

## Minutes of the

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

Tuesday, April 11, 2017, 10:00 a.m.  
Bi-State Regional Commission  
Third Floor Conference Room 302  
1504 Third Avenue  
Rock Island, Illinois

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

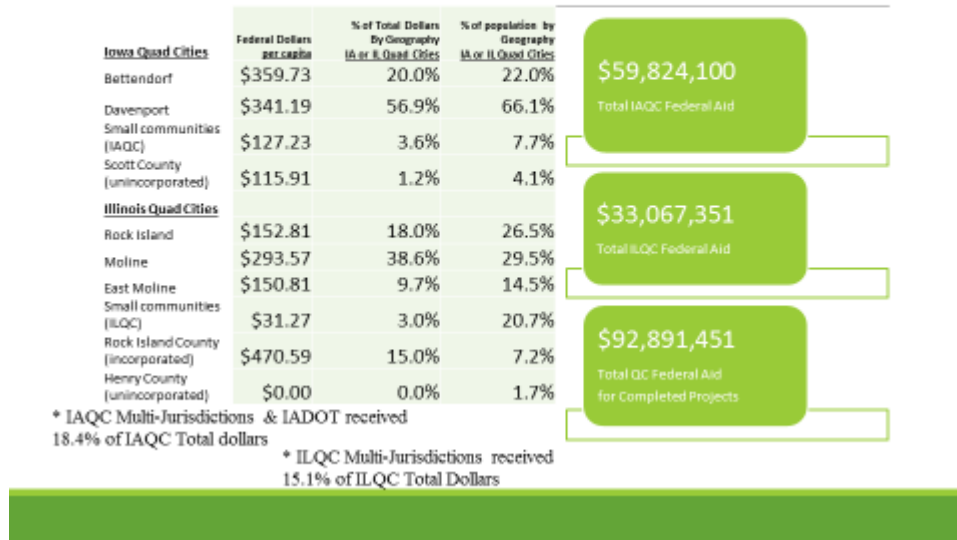
Jeff Anderson	City of Moline
Jon Dowd	City of Eldridge
Jim Grafton	City of Silvis
Justin Johnson	City of Rock Island
Brent Morlok	City of Bettendorf
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation – District 6
Gary Statz	City of Davenport
Brian Schadt	City of Davenport
Dan Long	Illinois Department of Transportation – District 2

#### OTHERS PRESENT

Rachel Bruce	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	Bettendorf
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Tao Pan	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the Minutes of the March 14, 2017 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting.  
Mr. Morlok requested a motion for approval of the March 14, 2017 minutes of the Transportation Technical Committee. Mr. Schadt motioned to approve the minutes as amended to include Sam Shea, Scott Hinton, and Jeff Anderson as in attendance. Mr. Statz seconded the motion, and it carried.
2. Status of Project Progress Report. Mr. Melton reported no major changes and requested that members continue to send updates as they occur. 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>.
3. Consideration of Revisions to the FFY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Melton described two administrative modifications for Davenport CitiBus, and provided for information only. Project CB-17-01 for transit operations was decreased in federal funding from \$900,000 to \$639,000 in FTA 5307 funds. Project CB-17-02 for preventative maintenance was decreased in federal funding from \$526,700 to \$402,854 in FTA 5307 funds. No other revisions were necessary.
4. Consideration of Special Considerations for Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Project Submittals and Funding Discussion Follow-Up. Ms. McCullough outlined the need to approve special exceptions and/or considerations prior to the final ranking. Once approved, staff will complete the response form and send the information back to the submitting jurisdiction to review and verify the content prior to ranking. At the March meeting, information was presented on funding history, but geographic distribution was not ready. The following slide outlines the percentage of total dollars by geography compared to the percent of population by geography. Over the history of the STP/STBG program, there has been a relative even distribution.

## Funding History (1972- 2017) Geographic Distribution Analysis of Federal Aid



The list of projects was reviewed in addition to the funding available. In Iowa, there were \$16.9 million in requests and \$15.9 million available. In Illinois, there were \$40.8 million in requests and \$2.9 million available. Mr. Melton discussed projects requesting special exceptions and/or considerations with those requesting air quality at 2% value:

- Rock Island – IL-92, East Reconfiguration 38th Street to Moline Border – Designated Truck Route – Class II and Connectivity – Improvements to transit route.
- Rock Island – IL-92 Relocation – West Interchange at 11th Street – Designated Truck Route – Class I and Connectivity – Connection from IL-92 to downtown Rock Island via 11th Street.
- Rock Island – Rock Island Parkway Projects – Andalusia Road-35th, 35th-Ridgewood Road,14th Street-US-6 – Designated Truck Route – Needs Justification
- Rock Island – 20th Street-7th Avenue to 18th Avenue – Employment Center – Needs Justification
- Rock Island – 31st Avenue, Rock Island Parkway to 11th Street – Designated Truck or Business Route – Needs Justification
- Rock Island – 4th Avenue, 38th Street to 44th Street – Connectivity – New connection between IL-92 and River Drive, Viaduct and Employment Center – Augustana College and MetroLINK
- Bettendorf – Forest Grove Drive, International Drive to Middle Road – Air Quality: Several project components will provide air quality improvements. The intersection at Middle Road that currently operates at a poor level of service will be reconstructed with a roundabout, which will also have by-pass turn lanes. The roadway section itself contains dedicated bicycle lanes, a 10-foot shared-use recreational path, and the entire length of the roadway will be a future transit route. Connectivity: This project will be the final component of a major cross city arterial roadway, consisting of Veterans Memorial Parkway in Davenport and Forest Grove Drive in Bettendorf. The corridor will connect from Brady Street on the west to Middle Road on the east, both of which have Interstate 80 interchanges just to the north. Several sections are currently finishing construction both in Davenport and Bettendorf, with one additional piece between Jersey Ridge Road and I-74 preparing to bid early this year.
- Eldridge – First Street with LeClaire Road Intersection – Air Quality: The widening of the intersection will also allow tractor trailers to turn without wide swings into other lanes. Currently, trucks heading to the

Cooperative need to swing dangerously wide in order to make the turns, often delaying other traffic while this maneuver is performed. With these improvements, traffic will flow much more smoothly, and idle time will be cut. This is expected to improve idle time to improve air quality in Eldridge. Secondly, the increased storage for right turns from West LeClaire is expected to reduce congestion and improve traffic flow through the intersection at peak periods during morning and evening commutes and during school pick-up and drop-off times. Lastly, the project will add a sidewalk along the west side of First Street south from the first driveway into the high school where none currently exists. This sidewalk leads past the High School and should improve the pedestrian access and safety of the area. A raised crosswalk across First Street at Iowa Street with striping and signage, including a pedestrian-activated caution light will also be added to further improve safety for high school students using the crosswalk to access and leave school during peak traffic times.

Mr. Schadt recommended to approve all the requested special considerations with proper documentation related to the Rock Island and Davenport's 53<sup>rd</sup> Street requests. If not provided, then the calculations will not include the additional points. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, and it carried.

5. Discussion of Traffic And Local Road Construction Projects During CY 2018/19 During I-74 Corridor Reconstruction. Ms. McCullough noted that a meeting is being scheduled to discuss local road construction that might have the ability to be completed prior to or deferred during CY2018/19 that might be a preferred route as alternates to I-74. Tao Pan presented slides on the bridge restrictions from May-November 2019 on the Iowa bound lanes of I-74, with one lane of traffic during that period.
6. Public Comments. Mr. Miller noted construction on Marquette and a designated bicycle detour.
7. Other Business. Ms. McCullough noted that the Iowa legislature passed legislation to swap federal transportation funds for state primary road funds. Guidelines will be developed by the Iowa Department of Transportation on how this will be handled. Mr. DeLille noted an upcoming round of Illinois Transportation Enhancement Funds with applications being accepted from October 2, 2017 to December 1, 2017. Funds will be subject to GATA requirements. Mr. Shea noted the traveling Iowa DOT Commission meeting will be in Coralville at the Marriott on June 13 and may require the meeting to be shifted. Mr. Morlok noted that Bettendorf has an APWA accreditation scheduled for May 9. Staff will check on whether dates need to be changed for these meetings based on meeting a quorum.
8. Adjournment. Mr. Anderson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Schadt seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.