safety Plan. He noted that the annual Iowa-Illinois inter-disciplinary traffic safety groups were scheduled to meet Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. The plan would be discussed at that meeting and a discussion could be arranged after the September Technical Committee meeting to refine emphasis areas. Mr. Melton also distributed a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) administrative modification for traffic sign upgrades in Rock Island County related to a shift to advanced construction.

6. Adjournment. Mr. Kane motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Statz seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:55 a.m.