

Public Involvement Outline (6/2019)

2050 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan

“Progress, Innovation and Connectivity”

There is an expectation the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) development will include opportunities for the public to be involved. FAST federal planning regulations require consultation with officials responsible for other types of planning activities that are affected by transportation in the area (including State and local planned growth, economic development, tourism, natural disaster risk reduction, environmental protection, airport operations, and freight movements) or to coordinate its planning process, to the maximum extent practicable, with such planning activities.

23 USC 134 Metropolitan Transportation Planning (h). requires the process to consider of projects and strategies that will:

(A) support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency;

(B) increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and nonmotorized users;

(C) increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and nonmotorized users;

(D) increase the accessibility and mobility of people and for freight;

(E) protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns;

(F) enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight;

(G) promote efficient system management and operation;

(H) emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system;

(I) improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate stormwater impacts of surface transportation; and

(J) enhance travel and tourism.

The adopted Public Participation Plan for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) – Bi-State Regional Commission outlines the acceptable methods and notification requirements for such outreach. The overall Public Participation Plan can be found here: <http://bistateonline.org/transportation/public-participation>. The LRTP public involvement outline further details clear, inclusive and transparent opportunities for citizen conversations in the development of the 2050 Quad Cities Metropolitan Area Long Range Transportation Plan – “Progress, Innovation and Connectivity.” The list may be revised to add or adapt to the changing involvement needs at the plan proceeds to completion.

The following outlines proposed opportunities for public involvement in the development of the Long Range Transportation Plan. Opportunities will be expanded as possibilities unfold.

- **Transportation Consultation Contacts/Meetings – Resource Agencies:** Either contact and/or hold meeting to discuss environmental inventories and land use issues as these relate to transportation planning and project development. Either contact and/or hold meeting with human services organizations to discuss mobility issues and coordination of transit and travel. Summer 2019, Winter/Spring 2020
- **Transportation Public Input Survey:** Update and send survey to Regional Transportation Advisory Group, Regional Transit Interest Group, metro area governments and citizens at large to solicit input on transportation planning issues in the Quad Cities, Iowa-Illinois. August 2019
- **Freight Interests Survey:** Update and send survey to freight transportation interests to identify transportation system strengths, weaknesses/threats and opportunities from a goods movement perspective. Fall 2019-Winter 2019
- **Transportation Public Open Houses –** Provide opportunity to discuss transportation network strengths, weaknesses/threats and opportunities through presentation(s) on Long Range Planning and solicitation of input on plan development. October/November 2019
- **Stakeholder Input and Information Sessions -** Provide opportunity to various Quad Cities groups or forums to provide input and/or receive status/presentation on plan development - e.g. Chambers of Commerce, service clubs or interest groups, etc. Ensure all interested parties, including environmental justice populations and those who may be considered traditionally underserved by the transportation system be offered opportunities for input. Fall 2019-February 2021
- **Presentations** to Transportation Technical Committee, Transportation Policy Committee & Bi-State Regional Commission. Periodically scheduled between June 2019-March 2021
- **Bi-State Regional Commission (BSRC) website:** Update and modify Quad Cities MPO Long Range Transportation Planning page on www.bistateonline.org website. Post newsworthy notices on the home page as they are needed. On-going
- **Social Media:** Host a Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan Facebook page and You Tube channel to post newsworthy announcements and educational videos on these sites from links on the BSRC website. Promote general transportation survey, public open houses and informational meetings. Launch September 2019
- **Bi-State Regional Commission telephone:** Serve direct inquiries by Bi-State Regional Commission staff via telephone (309)793-6300 from interested parties. On-going
- **Media Outreach –** Develop media releases for milestone activities, provide meeting notices, provide interviews and information, and submit public notices. Periodically scheduled between June 2019-March 2021
- **Populations Under Represented in Other Outreach –** Provide targeted opportunities to discuss initial results of the Plan update to solicit input and help refine transportation improvements that serve low-income, minority and limited English proficiency (LEP) citizens. September/October 2020
- **Presenting The Plan – Public Informational Meetings:** Hold informational meetings on full draft plan update. January-February 2021
- **Consideration of Adoption:** Present plan update to Bi-State Regional Commission for consideration of adoption. March 2021

Other consultation opportunities between agencies and/or information from other projects include:

- **Travel Demand Model (TDM) Kick-Off and Monthly Status Telemeetings for DOT and BSRC Staff:** Hold technical workshop on aspects of travel demand modeling as part of implementation of Iowa Statewide Model Structure. Participate in monthly model status telemeetings. July 18, 2018; August 2018-March 2021
- **Illinois 92 Corridor Study Travel Survey:** Information collected from the Illinois 92 Corridor Study will supplement input for the LRTP. Summer 2019

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