

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

Tuesday, October 12, 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**

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| Doug DeLille  | Illinois Department of Transportation – Springfield |
| Michael Kane  | City of Rock Island                                 |
| Angie Kersten | Scott County                                        |
| Laura Klauer  | City of Moline                                      |
| Clay Merritt  | City of Davenport                                   |
| Brent Morlok  | City of Bettendorf                                  |
| Brian Schadt  | City of Davenport                                   |
| Sam Shea      | Iowa Department of Transportation                   |
| Gary Statz    | City of Davenport                                   |

**OTHERS PRESENT**

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| Rob Bates        | Illinois Department of Transportation       |
| Chelsey Hohensee | MetroLINK                                   |
| Morgan Mays      | HDR Engineering                             |
| Gena McCullough  | Bi-State Regional Commission                |
| Bryan Schmid     | Bi-State Regional Commission                |
| J.D. Schulte     | Hutchinson Engineering                      |
| Kathy Starling   | Illinois Iowa Center for Independent Living |
| Freddy Vasquez   | Bi-State Regional Commission                |
| Chong Qing Wu    | Bi-State Regional Commission                |

**CALL-IN INDIVIDUALS**

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| Tim Kammler | City of East Moline                                       |
| Betsy Tracy | Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) – Illinois Division |

1. Approval of Minutes of the September 14, 2021 Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) Meeting. Mr. Morlok requested a motion for approval of the September 14, 2021 minutes of the Transportation Technical Committee. Mr. Kane motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Schadt seconded, and the motion carried.
2. Status of Project Progress Report. Mr. Vasquez asked committee members to check the project list and send any updates or edits to him by the end of the month. A new report will be sent out with the December meeting packet.
3. Consideration of Revisions to the Quad Cities MPO FFY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Vasquez explained the amendments being requested by the City of Davenport and LeClaire. The amendments include a new project in Davenport, which is a bridge replacement project on W 46<sup>th</sup> Street, and LeClaire amending two bridge projects. There were two administrative modifications requiring no committee action. Moline’s Mississippi River Trail project moved to FY23, and a State of Iowa project (IA-22-05) moved from FY21 to FY22. Mr. Schadt motioned to recommend the amendments to the Policy Committee,

and Mr. Kane seconded. The motion carried, and the recommended TIP revisions will be provided to the Policy Committee for their consideration. The list of revisions are provided at the end of the minutes for reference.

4. Consideration of Time Extension for Moline Mississippi River Trail – Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) (MO-16-04) Ms. McCullough discussed the TAP Extension Letter submitted from the City of Moline. The TAP Extension Letter is for the Mississippi River Trail Project (MO-16-04) that was originally programmed in FFY2017, and due to the current I-74 construction, there has been a delay in the progress of the project. The old I-74 bridge must be removed before moving forward with the construction of the project, which is why Moline has requested the project be programmed in FY2023 allowing time for the I-74 bridge removal to take place. Mr. Kane motioned to recommend the Moline Mississippi River Trail TAP Extension Letter to the Transportation Policy Committee. Mr. Statz seconded the motion, and it carried.
5. Consideration of Connect QC 2050: Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan Addendum for Performance Measures. Ms. McCullough discussed the *Connect QC 2050: Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan Addendum for Performance Measures*. Ms. McCullough noted there were no revisions to the addendum since it was presented last month. Mr. Schadt moved to recommend the Performance Measures Addendum to the *Connect QC 2050: Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan* to the Transportation Policy Committee. Ms. Klauer seconded the motion, and it carried.
6. Consideration of Bi-State Title VI Program and Non-Discrimination Policy Document. Mr. Schmid gave a brief overview of the *Title VI Program and Non-Discrimination Policy Document*. Mr. Schmid noted the document contained no substantial changes, and no comments were submitted. Mr. Schmid noted the document can be viewed on the Bi-State website. Ms. Kersten moved to recommend the *Bi-State Title VI Program and Non-Discrimination Policy Document* to the Transportation Policy Committee, and Mr. Schadt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
7. Consideration of Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TASA/TAP) Evaluation Process and Recommended Amendments to the Quad Cities MPO FFY2022-2025. Mr. Schmid presented the TASA Program, which funds eligible projects with a transportation purpose, versus a recreational one. TASA funded projects require a 20% match and must meet the federal requirements as noted in the *Bi-State Regional Commission Transportation Alternatives Set-Aide Program Evaluation Manual*. There were five applications total, (4 projects) that include submissions from the Cities of Davenport, Moline, and Princeton, and Rock Island County. Mr. Schmid noted the funds available for programming through FY2025 in Iowa totaled \$1,143,574, and \$376,541 in Illinois. The amount requested in Iowa was \$2,267,524, and \$468,807 in Illinois.

The City of Davenport submitted two projects; Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the West Loop Trail. Phase 2 had a request of \$554,350, while Phase 3 requested all of the available funds in Iowa. Princeton submitted a project related to the Mississippi River Trail at a request of \$569,600. Illinois projects were submitted by Rock Island County, specifically by the Big Island Conservancy District. Rock Island County would be the sponsor, and this application requested \$125,187. Moline submitted the Morgan Park Trail Phase 1 project at a request of \$343,620.

A discussion of applications was then discussed. It was noted Princeton did not have a detailed cost estimate, and it was questioned whether the funds could be used solely for engineering. This has not occurred in the past, and there is some need for assurance the project would be constructed. Consensus related to Princeton's project recommended the city obtain a cost estimate for Preliminary Engineering for further discussion. Mr. Morlok requested a motion to table the Iowa Quad Cities TASA recommendations. Mr. Schadt motioned to table the discussion, and Mr. Merritt seconded. The motion carried.

The Illinois projects were discussed, and it was noted that the Big Island milling and reconstruction project could be outside of its useful life as questions arose regarding routine maintenance. Mr. Kane moved to recommend funding the Moline Morgan Park Trail project to the Transportation Policy Committee at the funding level of \$343,620, and Ms. Klauer seconded. The motion carried.

8. Consideration of Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Evaluation Process and Recommended Amendments to the Quad Cities MPO FFY2022-2025 TIP. Mr. Vasquez presented the STBG overview of projects submitted. In Iowa, seven projects were submitted, totaling \$27 million. The amount requested in Iowa was \$21.5 million, while the amount available for programming was approximately \$9.9 million. In Illinois, seven projects were submitted totaling \$17 million. The amount requested was \$14 million, while the amount available for programming was roughly \$4.3 million. There was one last special consideration submitted by the City of Davenport that involved an air quality 2% bonus at the intersection of Eastern Avenue & Veteran's Memorial Parkway. Ms. Klauer moved to approve the air quality special consideration submitted by the City of Davenport, Ms. Kersten seconded the motion, which carried.

Mr. Vasquez then presented the calculations for each submitted project, as well as the scoring and ranking breakdown for the Iowa QC and Illinois QC. After further discussion, the consensus was to recommend four Iowa projects at a federal share up to 70% of the original submitted estimates, and one at the remaining available balance of the Iowa QC STBG funds not to exceed 70%. These projects include Davenport's West Central Park Avenue project funded at \$2,596,773, LeClaire's US 67 project at \$3,511,288, Bettendorf's Central Avenue project at \$1,715,000, and Scott County's Z30 bridge projects at \$1,218,000. Recommendations were also made to fund Davenport's Eastern Avenue Bridge project with the remaining STBG balance of \$865,348. Mr. Schadt moved to recommend the Iowa projects to the Transportation Policy Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Merritt, and it carried.

In Illinois, projects were also recommended at a federal share of 70%. Rock Island chose to withdraw their RI-Milan Parkway project due to inconsistencies with the *Connect QC 2050: Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan*. The recommended projects include two from Moline and one from Rock Island. Moline's 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Rock Island city limits to 7<sup>th</sup> Street at \$885,805, Moline's second project from 7<sup>th</sup> Street to 16<sup>th</sup> Street at \$1,057,511, and Rock Island's IL92 project at \$2,275,000 were the three projects recommended for funding. It was noted that there will need to be a technical revision to the *Connect QC 2050: Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan* to include Rock Island's IL92 project in Table 3.4: State Roadway Network. Ms. Klauer moved to recommend the Illinois projects to the Transportation Policy Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kane, and it carried.

9. Discussion of Changes in Intelligent Transportation System Architecture and Status of Plan Update. Mr. Wu discussed the ITS Architecture and the status of the plan. Officially called ARC-IT, the four views of the architecture include enterprise, functional, physical, and communications. ITS include the electronics, communications or information processing used to improve the efficiency or safety of surface transportation. Examples include traffic signal controllers, traffic management centers, 511, and electronic toll-tagging. In the Quad Cities, ITS technologies are implemented in the region, and ITS projects are planned for the region. There are system integration opportunities, and ITS projects ready for new technologies. Stakeholders include DOT staff, city and county engineers, planners, law enforcement agencies, and transit agencies. Mr. Wu noted that communication between Bi-State and stakeholders will be taking place within the next couple of months.
10. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
11. Other Business. There was no other business.
12. Adjournment. Mr. Kane motioned to adjourn the meeting, and the meeting was adjourned by consensus at 11:28 a.m.