

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP): General Information

WHAT IS A TIP?

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): The document for the Quad Cities, Iowa/Illinois Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) listing transportation projects to be funded under federal transportation programs for a four-year period. To be eligible for federal transportation funding, a project must be included in the TIP.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS?

Each state, county and city in the Quad Cities MPA has the opportunity to develop and review a list of projects each year that have been programmed and/or identified to receive federal transportation dollars. Projects must be derived from the *Quad Cities 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan*. Bi-State Regional Commission compiles the list of projects by federal fiscal year for a four-year period. The document is reviewed and recommended for approval to the Transportation Policy Committee by the Transportation Technical Committee. The TIP allows projects to move forward from planning and programming to engineering and construction. The first year of the TIP identifies projects that are being readied for implementation. The process is generally initiated in March and completed by June when the document is considered for adoption by the Policy Committee. As it is approved locally, it is then incorporated or referenced in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITIES?

Public comment opportunities for the TIP can occur at various levels. As communities prepare their community comprehensive plans and conduct capital improvement programming, there are opportunities for citizens to comment on individual projects proposed by the respective jurisdiction.

For the region, public comment opportunities are provided in the development of the Long Range Transportation Plan, which is updated on a five-year cycle. Additionally, the Quad Cities metropolitan area receives a local share of Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds for which communities/counties can compete based on an evaluation system rating transportation projects. Input opportunities are available during the respective project ranking process.

The following is one opportunity for public comment on the transportation planning process:

Public Hearing Quad Cities Area Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

A public hearing is set for noon on June 24, 2014 at Bi-State Regional Commission, 1504 Third Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois. Its purpose is to receive comments on the FY2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Quad Cities, IA/IL Metro Area and to satisfy the Program of Projects (POP) public participation requirements of Bettendorf Transit, Davenport CitiBus, and Rock Island County Metropolitan Mass Transit District (MetroLINK). Comments will be accepted through June 24, 2014. TIP information is available by contacting Brandon Melton at (309)793-6300. Persons requiring special material or presentation format should contact Mr. Melton on or before June 17, 2014.

WHERE CAN I FIND A COPY OF THE TIP?

A full copy of the Transportation Improvement Program can be found at:

<http://bistateonline.org/index.php/transportation/quad-cities-metro-planning/2012-11-13-20-10-34/quad-cities-metro-tip-transportation-improvement-program>