

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

Tuesday, February 13, 2018, 10:00 a.m.
Bi-State Regional Commission
Third Floor Conference Room 302
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeff Anderson	City of Moline
Rob Bates	Illinois Department of Transportation – District 2
Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation - Springfield
Jim Grafton	City of Silvis
Scott Hinton	City of Moline
Justin Johnson	City of Rock Island
John Massa	Rock Island County
Clay Merritt	City of Davenport
Joseph Miller	City of East Moline
Brent Morlok	City of Bettendorf
Brian Schadt	City of Davenport
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation
Gary Statz	City of Davenport

OTHERS PRESENT

Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Rick McDaniel	Hutchison Engineering
Jason McKenzie	Veenstra & Kim Inc.
Brandon Melton	Bi-State Regional Commission
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Lindsay Whitson	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of Minutes of the January 9, 2018 of the Transportation Technical Committee Meeting. Mr. Morlok requested a motion for approval of the January 9, 2018 minutes of the Transportation Technical Committee. Mr. Hinton motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Schadt seconded the motion, and it carried.
2. Status of Project Progress Report. Mr. Melton reported no major changes and requested that members continue to send updates and to provide the status of the FFY2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program projects for document development. Updated progress reports are posted following the Technical Committee meetings at: <http://bistateonline.org/index.php/transportation/quad-cities-metro-planning/2012-11-13-20-10-34/quad-cities-metro-tip-transportation-improvement-program>.
3. Consideration of the Revisions to the FFY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Melton provided an overview of the amendments and administrative modifications to the FFY 2018-2021 TIP contained as part of the agenda packet. A request for an amendment has been received from the City of Davenport for its Goose Creek Trail project. The scope of the project will be reduced from its original, terminating at 59th Street and the eastern side of U.S. 61. Two more amendments were received from Davenport CitiBus. The first project is a new project to install solar panels at transit stops using revenues from the disposition of the former garage. The second project shifts the installation of a bus annunciation system from FY2019 to FY2018. Federal funds for the project were revised from FTA Section 5339 to 5307 and 5310. The total project cost was also revised from \$125,000 to \$110,000. Mr. Schadt motioned to recommend the amendments for approval by the Transportation Policy Committee. Mr. Statz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The TIP revisions are attached at the end of the minutes for reference.

4. Consideration of Revisions to FY2018 Transportation Planning Work Program. Ms. McCullough noted that Bi-State Regional Commission has been without a travel demand modeler since July. The funds that would have been spent on long-range planning are proposed to be transferred to general planning for an enhancement of an existing website supporting regional socio-economic data. The proposed project is an update to the data portal developed by Bi-State under a prior consultant contract and separate state grant. Data will be updated, and additional features will be introduced, such as automatic updates to additional data and improved reporting abilities. The back end of the website will also be improved. A consultant will be hired to complete the work. The effort totals \$8,300. Mr. Hinton motioned to recommend approval of the revisions to the FY2018 Transportation Planning Work Program to the Transportation Policy Committee. Mr. Schadt seconded the motion, which carried.
5. Quad Cities Traffic Safety Plan Overview. Mr. Melton presented an overview of the upcoming Traffic Safety Plan for the Quad Cities Area. The plan is a response to the implementation of performance measures in federal transportation planning. Strategic planning will find and analyze where problem locations are and develop measures to increase safety at those locations and across the transportation system as a whole. Background information on types of crashes occurring in the urban area will provide insight into the solutions to help alleviate future crashes. The Illinois DOT provided heat maps of crashes in the area as part of consultant work done for Rock Island County. The Rock Island County plan will be used as a template for the Quad Cities plan. The draft of the Traffic Safety Plan will be drafted by August to bring to the Committee for review and expected to be approved in September.
6. Presentation on Illinois Freight Competitive Grant Program and Other Funding Opportunities. Ms. McCullough presented an explanation of Illinois' competitive grant program to improve efficient movement on the National Highway Freight Network. Over five fiscal years, the ILDOT will program over \$225 million to fund solution-based projects to address bottlenecks, safety, intermodal accessibility, and technology deployment. A local match of at least 20% will be required. There will be no required geographic distribution to the selected projects. Partnerships among various governmental agencies and non-public sector entities are encouraged. The maximum grant award is \$45 million and \$22.5 million for intermodal projects. The application window is from February 16 to April 6, and must be completed online. The projects will be selected by data-driven criteria. Awards will be announced as early as May 2018. A similar program in Iowa, Linking Iowa's Freight Transportation System (LIFTS), will offer over \$77 million between FY2016 and FY2020. Many of the same requirements as the Illinois Freight Competitive Grant Program persist with the Iowa program under the FAST Act.

The ILDOT will also be changing the way another one of its programs operates: the Special Planning and Research (SPR) Funds. Previously, funds were awarded on an ad hoc basis as projects came up. The ILDOT will be moving the funds to a competitive grant process. The application and selection process for the funds must still be determined. The ILDOT anticipates it will have an annual solicitation. The first round may open in summer 2018.

7. Public Comments. None.
8. Other Business. Bi-State has prepared a workshop for alternative fuels to take place at Augustana College April 3. There will be six different panels discussing topics such as bio fuels, fleet management, and idle reduction.

President Trump has submitted an outline of an infrastructure program to Congress. Four programs are included in the outline: infrastructure incentive program, rural program, transformative projects, and continued support for loan programs like TIFIA.

Mr. DeLille shared that the ILDOT through the Bureau of Local Roads has released its freight plan. He noted that there will be numerous workshops on the application process for the Freight Competitive Grant Program. The Illinois Rail Plan is on the ILDOT website and is open for public comment.

9. Adjournment. Mr. Hinton motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Schadt seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

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
City of Davenport - DA													
DA-16-01	2018	Goose Creek Trail (Phase II)	Goose Creek Park to US 61	ROW, Ped/Bike Grade & Pave	OTHER	\$1,422,466	\$1,137,973	TAP-REG			\$284,493	CTY	Reduce scope due to increased costs. Previous limits: 53rd St. NW 1.2 Mi to 59th and Scott St.
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TRANSIT													
PROJECT NUMBER	Year Programmed (FFY)	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PROJECT TYPE	TOTAL ESTIMATED COST	FEDERAL SHARE	FEDERAL SOURCE	STATE SHARE	STATE SOURCE	LOCAL SHARE	LOCAL SOURCE	STATE # (IA TPMS #)	NOTES	
Davenport Citibus - CB													
CB-18-08	2018	Solar Panels	C	\$110,000	\$110,000	QC Garage Disposition Revenue							New Project
CB-19-07	2018	Bus Annunciation System	C	\$110,000	\$110,000	QC Garage Disposition Revenue							Shift project from 2019 to 2018, change in fed funds from 5339, revised cost est from \$125k
ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS - NO COMMITTEE ACTION REQUIRED													
TRANSIT													
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Davenport Citibus - CB													
CB-18-07	2018	Additional Service and Bus Rehab for I-74 Construction	O & C	\$1,680,119	\$1,096,310	5307	\$274,078	PRF	\$309,731	MetroLINK	4773		Fed funding changed from 50% to 80% share.