

Minutes of the
QUAD CITIES, IOWA-ILLINOIS
URBANIZED AREA
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 15, 2023, 10:00 a.m.
Bi-State Regional Commission
Third Floor Conference Room 302
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rob Bates	Illinois Department of Transportation – District 2
Dennis Bockenstedt	City of LeClaire
David Dryer	City of Moline
Justin Johnson	City of Rock Island
Tim Kammler	City of East Moline
Angie Kersten	Scott County
Brent Morlok	City of Bettendorf
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation
Lucie VanHecke	MetroLINK

OTHERS PRESENT

Brian Ballard	Riverdale Department of Public Works
Sarah Bambas	Bi-State Regional Commission
Kevin Belle	Rails to Trails Conservancy
Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation – Springfield
Nithin Kalakuntla	Bi-State Regional Commission
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Betsy Tracy	FHWA – IL Division

1. Approval of Minutes of the May 9, 2023 Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) Meeting. Mr. Kammler requested a motion for approval of the May 9, 2023 minutes of the Transportation Technical Committee. Mr. Morlok motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Bates seconded, and the motion carried.
2. Status of Project Progress Report. Each jurisdiction was asked to refer to the e-mailed project progress report and provide updates to Bi-State staff. Updated progress reports are posted following the Technical Committee meetings at: <https://bistateonline.org/transportation-and-mobility/quad-cities-metro-planning/tip-and-funding-projects-quad-cities-mpo>. A verbal update will be given each quarter. To keep the meeting on schedule, a verbal report was deferred to the next quarter. Ms. McCullough asked members to send the status of the projects via email as the input can be useful for Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) update process.
3. Consideration of FY23 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Supplemental Agreements Resolutions. Resolutions were enclosed in Committee members' packets. Ms. McCullough presented the suballocation amounts for FTA Sections 5307, 5310, 5337 and 5339 Quad Cities, Iowa/Illinois allocations for FFY 2023. The 5307 and 5339 formula-based sub-allocations by transit system are reviewed by transit managers and are based on various pieces of data, including total population, population density, and unlinked passenger trips. Sections 5310 and 5337 are allocated by population. Ms. Kersten motioned to recommend the approval of the supplemental agreements to the Policy Committee. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bockenstedt, and it carried.

4. Consideration of Draft FFY2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program. Ms. McCullough presented and overview of the draft FFY2024-2027 TIP update. Her presentation included an overview of the general information and requirements, the TIP process, TIP revisions criteria, and various funding summaries of the programming of projects by the Technical and Policy Committees, including Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), transit funding, Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), and Unmet Needs, and projects not fiscally constrained or having federal funding identified or awarded. Ms. McCullough also said that the public input can be considered prior to Policy Committee meeting (June 27). Draft annual elements had been sent, and the fully assembled document with the shared with the Committee with the Policy Committee mailing. Mr. Morlok motioned to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of the annual element tables as provided and the document as a whole with any recommendations for revisions. Ms. Bockenstedt seconded the motion, which carried.
5. Presentation on Great American Rail-Trail. Mr. Belle from Rails to Trails Conservancy presented on the development of the Great American Rail-Trial. The proposed trail project would be from Washington, D.C. to Washington State. They have already mapped 40,000 miles and 25,000 rail trail miles. The goal of Great American Rail-Trial is to develop economic opportunities across the United States, and promote the route decided by the state officials who provided input on the route. An interactive map can be found at www.railstotrails.org. An influencers tour will be held beginning on September 26 in Davenport, Iowa and concluding on September 28 in Ottawa, Illinois. Mr. Belle said that they are currently working on ongoing trail development and promotion.
6. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
7. Other Business. Ms. McCullough noted that the Safe Streets for All steering committee will be called together once the grant agreement is completed. It was being reviewed by Federal Highway Administration. The steering committee for the Andalusia Road/Indian Bluff Road corridor study is being set for late June or early July to kick-off the study and review the scope of work for consultant selection. Demolition of the former I-74 bridge was announced and set for June 18. The Iowa DOT Commission meeting was held on June 13 in Burlington. Area officials advocated for the I-80 corridor study Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) to be continued to completion. It was noted that the Iowa DOT is focusing resources on maintaining existing facilities and would be open to expansion projects if funding is identified to complete the PEL study. The following grants were highlighted.
 - *USDOT Key Notices of Funding Opportunity* <https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/key-notice-funding-opportunity>
 - *Safe Streets and Roads for All* – 7/10/23
 - *PROTECT* – 8/18/23
8. Adjournment. Mr. Morlok motioned to adjourn. Mr. Johnson seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.