

Minutes of the
QUAD CITIES, IOWA-ILLINOIS
METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 10:00 a.m.
Scott County Administrative Center, Room 605
600 W. 4th Street
Davenport, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Brunk	Rock Island County Board
Jean Dickson	Scott County Board of Supervisors
Rick Dunn	Alderman, City of Davenport
Reggie Freeman	Mayor, City of East Moline
Bob Gallagher	Mayor, City of Bettendorf
Dennis Gerard	Mayor, City of LeClaire
Becky Marruffo	Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2
Mike Matson	Mayor, City of Davenport
Robby Ortiz	Alderman, City of Davenport
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation, District 6
Mike Thoms	Mayor, City of Rock Island

OTHERS PRESENT

Denise Bulat	Bi-State Regional Commission
Doug DeLille	Illinois DOT – Springfield
Nithin Kalakuntla	Bi-State Regional Commission
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Zach Sutton	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of Minutes of the March 28, 2023 Transportation Policy Committee (TTC) Meeting. Mayor Matson requested a motion for approval of the March 28, 2023 minutes of the Transportation Policy Committee. Mayor Gallagher motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mayor Thoms seconded, and the motion carried.
2. Update on I-74 Mississippi River Corridor Reconstruction. An I-74 Team Representative was unable to attend. Ms. McCullough conveyed the following provided by the team:
 - Helm is continuing to make progress on demolition, with primary focus on steel truss removal.
 - About 40% of the steel has been removed on the entire project.
 - The contractor plans to use explosives on select locations of the bridge, including the suspension towers, main suspension cables, and select piers, which is anticipated to begin in late spring/early summer. Iowa DOT anticipates that there will be brief disruptions to traffic on the new I-74 River Bridge as well as to river traffic while explosives are used. Coordination is taking place with cities, public safety, state/federal agencies, and other entities. More information will be provided as details are developed.
 - Landscaping contracts are anticipated to restart soon (this includes planting and decorative elements)
 - Iowa DOT will be letting a landscaping project for the area between the Bettendorf railroad tracks and the levee. Anticipated to be let in spring/summer.
 - Ms. McCullough then brought up the next phase Centennial Bridge repairs that are scheduled to begin May 1. Traffic will be reduced to 2 lanes while the repairs are ongoing, which is estimated to last about 35 days. Ms. Marruffo then gave a brief report about the future status of the bridge. The Illinois DOT has

programmed money for Phase I engineering, and a consultant is expected to be selected in the next couple of months. Funding for painting has been pulled, but is still likely to occur after that money is reprogrammed.

3. Consideration of Revision to FFY2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program. Ms. McCullough directed the Committee to the agenda packet to the amendment submitted by Rock Island County. The request for amendment included new project RC-23-01 that would improve safety features, including new signals and gates, at the railroad crossing on 158th Street North. Mayor Thoms motioned to approve the request for amendment of the FFY2023-2026 TIP. Mayor Gallagher seconded the motion, and it carried. A copy of the TIP amendment approved at the meeting is attached at the end of the minutes.
4. Consideration of Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) Application. Ms. Bulat provided the committee with an update on the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program. Ms. Bulat informed the committee that the State of Illinois accepted the grant at \$3 million while Iowa declined. As the third-largest metropolitan statistical area in Iowa, the Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) is then eligible to receive \$1 million as the next level of invitation. Due to the aggressive timeline required by the grant guidance, limited staffing capacity required for creating and implementing Climate Action Plan, and limited ability to affect certain sectors, such as industry and agriculture, Ms. Bulat recommended that the committee decline the grant. Staff did explore the idea of the Illinois EPA being a sub-awardee for the MSA, but Illinois EPA declined due to their own lack of available staff. Mayor Gallagher motioned to decline the grant. Ms. Dickson seconded, and the motion carried.
5. Status Report on Urban Area Boundary Designations. Ms. McCollough presented on the coming updates to the Davenport, Iowa/Illinois Urban Area Boundary. She provided definitions of urban area, urban area type, and urban area boundary. Under Federal Highway Administration rules, the state in coordination with the urban area, can smooth the Census boundary that then defines road eligibility for federal funds, the Highway Performance Monitoring System, Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Transportation Alternatives (TA) funding levels, and designation of rural and urban critical freight corridors. A question was raised whether the proposed changes would impact Davenport's development plans, as some of the boundary changes were in the West Davenport area, a location that has been targeted by the city for future development. Ms. McCollough informed the committee that, because the proposed area still fell within the Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary, the proposed changes would be unlikely to affect those plans.
6. Public Comments: There were no public comments.
7. Other Business. The committee was directed to the agenda for upcoming grants, noted as:
 - USDOT Key Notices of Funding Opportunity <https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/key-notices-funding-opportunity>
 - Community Charging and Fueling Grants (New program to deploy publicly accessible electric vehicle charging and alternative fuels infrastructure.) – Deadline 5/30/23
 - Safe Streets and Roads For All Grants- Planning or Implementation – Deadline 7/10/23 [Planning grant already awarded for Quad Cities-Kewanee-Muscatine for traffic safety action plan]
 - Illinois Safe Routes to School – Deadline 10/2/23
8. Adjournment: Mr. Dunn motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ortiz. The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

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 FFY2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program

AMENDMENTS - COMMITTEE ACTION REQUIRED													
ROADWAY/TRAIL/OTHER													
PROJECT NUMBER	Year Programmed (FFY)	PROJECT ROUTE	PROJECT LOCATION	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PLAN JUST.	TOTAL ESTIMATED COST	FEDERAL SHARE*	FEDERAL SOURCE	STATE SHARE	STATE SOURCE	LOCAL SHARE	LOCAL SOURCE	NOTES
<u>Rock Island County-RC</u>													
RC-23-01	FFY2023	County Highway 52	158th Street North (FAU 5858), BNSF Railway, DOT Crossing # 069588S	Install new automatic flashing light signals and gates and new constant warning time circuitry with event recorder and remote monitor and crossing surface	OTHER	\$512,000	\$512,000	Federal Railway/Highway Safety Program (Sec 130)	\$0		\$0		New Project (pending TPC approval 4/25/23)