

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

Tuesday, September 14, 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

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
Brian Schadt	City of Davenport
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation
Gary Statz	City of Davenport

OTHERS PRESENT

Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Jason McKenzie	Veenstra & Kim, Inc.
Freddy Vasquez	Bi-State Regional Commission
Chong Qing Wu	Bi-State Regional Commission

CALL-IN INDIVIDUALS

Rob Bates	Illinois Department of Transportation – District 2
Betsy Tracy	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) – Illinois Division

1. Approval of Minutes of the August 10, 2021 Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) Meeting. Mr. Kammler requested a motion for approval of the August 10, 2021 minutes of the Transportation Technical Committee. Ms. Klauer motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Kane seconded, and the motion carried.
2. Status of Project Progress Report. Each jurisdiction was asked to refer to the e-mailed project progress report and to 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. Vasquez at Bi-State.
3. Consideration of Revisions to the Quad Cities MPO FFY 2021-2024 and 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Vasquez explained no amendments were requested this month. There were two administrative modifications requiring no committee action. Two bridge projects in LeClaire

moved from FY20 to FY22, and BE-21-01 changed plan justification from “MAINT” to “LRTP45.” The list of revisions were provided at the end of the minutes for reference.

4. Consideration of Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP) Resolution for Bettendorf’s Forest Grove Drive between Friendship Path and east of Middle Road, and Middle Road just south of Forest Grove Drive to north of Competition Drive Reconstruction. A copy of the resolution was included in members’ agenda packets. Mr. Schadt motioned to recommend the resolution for adoption by the Transportation Policy Committee. Mr. Statz seconded, and the motion carried.
5. Status and Consideration of Special Conditions and Approvals for the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program and Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Evaluation Processes. Mr. Vasquez noted that a summary of the projects and requested considerations were included in members’ agenda packets. Ten project applications were received from Iowa and Illinois members requesting special considerations. Mr. Vasquez introduced the projects and the special considerations for each. Davenport’s project at the intersection of Eastern Avenue and Veterans Memorial Parkway requested a special consideration for traffic counts, which is 13,000 ADT on VMP and 3,000 on Eastern Avenue. Davenport requested special consideration for connectivity for their Eastern Avenue Bridge over Duck Creek. LeClaire requested special consideration for connectivity and as an employment center for their two projects: U.S. 67 between Ewing Street and Chestnut Street and Wisconsin Street between 15th Street and Cody Road/U.S. 67. In addition, special consideration was requested for the U.S. 67 project as a truck route as well. Scott County requested a special consideration for connectivity for the Z30 Bridge project over Spencer Creek. In Illinois, the City of Rock Island requested the following special consideration for four project applications:
 - 20th Street: 7th Avenue to 18th Avenue – Connectivity
 - 38th Street/6th Avenue Intersection – Air Quality and Connectivity
 - IL-92: 15th Street to 24th Street – Truck Route, Connectivity, and Employment Center
 - Rock Island-Milan Parkway: 85th Avenue West to 35th Street West – Air Quality, Connectivity, and Truck Route

Rock Island County requested special consideration for County Highway 16 for Traffic Count and Truck Route. Mr. Kane motioned to award 2% bonus points to both Davenport and Rock Island projects falling under the Air Quality consideration. Ms. Klauer seconded the motion, which carried. Mr. Kane motioned to accept the traffic count data for projects requesting to do so. Mr. Schadt seconded the motion, which carried. Mr. Kane motioned to assign 1% bonus points to projects requesting Connectivity, Truck Route, and Employment Center considerations. Ms. Klauer seconded the motion, which carried.

Ms. McCullough described considerations that the Technical Committee review in regards to two TASA projects that were received from the City of Princeton and Rock Island County. The Technical Committee chose to table discussion until further clarification and guidance is received from the Departments of Transportation. The Committee discussed the use of TASA funds for engineering in the case of Princeton. Construction of the trail is contingent upon receiving a State Recreational Trails Program or Federal Recreational Trails Program grant through the state. The question was posed if the city is not successful in their application to those two programs, can local TASA funds be used strictly for engineering. In the case of Rock Island County’s project, there was a question of whether or not TASA funds could be used for the milling and resurfacing project. Initial discussion seemed to indicate that local TASA funds could be used for reconstruction projects, but further guidance from the DOTs

was necessary to definitively answer the question. The use of TASA funds for reconstruction projects may set a precedent for future funding rounds.

6. Consideration of Bi-State Title VI Non-Discrimination Policy Document. Ms. McCullough explained the Title VI Non-Discrimination Policy Document is a federal requirement as part of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. The document is typically updated on a three-year cycle, which is due in October 2021. However, as part of Bi-State Regional Commission’s certification review in April 2020, numerous updates were made based upon DOT and FHWA recommendations. Thus, this update contains no substantial changes. Changes included the latest data from the American Community Survey for the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Analysis and updated agency contacts. The draft document can be reviewed on the Bi-State website for one month. It will be adopted by the Bi-State Regional Commission in October.
7. Review of Draft *Connect 2050: Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan Addendum for Performance Measures.* Ms. McCullough gave a presentation on the Performance Measures Addendum to the *Connect 2050: Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan*. Since MAP-21, there has been a focus on performance-based decision making in federal transportation priorities. MPOs are tasked with setting performance targets or adopting state targets. National goals include safety; infrastructure condition; congestion reduction; system reliability; freight movement and economic vitality; environmental sustainability; and reduced project delivery delays. Ms. McCullough shared the timeline of performance measure implementation since MAP-21 and through the FAST Act. On the MPO level, targets have been accepted for safety; transit safety; system performance for pavement, bridge condition, and freight; and transit asset management. New target memos, transit system Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs), performance measure timeline and phase-in, and transit safety targets have been added or updated since the previous addendum.
8. Discussion of Road and Bridge Construction Interactive Mapping Project. Mr. Vasquez provided an update on a project to launch an interactive, online mapping platform detailing road and bridge construction projects in the region. The project was included in the QC MPO FY2022 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP). The goal is to create a simple, user friendly, accessible map for all audiences. The initial step is to organize with Technical and Policy Committee members and local governments to finalize the structure of the project. Construction data will be collected, and an interactive map will be created from information received from around the region. After a final review, the map will be able to be integrated with local municipal websites. Updating the map will be a continual process to reflect current conditions. The launch date is expected to be in Spring 2022. Some questions that need to be discussed moving forward are: How will updates be made? How often will updates be made? Who will have access to make changes? Where will the map live online?
9. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
10. Other Business. A notation of upcoming grants listed on the agenda was made. Mr. Shea indicated there would be an upcoming public involvement opportunity on I-80 on September 23. Information had already been sent to the Technical Committee regarding this open house.
11. Adjournment. Ms. Kersten motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Klauer seconded the motioned, and the meeting was adjourned by consensus at 11:08 a.m.

September 14, 2021 - Transportation Technical Committee –
 FFY2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program

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
TRANSIT													
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ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS - NO COMMITTEE ACTION REQUIRED													
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City of LeClaire													
LE-15-01	2022	Territorial Rd.	Over McCarty Creek near 277th Avenue	Bridge Replacement	MAINT	\$1,250,000	\$1,000,000	SWAP-HBP			\$250,000	CTY	Moved from FY20
LE-20-01	2022	Territorial Rd.	Over McCarty Creek 0.3 miles east of 277th Avenue	Bridge Replacement	MAINT	\$1,295,000	\$1,000,000	SWAP-HBP			\$295,000	CTY	Moved from FY20
City of Bettendorf													
BE-21-01	2021	Forest Grove Dr. & Middle Rd	International Dr to east of Middle Rd on Forest Grove Dr and north of Competition Dr to south of Forest Grove Dr on Middle Rd	Reconstruction	LRTP45	\$10,500,000	\$5,181,000	STBG			5,319,000	LOC	Change in Plan Justification from "MAINT."