

## Minutes of the

### QUAD CITIES, IOWA-ILLINOIS METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 13, 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
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
John Massa	Rock Island County
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
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Brandon Melton	Bi-State Regional Commission
Donnie Miller	Bicycle Safety
Tao Pan	Bi-State Regional Commission
Becky Passman	Bi-State Regional Commission
Greg Runyard	Illinois Department of Transportation - Springfield
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the Minutes of the August 9, 2016 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting.  
Mr. Kammler requested a motion for approval of the August 9, 2016 minutes of the Transportation Technical Committee. Mr. Hinton 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 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. Shea noted as a result of the FAST Act, there was realignment of state projects, and the October 1 typical grant cycle for a number of grant programs will be shifted to December 1.
3. Consideration of Revisions to Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Surface Transportation Program (STP) Manuals. Ms. McCullough noted that Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) asked that consideration of TAP/Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) be put on hold as they get clarification on how the state allocates the funding. Ms. McCullough indicated that she would be

attending a joint Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)/Regional Planning Agency (RPA) meeting at Iowa DOT on September 21 to learn more information. The Technical Committee tabled the TAP/TA discussion by consensus.

As noted at the August meeting, STP programs saw minor affects by the passage of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. The STP program becomes the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program. Eligibility remains similar to the previous program. A draft revised manual was provided at the meeting. STBG is proposed to have a minimum federal share of \$100,000. It was noted that ILDOT has a policy that STBG projects be no less than 50% federal share. Bi-State staff is recommending incorporating this policy into the manual. Related to project implementation, the recommendation was to retain the five years but tie it to the TIP for the 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. 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. Consideration of the revisions to the STBG Evaluation Manual were tabled by consensus to allow time to review. There was discussion on streamlining the Illinois project review process and developing a letter to send to the Illinois DOT Secretary and District Engineer and copy the area legislators. Illinois DOT staff noted that the agency is aware of the problems and is working toward a resolution, but level of staffing continues to be an issue. There was some discussion on how far out to program funds. The consensus was to program through FFY2022.

4. Consideration of Illinois Federal Functional Classification Revisions. Mr. Greg Runyard, Illinois DOT, presented revisions to the Federal Functional Classification (FFC) in Rock Island County. There were 91 recommendations. The review was based on review of usage (traffic volumes) and connectivity. He noted that the classifications should reflect how the roadway is functioning in the current year or if new routes are expected to be under construction within the next four years, e.g. noted in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). For discussion purposes, Ms. McCullough inquired about certain locations near industrial or commercial areas, about future roads such as 52nd Avenue extension in Moline, and connectivity along IL84 and near the Quad City International Airport. Illinois Quad Cities Technical Committee members were asked to provide Mr. Runyard comments by September 30. Staff would resend the information for their review. It was determined that once the city/county staff level review and comments occurred, Bi-State staff would provide a letter to Illinois DOT with concurrence on the final mapped FFC revisions.
5. Presentation on Congestion Management Process Addendum Draft. Mr. Melton provided background on the Congestion Management Process document. It was an appendix of the *2040 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan*. In the recent *2045 Long Range Transportation Plan*, the CMP will become a standalone document as an addendum. The CMP purpose is to identify congested corridors, develop and implement strategies to mitigate congestion, and monitor congestion reduction strategy effectiveness. He noted the eight-step process to develop and review the management system. Since 2011, Bi-State staff have conducted travel time surveying to monitor a number of identified corridors. Three corridors were noted as having speeds slightly lower than posted, pointing to some congestion. These included 53<sup>rd</sup> Street in Davenport and Bettendorf, Kimberly Road/Spruce Hills Drive in Davenport and Bettendorf, and John Deere Road in Moline. Mr. Melton outlined current practices used to mitigate congestion, including traffic synchronization, safety improvements, shifts to transit, and use of ITS technologies for

traffic operations and information. A draft plan will be sent electronically to the Technical Committee within the week to review before the October meeting.

6. Presentation on the Metropolitan Planning Organization Certification Review Report. A copy of the report was included in Committee members' agenda packets. The report was finalized on August 29, and the next review will occur in 2020. Ms. McCullough reviewed the 2012 Commendations. The 2012 Recommendations were deemed adequately addressed in the 2016 review. Commendations for the 2016 review touched on transit and MPO activities. There were five recommendations to address. Two have been implemented, and staff is working on updating the CMP, implementing the FTA 5539 grants, and recognizing Complete Streets type projects as a notation in the TIP.
7. Public Comments. No public comments were made.

Other Business. There was no other business addressed at the meeting.

8. Adjournment. Mr. Kane motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hinton seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.