

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

Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 12:00 p.m.  
Bi-State Regional Commission  
Conference Room 320, Third Floor  
1504 Third Avenue  
Rock Island, IL

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Richard “Quijas” Brunk	Chair, Rock Island County Board
Jeffrey Deppe	Alderman, City of East Moline
Faith Duncan	Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2
Rick Dunn	Alderman, City of Davenport
Glen Evans	Alderman, City of Rock Island
Bob Gallagher	Mayor, City of Bettendorf
Dennis Gerard	Mayor, City of LeClaire
Dave Krouth	Chair, MetroLINK Board
Mike Matson	Mayor, City of Davenport
Hector Torres-Cacho	Iowa Department of Transportation, District 6

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Sarah Bambas	Bi-State Regional Commission
Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2
Gerri Doyle (virtual)	Federal Transit Administration, Region 7
Nithin Kalakuntla	Bi-State Regional Commission
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Kathy Starling (virtual)	Illinois-Iowa Center for Independent Living

1. Approval of Minutes of the June 24, 2025 Quad Cities MPO Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. A copy of the meeting minutes was enclosed in Committee members’ packets. Chairman Brunk requested a motion to approve the June 24, 2025 minutes of the Transportation Policy Committee. Mayor Gallagher motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Krouth seconded, and the motion carried.
2. Consideration of Revisions to the Quad Cities MPO FFY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program & FFY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program. Ms. Bambas noted that there were amendments from the IA DOT, the City of Davenport, the IL DOT, and MetroLINK to be considered. The IA DOT project (IA-26-07) removed funding from FFY2026 due to the funding being authorized in July for an August letting, i.e. in FFY 2025. Funding in FFY 2028 will remain. The termini for Davenport’s project at River Drive and Mound Street (DA-24-03 and DA-24-10) were altered. Two projects, IL-26-09 and IL-26-10, were added as new projects. The final ten amendments, all from MetroLINK, saw their federal funds increased by over 30%. Mr. Evans motioned to approve the amendments. Mayor Gerard seconded, and the motion carried. Ms. Bambas also noted two administrative modifications from IA DOT (IA-25-11) and MetroLINK (ML-25-13). The amendments and administrative modifications are provided at the end of these minutes for reference.
3. Presentation on Thrive 2055: Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan – Base Year Model; and Chapter 2: System Planning Considerations and Timeline Status. Mr. Kalakuntla presented an overview of the Travel Demand Model (TDM) used in the plan. The model simulates travel behavior—including trip generation, destination choice, and mode selection – based on parcel-level land use data and a detailed master road

network. Inputs, such as functional classification, speed limits, lane configurations, and traffic volumes, help forecast future transportation needs and evaluate system performance under various planning scenarios.

Mr. Kalakuntla included a comparison of modeled traffic volumes against observed counts, with most facility types falling within acceptable error thresholds. Trip time estimates were also validated against StreetLight data across multiple trip purposes. He noted areas of higher variance and outlined next steps for project review under 2035 and 2055 scenarios. The model will continue to support planning decisions by providing data-driven insights into system efficiency and future demand.

Mr. Schmid presented the contents of Chapter 2 of the plan, highlighting how national performance goals are being addressed with regional priorities. The plan emphasizes sustainability, resilience, and livability as core principles, integrating environmental review early in project development through NEPA and Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL). Climate adaptation strategies were discussed in response to increasing precipitation and heat events in the Quad Cities region, with infrastructure vulnerabilities and mitigation measures, such as green infrastructure and real-time advisory systems noted.

The presentation also addressed demographic and land use trends, particularly the aging population and the role of older housing stock in supporting walkable, transit-friendly communities. Public health and Title VI considerations were noted, including the importance of active transportation networks, air quality improvements, and ensuring fair access and distribution of transportation benefits and burdens. Natural and cultural resource protection efforts were also reviewed, with attention to water quality and historic preservation.

Safety and operational performance were key components, with Vision Zero goals aiming to eliminate fatal crashes by 2040. Mr. Schmid outlined strategies under Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) and the Congestion Management Process (CMP), as well as the deployment of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) to enhance real-time communication and emergency response. The chapter concludes with a review of federal performance measures initiated under MAP-21, which guide investment decisions and promote accountability across safety, reliability, and asset condition metrics.

4. Update on SAFE ROADS National Initiative. Ms. McCullough shared the letter from the U.S. Secretary of Transportation Sean Duffy to governors and state DOTs. The letter highlights safety as a department priority, specifically noting the SAFE ROADS national initiative focusing on non-freeway arterials. The letter also promoted distraction-reducing strategies, which could include clear, concise, and consistent applications of traffic control devices, or a reduction of roadside clutter that distract attention from road users. Bi-State staff provided DOT staff with lists of safety-related projects, highlighting projects located on the Quad Cities' High Injury Network identified in the Traffic Safety Action Plan.
5. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
6. Other Business. Ms. McCullough mentioned the items below. Mr. Torres-Cacho noted that the Iowa Transportation Commission will host their meeting in Clinton October 13-14.
  - LRTP Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/QCLRTP>
  - USDOT Competitive Grants Dashboard <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/dashboard>  
– Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) – 9/10/25
  - IA Statewide TAP & Federal Recreational Trails Program – 10/1/25
  - Illinois DOT Safe Routes to School grant 10/13/25
7. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned by consensus at 12:45 p.m.

August 26, 2025 - Transportation Policy Committee –  
 FFY2025-2028 & FFY2026-2029 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	STATE # (IA TPMS #)	NOTES
<b>STATE OF IOWA - IA</b>														
IA-26-07	2026	I-80	1 mi W of Middle Rd to 1 mi E of Middle Rd - Bettendorf	Bridge Replacement & Culvert Extension	MAINT	\$59,451,000	\$50,533,350	NHPP	\$8,917,650	PRF	\$0		52487	FFY2026 funding removed from the TIP due to the funding being authorized in July for an August letting (in FFY 2025). The funding in FFY 2028 will remain. Amendment Approved 8/2025
<b>CITY OF DAVENPORT - DA</b>														
DA-24-03 & DA-24-10	2025/2026	River Drive and Mound Street	River Drive and Mound Street	Raise and reconstruct approximately 2,000 linear feet of East River Drive near the intersection of Mound Street.	CMP	\$2,700,000	\$2,160,000	PROTECT			\$540,000	CTY	55827/55910	Project Description, Termini, and TPMS Map Updated. Amendment Approved 8/2025
DA-25-02	2025/2026	Eastern Avenue	E 29th St to Bridge over Duck Creek to E 35th St	Decrease to 3 lanes, Bridge Replacement, and Pavement Marking Additions	MAINT	\$2,768,121	\$2,040,710	STBG			\$727,411	CTY	49802	Change in scope. STBG funds cover Bridge Replacement. Local funds cover adjusted termini. Amendment Approved 8/2025
<b>STATE OF ILLINOIS - IL</b>														
IL-26-09	2026	I-80	I-80 over the Mississippi River	Bridge Cleaning	MAINT	\$200,000	\$90,000	NHPP	\$10,000	NHPP				New Project. Amendment Approved 8/2025
									\$100,000	Adjacent State to Illinois				
IL-26-10	2026	I-280	I-280 over the Mississippi River	Bridge Cleaning	MAINT	\$80,000	\$36,000	NHPP	\$4,000	NHPP				New Project. Amendment Approved 8/2025
									\$40,000	Adjacent State to Illinois				

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<b>METROLINK - ML</b>												
ML-24-02	2025/2026	Preventive Maintenance	C	\$5,031,428	\$4,025,142	5307	\$1,006,286	TDCs				Project added back into the TIP. Federal share increased over 30%. TDCs to be requested: \$1,006,286. Amendment Approved 8/2025
ML-25-02	2025/2026	Preventive Maintenance	C	\$1,250,000	\$1,000,000	5307	\$250,000	TDCs				Federal share increased over 30%. TDCs to be requested: \$312,500. Amendment Pending 8/2025
ML-25-03	2025/2026	Transit Enhancements	C	\$250,000	\$200,000	5307	\$50,000	TDCs				Federal share increased over 30%. TDCs to be requested: \$10,000. Amendment Approved 8/2025
ML-25-04	2025/2026	MSE	C	\$125,000	\$100,000	5307	\$25,000	TDCs				Federal share increased over 30%. TDCs to be requested: \$10,000. Amendment Approved 8/2025
ML-25-05	2025/2026	ADP Hardware	C	\$1,375,000	\$1,100,000	5307	\$275,000	TDCs				Federal share increased over 30%. TDCs to be requested: \$20,000. Amendment Approved 8/2025
ML-25-06	2025/2026	ADP Software	C	\$625,000	\$500,000	5307	\$125,000	TDCs				Federal share increased over 30%. TDCs to be requested: \$20,000. Amendment Approved 8/2025
ML-26-03	2026	Transit Enhancements	C	\$625,000	\$500,000	5307	\$125,000	TDCs				Federal share increased over 30%. TDCs to be requested: \$10,000. Amendment Approved 8/2025
ML-26-04	2026	MSE	C	\$625,000	\$500,000	5307	\$125,000	TDCs				Federal share increased over 30%. TDCs to be requested: \$10,000. Amendment Approved 8/2025
ML-26-05	2026	ADP Hardware	C	\$625,000	\$500,000	5307	\$125,000	TDCs				Federal share increased over 30%. TDCs to be requested: \$20,000. Amendment Approved 8/2025
ML-26-06	2026	ADP Software	C	\$625,000	\$500,000	5307	\$125,000	TDCs				Federal share increased over 30%. TDCs to be requested: \$20,000. Amendment Approved 8/2025

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STATE OF IOWA - IA														
IA-25-11	2025/2026	I-280	I-80 to IA 22 Interchange	Pavement Markings	MAINT	\$280,000.00	\$252,000	HISP	\$28,000	PRF	0		57704	Moved to FFY2026 from FFY2025. Administrative Modification 8/2025
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METROLINK - ML														
ML-25-13	2025/2026	Professional Services / Engineering	C	\$937,500	\$750,000	5307	\$187,500	TDCs						Federal share increased by less than 30% since TDCs were added. TDCs to be requested: \$187,500. Admin Mod 8/2025