

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

Tuesday, November 10, 2015, 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
John Dowd	City of Eldridge
Brian Fries	City of Bettendorf
Jim Grafton	City of Silvis
Gene Hellige	City of Davenport
Tim Kammler	City of East Moline
Mike Kane	City of Rock Island
Dan Long	Illinois Department of Transportation – Dixon
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation – District 6
Gary Statz	City of Davenport
Betsy Tracy	Federal Highway Administration – Illinois Division

OTHERS PRESENT

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
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 October 13, 2015 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting.
Mr. Kammler requested a motion for approval of the October 13, 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 to be provided to him. 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>. Mr. Long shared the progress of numerous IL DOT projects in and around the Quad Cities, including paving the Big X interchange, striping I-88 east of the Quad Cities, Illinois Route 84 and US 6 safety improvements, and painting of the Centennial Bridge.
3. Consideration of FFY2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Revisions and Surface Transportation Program and Transportation Alternatives Project Extensions. Mr. Melton directed the Committee to two amendments found in their agenda packets. The first project BU-12-01 was a change of termini for the Mississippi River Trail extension through the City of Buffalo. The western terminus for the project is County Road Y40. The second amendment is for the City of Rock Island. Three projects located along 38th Street, RI-15-02, RI-17-01 and RI-20-01, were combined under RI-15-02, 38th Street (7th Avenue to Blackhawk Road). Mr. Kane motioned to recommend approval of the revisions to the Policy Committee. Mr. Fries seconded the motion, which carried.

4. Presentation and Discussion on 2045 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update – Roadway Projects for Modeling Review, Public Outreach, and Timeline. Ms. McCullough noted that a full draft of the LRTP is anticipated to be completed by December 18 for review by the Technical Committee. Currently, progress on the travel demand model has shifted slightly. HNTB has been contracted to complete the model development and assist with a few model scenarios. Public outreach for the plan is ongoing. Three events are taking place in early December: a transit summit on December 2, followed by two multicultural community outreach events specifically targeting Hispanic residents on December 10 and 12 to encourage diverse public involvement.

Mr. Melton presented on the fiscal constraint of the Long Range Plan (LRP). Local LRP projects cost a total of \$55,303,263 between 2006 and 2015. The ten-year average of \$5,530,324 will be used as the base from which revenue projections will be estimated. Three growth rates were used for the projections: 2%, 4% and a combination of 2% growth until 2025 and 4% from 2026 to 2045. The three difference scenarios yielded estimates of between \$228,828,000 and \$322,556,000 for the 30 years between 2016 and 2045. Mr. Beswick and Mr. Melton presented visual representations of the LRP projects in the Quad Cities Region, including constrained and unconstrained road projects for 2025 and 2045, along with other data, such as volume/capacity ratios, five-year crash history and 2010 road pavement conditions.

5. Presentation on Safe Routes to School Planning. Mr. Beswick provided an update of the Safe Routes to School component of the Partnerships to Improve Community Health (PICH) grant. This component of the grant includes nine separate partners representing both Illinois and Iowa sides of the Bi-State Area. The purpose of the grant seeks to address and prevent chronic diseases such as obesity by focusing on the primary risk factors of physical inactivity and poor nutrition. Residents of the Quad Cities Area have a high prevalence of being overweight (72%) and obese (33%), which causes conditions such as high blood pressure and high cholesterol. The Safe Routes to School component of the grant aims to promote physical activity by improving access to schools for children to walk or bike.

Year One of the grant yielded three Safe Routes to School Plans developed by Bi-State staff: Buffalo Elementary School in Buffalo and Earl Hanson Elementary and Eugene Field Elementary Schools in Rock Island. Staff is currently working to identify schools in Davenport and East Moline for Year Two of the grant. Common barriers to providing access for schoolchildren include the distance from home to school, vehicle speed and traffic volume, safety at intersections, and weather and climate.

6. Public Comments. No public comments were made.
7. Other Business. There was no other business.
8. Adjournment. Mr. Hellige motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kane seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.