

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

Tuesday, March 8, 2016, 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
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 – District 2
John Massa	Rock Island County
Clay Merritt	City of Davenport
Brent Morlok	City of Bettendorf
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation – District 6
Gary Statz	City of Davenport

OTHERS PRESENT

Taylor Beswick	Bi-State Regional Commission
Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation – Springfield
Mike Kurek	City of Moline
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 February 9, 2016 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting.
Mr. Hellige requested a motion for approval of the February 9, 2016 minutes of the Transportation Technical Committee. Mr. Hinton motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Morlok 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>. No updates were reported.
3. Consideration of Revisions to the Iowa Quad Cities Federal Functional Classification. Mr. Shea directed the Committee to the draft resolution and map distributed at the meeting. He discussed eight federal functional classification changes that either were to clean up mapping or were in cooperation with the Cities of Davenport and Bettendorf. The resolution outline the following revisions:
 - 1A. In Davenport, change 76th St. from Northwest Blvd. east 0.41 miles from Local to Urban Collector
 - 1B. In Davenport, add 76th St. from Division St. west approximately 0.50 miles to existing 76th St. as Proposed Collector

2. In Davenport, change E. 39th St. west of Elmore, from Minor Arterial to Local, 0.19 miles
3. In Davenport, change Elmore Rd. from E. 39th St to E. 53rd St. from Collector to Minor Arterial, 1.10 miles
- 4A. In Davenport, change Jersey Ridge Rd. from Vets Memorial Pkwy. to Interstate 80 center, from Minor Arterial to Collector, 0.46 miles
- 4B. In Davenport, change Jersey Ridge Rd. from Interstate 80 north 0.55 miles to Collector to connect at existing Collector
- 5A. In Davenport, change Gaines St. from U.S. Hwy. 6/Kimberly Rd. southerly 0.20 miles from Collector to Local
- 5B. In Davenport, change Gaines St. from W. 35th St. northerly 0.11 miles from Proposed Collector to Obliterate
- 6A. In Davenport, change E. 29th St. from Jersey Ridge Rd. to Belle Ave. from Collector to Local, 0.12 miles
- 6B. In Davenport, change E. 29th St. from Eastern Ave. to Belle Ave. from Proposed Collector to Obliterate, 0.38 miles
7. In Bettendorf, change Tanglefoot Lane west of Utica Ridge Rd., from Minor Arterial to Local, 0.23 miles
8. In Bettendorf, change 53rd Ave. from Devils Glen Rd. to Middle Rd., from Local to Minor Arterial, 1.01 miles

Mr. Statz motioned to recommend approval of the resolution and the stated FFC revisions in the Iowa Quad Cities. Mr. Morlok seconded the motion, and it carried. Once approved by the Policy Committee, the Iowa DOT will convey to the Federal Highway Administration – Iowa Division for final approval and acceptance. Mr. Long noted that changes in the Illinois Quad Cities had been addressed approximately one year ago.

4. Consideration of 2045 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan. Ms. McCullough provided an overview of the results of the informational meetings. Five meetings were held at various locations and times in Bettendorf, Davenport, East Moline, Moline, and Rock Island. Advanced media stories were televised on WQAD and WHBF. Thirty flyers were placed at local grocery stores, restaurants, and ethnic markets, along with a newsletter send to the media and to Bi-State’s advisory groups. There were 37 participants in total and 232 website page views. Written comments were received primarily from state and federal partners. A copy of comments received to-date and how the staff planned to address these comments in the final document were provided in committee members agenda packets. Using maps of the various modes, Ms. McCullough review key comments. Two comments require concurrence by the Committee. Federal Transit Administration recommended the addition of a sub-objective under the “Increase Accessibility and Mobility Options.” It was recommended that the following be added “Study the feasibility of bus rapid transit, express bus, and park-n-ride enhancements to the overall transit system.” Another was to add a “Project Requiring Additional Study” at Indiana Avenue/205th Street/Holland Street between Bettendorf and LeClaire within Scott County. This segment is between two segments intended to be improved. The county agreed but suggested that it needed further study before it became a fiscally-constrained project. The Technical Committee agreed to recommend both of these changes in the final document. Mr. Hellige motioned to recommend the approval of the *2045 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan* to the Policy Committee with the noted revisions and accepting the responses to the comments provided with the handouts. Mr. Burgstrum seconded the motion, and it carried.

5. Presentation on FY2017 Transportation Planning Work Program. Ms. McCullough presented the FY2017 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP). She described the tasks and activities to be undertaken by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in the coming fiscal year. These include: conducting coordinated, continuing, and comprehensive transportation planning; outlining requirements for various agencies toward planning efforts; establishing products, purposes, and general methods for transportation planning activities; and developing a budget for MPO transportation planning funds and associated tasks/activities. Major transportation issues identified for the region include: improving river crossing capacity, reducing congestion and improving mobility choices to improve air quality, coordinating modes of transportation for sustainability, implementing long-range transportation projects, coordinating passenger transportation opportunities, integrating safety and security into the transportation system, and implementing new planning regulations under the FAST transportation act.

Ms. McCullough identified four work categories in the TPWP: program support and administration, general development and comprehensive planning, long-range transportation planning, and short-range transportation planning. A sampling of tasks accomplished in fiscal year 2016 were shared. Ms. McCullough reported transportation planning fund targets for FY2017. At this time, with the information available, the targets reflect static funding levels: Iowa FTA (5305d) – \$53,282, Iowa FHWA Planning – \$222,447 (without carryover), Illinois FTA (5305d) – \$69,208, and Illinois FHWA Planning – \$286,695. Also included in the planning targets were FTA 5307 Urban Transit Planning funds for the metropolitan transit systems. The process for and groups involved in approval of the TPWP were outlined. She noted that the Technical and Policy Committees provide information and feedback on the program activities, while the Bi-State Regional Commission approves the budget and contracts. There were no additions recommended at this time from the Technical Committee. The FY 2017 TPWP will be taken to the Policy Committee March 22 and then carried forward to the Bi-State Regional Commission at their April 27 meeting as a component of the Commission’s overall budget.

6. Public Comments. No public comments were made.
7. Other Business. Three items were addressed. Mr. Melton presented a Transportation Improvement Program amendment request by Illinois DOT to IL-14-13 for I-74-Mississippi River Corridor demolition project. It was noted that part of the federal funding shifted from NCII to NHPP with a total federal share reduced from \$426,000 to \$320,000NHPP and \$32,000 NCII. Mr. Hellige motioned to recommend approval of the amendment. Mr. Kane seconded the motion, and it carried. The second item was consideration of continued representation by Mr. Hellige on the Iowa State Urban Design and Specifications (SUDAS) group. Mr. Statz recommended his continuation represented the Iowa Quad Cities area for SUDAS. Mr. Burgstrum seconded the motion, and it carried. Ms. McCullough directed Committee members to a handout on the National Highway Freight Network and efforts to review the system and identify the most critical highway portions of the U.S. freight transportation system. After a brief discussion, staff will bring the issue back to the Committee for a recommendation to the DOTs.
8. Adjournment. Mr. Kane motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hellige seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.