

Minutes of the
QUAD CITIES, IOWA-ILLINOIS
METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, March 13, 2018, 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
Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation – Springfield
Annette Ernst	Village of Coal Valley
Jim Grafton	City of Silvis
Chelsey Hohensee	MetroLINK
Mike Kane	City of Rock Island
John Massa	Rock Island County
Joseph Miller	City of East Moline
Brent Morlok	City of Bettendorf
John Powell	Davenport CitiBus
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation
Gary Statz	City of Davenport
Kris Tobin	Illinois Department of Transportation – Dixon

OTHERS PRESENT

Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Rick McDaniel	Hutchison Engineering
Brandon Melton	Bi-State Regional Commission
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Mariela Trevino	RIM/Rural Transit-Project Now
Lindsay Whitson	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of Minutes of the February 13, 2018 of the Transportation Technical Committee Meeting. Mr. Morlok requested a motion for approval of the February 13, 2018 minutes of the Transportation Technical Committee. Mr. Kane motioned to approve the minutes as written. 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 and to provide the status in the FFY2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program status of projects for document development. 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. Presentation on the Bi-State Region Transit Development Plan Update. Ms. Whitson provided an overview of the 2018 *Bi-State Region Transit Development Plan* (TDP) for passenger transportation and human services coordination. The document provides information and guidance on future passenger transportation mobility options, human services coordination, and investment. Plan approval involves receiving concurrence from the Quad Cities MPO Policy Committee, Region 9 Policy Committee, and Region 2

Advisory Committee. Common issues reiterated in the public input process included comments for extended hours and days of service, lack of funding to meet demands, affordability for riders and need to continue education, and marketing of existing service availability. It was noted in the meeting these issues do not apply to all public transit services, as in the urban area extended hours and days of service have been added. Common barriers for transit use have related to fragmented systems, complexity and lack of convenience, gaps between destinations, and non-standard work hours. Through the update process, a number of positive additions to passenger transportation have occurred in the region. In the metro area, on-demand services like Uber and Megabus have been initiated. There have been upgrades made to bus maintenance facilities and technology, such as CitiBus farebox upgrades and electronic ride information availability. River Bend Transit added service to Iowa City, which helps with educational and medical trips. Improvements have been made in the three urban systems' routes, and a park-n-ride lot was established by Iowa Department of Transportation next to Thunder Bay Grill. A loss included the discontinuation of the Loop service in the metro area. Ms. Whitson noted there were three transit summits held to solicit input for the plan. The document will be available for review for the next month, and consideration of approval will be taken in April.

4. Presentation on FY2019 Transportation Planning Work Program. Ms. McCullough presented the FY2019 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) that was sent electronically to the Committee for review and comment. She described the tasks and activities to be undertaken by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) during the current fiscal year, such as the development of the TDP, grants writing and trails counting assistance, and participation in peer exchanges related to transit, freight and safety. She 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. Ms. McCullough reported transportation planning fund targets for FY2019. At this time, with the information available, the targets reflect relatively static funding levels: Iowa FTA (5305d) - \$56,749, Iowa FHWA Planning - \$270,609 (with carryover), Illinois FTA (5305d) - \$74,937 (with carryover), and Illinois FHWA Planning - \$295,107. Also included in the planning targets were FTA 5307 Urban Transit Planning funds for the metropolitan transit systems. She noted that the Technical and Policy Committees provided 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 2019 TPWP will be taken to the Policy Committee March 27 and then carried forward to the Bi-State Regional Commission at their March 28 meeting as a component of the Commission's overall budget.
5. Public Comments. None.
6. Other Business. It was noted that Bi-State staff will be taking an amendment to the FY2018 Transportation Planning Work Program and the FY18 Annual Element of the FY18-21 Transportation Improvement Program to the Policy Committee to secure and obligate an Extreme Weather Resiliency and Durability Pilot – Assessment Framework. The \$75,000 total project cost will include \$37,500 in federal funds over two years. The pilot project will look at extreme weather episodes in the metropolitan area and how it has or could impact the transportation system. The results will be used in the *2050 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan* development to address transportation system resiliency. It was noted that a bridge cleaning project will also be considered for revision to the FFY2018 Annual Element. These were shared for information and reference and carried forward to the Policy Committee for consideration.
7. Adjournment. Ms. Ernst motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Anderson seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.