

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

Tuesday, August 10, 2021, 10:00 a.m.
Bi-State Conference Room 320 & Telephone Call-in

With COVID-19 recommendations by state and federal officials for gatherings, this Technical Committee was held in person, requiring voting members to be present. Technical Committee ex-officio members who were not able to attend in person were provided with teleconference call-in directions to participate in the call remotely.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Ball	City of LeClaire
Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation – Springfield
Tim Kammler	City of East Moline
Michael Kane	City of Rock Island
Angie Kersten	Scott County
Laura Klauer	City of Moline
John Massa	Rock Island County
Marla Miller	Davenport CitiBus
Brent Morlok	City of Bettendorf
Brian Schadt	City of Davenport
Gary Statz	City of Davenport

OTHERS PRESENT

Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Brandon Melton	Bi-State Regional Commission
Jeff Wolf	Davenport CitiBus
Chong Qing Wu	Bi-State Regional Commission

CALL-IN INDIVIDUALS

Zac Bitting	Iowa Department of Transportation
Rob Bates	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) – Illinois Division
Betsy Tracy	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) – Illinois Division

1. Approval of Minutes of the June 8, 2021 Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) Meeting. Mr. Morlok requested a motion for approval of the June 8, 2021 minutes of the Transportation Technical Committee. Mr. Schadt motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Kane seconded, and the motion carried.
2. Status of Project Progress Report. Each jurisdiction is being asked to refer to the e-mailed project progress report and be prepared to provide updated information either e-mailed, written, or submitted verbally prior to the meeting. 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>.) All responses to this request should be directed to Mr. Freddy Vasquez at Bi-State.
3. Consideration of Revisions to the Quad Cities MPO FFY 2021-2024 and 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Ms. McCullough explained the amendments being requested by the Iowa Department of Transportation and City of Rock Island. Mr. Kane motioned to recommend the amendments to the Policy Committee, and Ms. Schadt seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the recommended TIP revisions will be provided to the Policy Committee for their consideration. The list of revisions is provided at the end of the minutes for reference.

4. Consideration of the Travel Demand Model Documentation Technical Report, Addendum to the Connect 2050: Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan. A draft copy of this document was provided to the Technical Committee members prior to the meeting. Mr. Wu explained this document is a supplement to the *Connect 2050: Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan*, with additional technical details of the travel demand model. The model calibration results/information was also detailed. Ms. McCullough added that this document was sent to the Iowa DOT for input, and comments were received and included. Mr. Kane motioned to recommend approval of the model document to the Policy Committee, and Ms. Kersten seconded the motion. The motion carried.
5. Discussion of Connect 2050: Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan Addendum for Congestion Management Plan (CMP) Related to Overview and Goals/Objectives. Mr. Brandon Melton reintroduced himself as being a planner at Bi-State a few years back. He worked for the City of Davenport in the past few years and is back at Bi-State for his continued role as a planner. Mr. Melton went on to explain the CMP update process that will be reviewed and updated with the tech committee in the next couple of months. He outlined the 8-step process with CMP goals and objectives, along with associated performance measures.

Mr. Kammler mentioned that more recent traffic data is needed for this analysis, to understand the impact of COVID on traffic. The understanding is DOT conducts continuous traffic counts on interstate highways and major state routes. Other data sources are becoming more available, such as INRIX Bluetooth-based traffic data that is more up-to-date. Mr. DeLille added that cyber security should also be considered as part of ITS infrastructure to ensure traffic signals and messaging systems are protected.
6. Determination on Quad Cities Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Eligibility. Ms. McCullough asked the committee for clarification of which entity is eligible to apply for the funds for the Quad Cities transportation alternatives funding. The Big Island Conservation District was interested in trail development. As a taxing district, it would qualify as an eligible applicant under state guidelines; however, the local MPO funds indicate local governments and transit systems were the only eligible applicants. The discussion concluded that it should continue to be the cities and counties to clarify as local governments to apply for the funds. Mr. Kammler motioned to set this as a record, and Mr. Schadt seconded the motion. The motion carried.
7. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
8. Other Business. There were no other businesses beyond notation of upcoming grants listed on the agenda.
9. Adjournment. Mr. Schadt motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kane seconded the motioned, and the meeting was adjourned by consensus at 10:40 a.m.

