

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

Tuesday, August 9, 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
Jon Burgstrum	Scott County
Annette Ernst	Village of Coal Valley
Jim Grafton	City of Silvis
Gene Hellige	City of Davenport
Scott Hinton	City of Moline
Tim Kammler	City of East Moline
Mike Kane	City of Rock Island
Dan Long	Illinois Department of Transportation – District 2
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
Ray Forsythe	City of Moline
Brandon Melton	Bi-State Regional Commission
Donnie Miller	Bicycle Safety
Tao Pan	Bi-State Regional Commission
Becky Passman	Bi-State Regional Commission
Lindsay Whitson	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the Minutes of the June 14, 2016 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting.
Mr. Kammler requested a motion for approval of the June 14, 2016 minutes of the Transportation Technical Committee. Mr. Hellige motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Morlock 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.

Having received a request from Iowa Department of Transportation for revisions to the FFY2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Mr. Melton distributed four projects related to I-74 that require amendments to the TIP. These were IA-17-12 (2017) with an increased estimated total cost amounting to \$237,059,000 and increased federal share to \$213,353,000; IA-18-03 (2018) with a decreased estimated total cost amounting to \$3,104,000 and federal share of \$2,794,000; IA-19-01 (2019) with decreased estimated total cost of \$77,770,000 and federal share of \$69,993,000; and IA-20-09 (2020) with a decreased total cost of \$18,945,000 and federal share of \$17,051,000. Mr. Hellige motioned to recommend approval to the Policy Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burgstrum and it carried.

3. Discussion of Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Surface Transportation Program (STP) Manual Revisions and Status of Funding Availability. Ms. McCullough discussed elements of both the TAP and STP programs affected by the passage of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. The TAP program becomes the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program while the STP program becomes the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program. Eligibility remains similar in both programs. While the local TAP manual has a minimum federal share, this wasn’t identified in the STP manual. STBG is proposed to have a minimum federal share of \$100,000 and to continue that minimum for TA Set-Aside. It was noted that ILDOT has a policy that projects be no less than 50% federal share. Bi-State staff is recommending incorporating this policy into both manuals. The last item for discussion related to the expectation for implementation of the projects. In the STP manual the expectation is five years from the year of programming. The subject of fewer years to coincide with the federal limitation of 3 years for the funds to be authorized was discussed. Concerns about the length of time during the environmental review and project development process was noted. The recommendation was to retain the five years but tie it to the TIP year the funds are programmed to a project. For example, if programming of funds is for the year 2020, then the expectation would be that the project would be authorized and let by 2025. If a project wasn’t ready by that time, the jurisdiction would need to request an extension or return the funds to the MPO pool. This would apply for TA Set-Aside and STBG. There were no substantial revisions suggested to either evaluation criteria at this time. Review of the criteria may be better timed for supporting performance targets in the next couple of years.
4. Presentation on Moving Moline Forward – Transportation and Urban Design Update to the Comprehensive Riverfront Plan. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Forsythe reported on the status of planning efforts in the downtown areas of Moline. Mr. Anderson provided slides on the progress of their urban master plan for the downtown. Edgewater and Floricente neighborhoods were included. Changes in the traffic patterns and channeling alternatives modes along 4th Avenue are being proposed. The transportation plan provides a finer grain look at this area and complements the MPO long range transportation plan. Mr. Forsythe presented on the status of the “Q” station which will be completed in the next couple of years. As part of a transit-oriented development, the project will include a hotel, as well as public elements, streetscaping, train platform and skywalk. He noted challenges related to floodplain, environmental abatement/mitigation and historic preservation. The project is part of a \$10 TIGER grant and the bid packet was to be signed soon.
5. Public Comments. No public comments were made.

Other Business. Ms. McCullough directed the Committee to the two bullets on the agenda. Bi-State staff will be facilitating an Iowa Department of Public Health Complete Streets planning effort to formalize city and county polities, as well as training between now and June 30, 2017. The effort will be voluntary and would cover the MPO and Region 9 transportation planning areas. October 6-7, 2016 will be the ILDOT Fall Planning Conference to be held in Moline. Invitations will be sent to the Technical and Policy Committees. Mr. Miller mentioned the upcoming Illinois Bicycle Summit set for September 19 in Bloomington and indicated he would send information for those who might be interested. Mr. Shea noted the IADOT Commission will be meeting in Dubuque October 11 beginning at 8:00 a.m. Bi-State staff will send an inquiry to the Committee to see if there is a need to move the October Technical Committee meeting or not, depending on who might attend the DOT Commission meeting.

The Technical Committee were directed to a sample letter intended to be sent to Iowa legislators. The letter requests that the Iowa legislature consider a safe passing law to ensure safety of bicyclists on public roads. Mr. Morlock recommended approval of the letter to the Policy Committee. Mr. Statz seconded the motion, and it carried.

6. Adjournment. Mr. Hellige motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Ernst seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.