

Minutes of the

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

Tuesday, August 8, 2017, 10:00 a.m.
Bi-State Regional Commission
Third Floor Conference Room 302
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jon Burgstrum	Scott County
Jim Grafton	City of Silvis
Scott Hinton	City of Moline
Tim Kammler	City of East Moline
Mike Kane	City of Rock Island
Brent Morlok	City of Bettendorf
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation – District 6
Gary Statz	City of Davenport
Kris Tobin	Illinois Department of Transportation – District 2

OTHERS PRESENT

Jeff Anderson	City of Moline
Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation – Springfield
Morgan Mays	Missman, Inc.
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Hannah Rodriguez	Dispatch-Argus
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Dave Soliz	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the Minutes of the June 13, 2017 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting.
Mr. Morlok requested a motion for approval of the June 13, 2017 minutes of the Transportation Technical Committee. Mr. Kammler motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Burgstrum seconded the motion, and it carried.
2. Status of Project Progress Report. Ms. McCullough reported no major changes and requested that members continue to send updates and to provide the status in the FFY2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program status of projects for document development, especially as it pertained to trails projects. 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 the Amendments to the FFY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Ms. McCullough provided an overview of the amendments to the FFY 2018-2021 TIP. The amendments concerned changes in funding pertaining to three Federal Transit Administration programs, Sections 5307, 5310 and 5339. Funding levels had previously been set to 8/12 of FFY 2017, but with the adoption of the full FFY 2017 budget, 100% of the programs funding can be added to the TIP. The tables with associated funding levels are below. Mr. Kane motioned to recommend the amendments for approval by the Transportation Policy Committee. Mr. Hinton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Transit System	Total 5307 Fund Allocation for Capital Projects FY 2017
Bettendorf Transit	\$478,548
Davenport CitiBus	\$1,069,716
MetroLINK	\$2,696,218
TOTAL - Quad Cities Urbanized Area	\$4,244,482

Transit System	Total 5310 Fund Allocation FY 2017
Bettendorf Transit	\$32,687
Davenport CitiBus	\$98,094
MetroLINK	\$125,518
TOTAL - Quad Cities Urbanized Area	\$256,299

Transit System	Total 5339 Fund Allocation FY 2017
Bettendorf Transit	\$47,716
Davenport CitiBus	\$114,811
MetroLINK	\$257,803
TOTAL - Quad Cities Urbanized Area	\$420,329

4. Presentation on Bi-State Region Transit Development Plan (TDP) Update Process. Ms. McCullough detailed the background of the Transit Development Plan, which is updated every three years to reflect changes in transportation mobility options within the Bi-State Region encompassing the counties of Muscatine and Scott in Iowa and Rock Island, Henry, Mercer and Whiteside in Illinois. The document covers what the Bi-State Region intends to work towards in terms of transit and the coordination between the many groups that provide passenger transportation in the region.

The document identifies transit needs in the region through public input from a series of transit summits held throughout the year, as well as ongoing coordination meetings with public transit officials. Common transit issues and barriers noted previously in the Bi-State Region include: extended hours and days of service; availability of funding; affordability for customers; and more informative education and marketing. Barriers to public transit in the region include: fragmented systems; issues of complexity and lack of convenience; disconnections between destinations; and non-standard work hours.

The TDP has developed six goals with corresponding strategies for completion: convenience, investment, affordability, land use, geographic coverage, and safety. Since the last plan update, numerous changes have taken place that affect transit and public transportation in the Bi-State Region. Among these changes are new mobility options such as Mega Bus and Uber. Service changes have also occurred. The Loop downtown circulator route has been discontinued, while River Bend Transit has added service to Iowa City. All three urban fixed-route systems have undergone route changes, which will be reflected in the TDP update. The draft plan will be submitted to the Iowa DOT in February 2018 and to the Illinois DOT in March 2018.

5. Status of Trails Counting in the Region. Mr. Schmid updated the Committee on the status of Bi-State’s trail counting program. Counts began in 2013 after Bi-State purchased 12 TRAFx passive infrared trail counters. Counters are loaned to member governments typically for a one-month duration, however some locations can see counts of a couple months at a time in winter months due to lower demand for use of the counters. Bi-State and city or county staff coordinate the location and installation of the counters in the field, with the liability for the counters passing to the member government for the time they are installed.

The counters have an optimal length of approximately 20 feet. Objects with a heat signature are picked up by the conical passive infrared sensor. Objects that emit a heat signature include people, pets, vegetation that is warmed by the sun, automobiles and direct sunlight. Data is uploaded to the TRAFx website and shared with member governments requesting the data. Simple charts and graphs can be pulled straight from the website, while detailed reports can be produced from Excel data that can be downloaded in numerous different formats, such as daily counts, weekly counts and hourly averages.

6. Public Comments. None.
7. Other Business. Mr. Statz noted that the City of Davenport will be adopting the Iowa Statewide Urban Design and Specifications (SUDAS) manual. The engineering, design and construction community is invited to review and comment on proposed supplemental specifications to be adopted by the City on the City’s website.

Ms. McCullough shared that the Illinois DOT is seeking input for its State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The IL DOT District 2 office in Dixon will be hosting an open house from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on August 30. An I-74 Bridge construction coordination meeting will be held before the August Transportation Policy Committee meeting at the Bi-State offices on August 22.

8. Adjournment. Mr. Kammler motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Statz seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.