

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

Tuesday, February 9, 2021, 10:00 a.m.
Web-Based Teleconference

Due to the COVID-19 directives by state and federal officials for gatherings, the Technical Committee was held by web-based teleconference to limit contact. Technical Committee members were provided with contact information. General public and media were directed to the Bi-State Regional Commission website homepage at www.bistateonline.org "QC MPO News" for the teleconference call-in directions to participate in the call remotely.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rob Bates	Illinois Department of Transportation – District 2
Annette Ernst	City of Coal Valley
Jim Grafton	City of Silvis
Chelsey Hohensee	MetroLINK
Darla Hugaboom	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) – Iowa Division
Justin Johnson	City of Rock Island
Tim Kammler	City of East Moline
Laura Klauer	City of Moline
Lisa Kotter	City of Eldridge
John Massa	Rock Island County
Marla Miller	CitiBus
Brent Morlok	City of Bettendorf
Brian Schadt	City of Davenport
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation
Gary Statz	City of Davenport
Betsy Tracy	FHWA – Illinois Division

OTHERS PRESENT

Gary Bradley	City of Kewanee
Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation - Springfield
Leo Foley	City of LeClaire
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Kristi Mindrup	WIU
Katelyn Miner	Bi-State Regional Commission
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Cathy Starling	Iowa Illinois Center for Independent Living (IICIL)
Jeff Wolf	CitiBus
Chong Qing Wu	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the Minutes of the January 12, 2021 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting.
Mr. Morlok requested a motion for approval of the January 12, 2021 minutes of the Transportation Technical Committee. Mr. Kammler motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Schadt seconded, and the motion carried.
2. Status of Project Progress Report. No updates were mentioned at this meeting. Each jurisdiction was asked to continue sending in their updates of project progress reports to staff.
3. Consideration of Revisions to the Quad Cities MPO FFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
Ms. McCullough displayed the revisions list. One amendment was received from the IL DOT for a bridge painting project over Case Creek and under 23rd Avenue in Moline. The total cost was reduced to \$300,000. Ms. Kotter motioned to recommend the amendments to the Policy Committee and Ms. Ernst seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the TIP revisions are documented at the end of these minutes.

4. Status of 2050 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan. Ms. McCullough noted that a fiscally constrained list of transportation projects will need to be finalized before Chapter 4 of the plan can be completed. Chapter 2 now includes a discussion on infrastructure resilience as a response to climate change, as well as the changes that have taken place over the last five years. Work on the chapter also updated trends and indicators, as well as updated information and data on environmental justice. Staff are aiming to have a completed draft of the chapter available for committee review by the end of the week. Ms. McCullough asked for feedback and comments as soon as possible, as a full document must be completed before the Transportation Policy Committee meeting on February 23.

Ms. Miner reviewed the fiscal constraint portion of the LRTP. The same methodology was used as in the previous plan, but the growth model was shifted from compound growth to linear. The roadway projections indicate a deficit in the out-year of 2050. A reexamination of proposed projects will be needed to reduce the overall estimated cost so that the plan is considered fiscally constrained.

Mr. Wu detailed the assessment of roadway projects. Four datasets were evaluated in assigning scores to projects: volume/capacity ratio, pavement condition, fatal and serious injury crashes, and resilience data. Maps depicting the four datasets were shared, followed by the weighted scores of 2030 projects and 2050 projects. Each community must take into account local economies, facility continuity and other factors in nominating projects for future consideration.

Ms. McCullough presented on adding a development goal on diversity, equity, and inclusion in Chapter 1. Bi-State staff were asked to review the addition, and researched long range transportation plan documents from metropolitan planning organizations from around the country. Examples were shared from counterpart agencies in Omaha, Milwaukee, Chicago, and Portland. The existing development goals of “Residential Development” and “Urban Design” contain elements of diversity, equity, and inclusion. The proposed goal addition of “Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion” states: Foster development plans and processes to serve and benefit all residents in ways that reduce, mitigate, or eliminate inequity, and encourage diversity and inclusion of environmental justice defined populations.” Technical Committee members noted that they approved of the inclusion of the theme at the level of transportation objective within the plan. Implementation of the objective will follow efforts such as “Complete Streets” at the regional level, as most of the roadway network consists of local roads, which are largely not eligible for federal funds and are the jurisdiction of local municipalities. Mr. Kammler motioned to forward the recommendation to the Transportation Policy Committee for approval. Ms. Ernst seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

5. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
6. Other Business. There was no other business.
7. Adjournment. Mr. Morlok called to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Ernst motioned to adjourn, and the meeting was adjourned by consensus at 11:00 am.

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AMENDMENTS - COMMITTEE ACTION REQUIRED													
ROADWAY/TRAIL/OTHER													
PROJECT NUMBER	Year Programmed (FFY)	PROJECT ROUTE	PROJECT LOCATION	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PLAN JUST.	TOTAL ESTIMATED COST	FEDERAL SHARE*	FEDERAL SOURCE	STATE SHARE	STATE SOURCE	LOCAL SHARE	LOCAL SOURCE	NOTES
STATE OF ILLINOIS - IL													
IL-21-29	2021	1-74/I-280	Over Case Creek and under 23rd Ave Moline	Bridge Painting	MAINT	\$300,000	\$270,000	NHPP	\$30,000	STA			Reduced Total Cost from \$785,000; Federal Share Reduced