

## **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 *2050 Quad Cities 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 Block Grant Program (STBG) and Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TASA) 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.

Media notices were sent to the Quad Cities Times and Dispatch-Argus newspapers and meeting notices were printed in each publication at least 14 days prior to the public meeting listed below

## **Public Hearing**

### **Quad Cities Area Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

A public hearing will be held virtually on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at noon using an online web-based service. Its purpose is to receive comments on the FFY 2022-2025 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 22, 2021 at noon. TIP information is available by contacting Freddy Vasquez at [fvasquez@bistateonline.org](mailto:fvasquez@bistateonline.org) or (309)793-6300. Persons requiring special material or presentation format should contact Mr. Vasquez on or before June 15, 2021.

A full copy of the current 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> . A draft plan update will be posted two weeks prior to the public hearing. The agenda with a link to the meeting will be posted one week prior to the public hearing on the same website noted above. Public interested in participating can either refer to the website above for directions or contact Freddy Vasquez by the Friday prior to the meeting.

Additionally, the public hearing notice and TIP information was sent to the Transportation Technical and Policy Committees, as well as the Regional Transit Advisory Group listed in Appendix Page 5. These activities fulfill the obligations outlined in the Public Participation Plan included in Appendix Page 2 of this document.