

Transportation Planning Work Program FY2021

What is a TPWP?

Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP): The work plan, federally known as a Unified Work Program, is used by Bi-State Regional Commission staff to carry out metro transportation planning requirements for the Quad Cities Metropolitan Area and advance long range plans for the Quad Cities transportation system. The annual work plan is for July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. The plan contains a budget to provide staffing, equipment and supplies to carry out these activities by Bi-State Regional Commission.

What is the process?

Each year Bi-State Regional Commission staff review and update the work tasks to implement the current Quad Cities Long Range Transportation goals and performance objectives. This is done in cooperation, coordination and continual review with local and state governments and stakeholders interested in the metro area transportation system. Major transportation issues are reviewed and modified with current and changing conditions to develop an efficient, reliable and vital Quad Cities multi-modal transportation network. Staff work with the Quad Cities Transportation Policy and Technical Committee to review and modify these work activities. Bi-State Regional Commission board approves the budget and authorizes the grants which fund the planning effort.

Major Transportation Issues in the Quad Cities

The transportation planning process is not static. We are continually looking at and determining how to make our system better. Focus on top issues to meet our transportation needs include:

- **Improve** River Crossing Capacity
- **Reduce** Congestion and Improve Mobility Choices – Air Quality
- **Coordinate** Modes for Sustainability and Support Connectivity
- **Implement** Long Range Transportation Plan Projects
- **Coordinate** Passenger Transportation Opportunities
- **Integrate** Safety and Security
- **Implement** Planning Regulations and Monitor Federal Transportation Act Authorization –Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST)

Public Comment Opportunities

Public comment opportunities for the TPWP 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 or area transportation projects, issues and concerns being proposed by the respective jurisdiction. This is related to short-range planning.

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 with its 20+ year planning horizon. Additionally, the Quad Cities Metropolitan Area receives a local share of Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) and Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TA) funds for which communities/counties can compete based on a selection process for transportation projects. Input opportunities are available during the project ranking process. Another opportunity is a public hearing by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration every 5 years as part of the Bi-State Regional Commission transportation planning process certification review.

Where Can I Find a Copy of the TPWP?

A full copy of the Transportation Planning Work Program can be found at <http://bistateonline.org/index.php/transportation/quad-cities-metro-planning/2012-11-13-20-10-34/quad-cities-metro-tpwp-transportation-planning-work-program>