

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

Tuesday, August 8, 2023, 10:00 a.m.  
Bi-State Regional Commission  
Third Floor Conference Room 302  
1504 Third Avenue  
Rock Island, Illinois

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Brian Ballard	City of Riverdale
Dennis Bockenstedt	City of LeClaire
Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation – Springfield
David Dryer	City of Moline
Steve Gibson	Village of Milan
Tim Kammler	City of East Moline
Mike Kane	City of Rock Island
Brian Schadt	City of Davenport
Gary Statz	City of Davenport
Lucie VanHecke	MetroLINK

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Sarah Bambas	Bi-State Regional Commission
Chris Capaldo (virtually)	Iowa Department of Transportation
Nithin Kalakuntla	Bi-State Regional Commission
Dave Kovarik	Bi-State Regional Commission
Tanner Osing (virtually)	City of Rock Island
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Kathy Starling (virtually)	Illinois-Iowa Center for Independent Living
Betsy Tracy (virtually)	FHWA – IL Division

1. Approval of Minutes of the June 15, 2023 Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) Meeting. Mr. Kammler requested a motion for approval of the June 15, 2023 minutes of the Transportation Technical Committee. Mr. Bockenstedt motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Schadt 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. The next verbal update will be given at the September meeting. Ms. Bambas 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 FFY2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Revisions. Ms. Bambas directed the Committee to the agenda packet to the TIP amendment submitted by the City of Rock Island. The city is requesting an amendment for a change in scope for RI-23-01 to change the project termini on 30<sup>th</sup> Street from 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue revised to 9<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue due to costs. The 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue segment will still be completed using local funds. Mr. Kane motioned to recommend approval of the amendment. Mr. Gibson seconded the motion, which carried.

4. Consideration of Draft FFY2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Revisions. Ms. Bambas again directed the Committee to the agenda packet for the revisions to the FFY2024-2027 TIP requested from the IA DOT, IL DOT, and MetroLINK. Most amendments included in the revisions come from the IL DOT as a result of the release of the State's Multi-Year Program (MYP). Mr. Kane motioned to recommend approval of the TIP revisions to the Transportation Policy Committee. Mr. Gibson seconded the motion, which carried.
  
5. Consideration of STBG and TASA Evaluation Manual Updates. Ms. Bambas presented on the background of the Surface Transportation Block Grant program. She also detailed the minor updates to the Program Evaluation Manual. The evaluation criteria of submitted projects were not changed. Funding targets were updated through FFY2027 for consistency with the TIP. Mentions of SWAP in Iowa were removed due to its discontinuation for STBG funds in the MPA. All mentions to the previous transportation act, the FAST Act, were updated to reflect the current Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Committee members briefly discussed a potential change in the ranking of roadway condition, and whether roadways that are just short of failing should receive higher scores than roads that have already failed. The Committee agreed that while repairing roads before they fail is the goal, it is not always feasible. The Committee supported keeping the ranking scores as they were. Through FFY2027, a total of \$10,147,124 is available for programming in the Iowa Quad Cities, whereas \$4,771,782 is available in the Illinois Quad Cities. The timeline for the solicitation was discussed. The application window will open in late August, and will run through October 20. Project evaluations will take place through December, and project rankings will be presented at the January or February Technical and Policy Committee meetings.  

Mr. Schmid presented on the TASA Evaluation Manual. He provided an overview of the TASA/TAP program and requirements. The Committee supported retaining existing considerations placing pedestrian, trail, and bicycle projects over other eligible projects in the Scenic, Historic, Archaeological, and Environmental grouping. Through FFY2027, \$1,706,987 is available for programming in the Iowa Quad Cities, whereas \$335,007 is available in the Illinois Quad Cities. Bi-State staff have been in communication with the IL DOT on the discrepancy in funding targets between the states. Staff will update the targets and notify the Committee if more information is released. Mr. Schadt motioned to recommend approval of the STBG and TASA Evaluation Manuals to the Transportation Policy Committee. Mr. Kane seconded the motion, which carried.
  
6. Discussion of Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Evaluation Process. Mr. Kovarik discussed the proposed evaluation process and program manual for the new Carbon Reduction Program (CRP). In Illinois for FY23 and FY24, the local CRP funds were transferred by the IL DOT to the local STBG targets. Options for eligible projects include alternative transportation projects, congestion management, vehicle idling reduction, and construction equipment to improve air quality. The project evaluation process will include a review of vehicle emission reduction, cost effectiveness, and the degree of traffic congestion including the percentage of trucks. Community engagement and equity will also be weighed in the evaluation process. Committee members will score projects in their respective state.
  
7. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
  
8. Other Business. Mr. Capaldo discussed the 2020 urban area boundary proposed by FHWA in the Iowa Quad Cities. The MPO may accept the 2020 boundary or retain the 2010 boundary. Alternatively, the MPO may adjust the boundary to include areas where the region intends to grow in the next 10 years. There was no opposition among the Committee to retaining the 2010 boundary.

- *USDOT Key Notices of Funding Opportunity* <https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/key-notices-funding-opportunity>
  - *PROTECT* – 8/18/23
  - *INFRA and Rural Grants* – 8/21/23
  - *Reconnecting Communities Program and Neighborhood Access and Equity Grant Program* – 9/28/23

9. Adjournment. Mr. Kane motioned to adjourn. Mr. Statz seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.