

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

Tuesday, September 12, 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
Steve Gibson	Village of Milan
Tim Kammler	City of East Moline
Mike Kane	City of Rock Island
Laura Klauer	City of Moline
Brent Morlok	City of Bettendorf
Elliott Pennock	Scott County
Brian Schadt	City of Davenport
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation
Lucie VanHecke	MetroLINK
Jeri Vondera	City of Davenport

OTHERS PRESENT

Sarah Bambas	Bi-State Regional Commission
Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation – Springfield
Nithin Kalakuntla	Bi-State Regional Commission
Dave Kovarik	Bi-State Regional Commission
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 August 8, 2023 Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) Meeting. Mr. Kammler requested a motion for approval of the August 8, 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. Technical Committee members were invited to provide a verbal report on the progress of their transportation projects. Mr. Schadt shared there are no new updates in Davenport. Ms. VanHecke noted that MetroLINK is implementing a project to replace fareboxes on its buses and improving surveillance systems. Environmental work is complete on the dock at John Deere Commons. Environmental work is also underway on two other docks at the Bend in East Moline and the Village of East Davenport. Construction on improvements at Centre Station will start this winter. Mr. Morlok said that the TBK Sports Complex is not currently accessible from the east. Middle Road and Forest Grove Road will be reopened in about three weeks. Mr. Bockenstedt noted that two bridges on Territorial Road are complete. Ms. Klauer affirmed that the list of projects in Moline are up-to-date. The second half of the 7th Street project would be paved the next day, and repaving on Avenue of the Cities is complete. Mr. Kammler shared that the Grand Illinois Trail project is complete and closed out. Mr. Bates said the I-280 project will be finishing up this fall. A meeting will take place soon to finalize the preferred alternative for the I-80 bridge project. Planning is set

to get underway on the future of the Centennial Bridge as well. Mr. Kane noted the 11th Street project in Rock Island is set to be complete in the coming weeks. Two projects will be let next year: 31st Avenue and 30th Street from 1st Avenue.

3. Consideration of Revisions to the Quad Cities MPO FFY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Ms. Bambas directed the Committee to the agenda packet for the revisions to the FFY2024-2027 TIP requested from the IA DOT, IL DOT, and City of Moline, all of which are new projects. IA DOT is adding a bridge improvement study, IA-24-12, for improvements to the Centennial Bridge. IL DOT is adding bridge preservation/deck dealing projects, IL-24-17, at various locations in Rock Island County. And the City of Moline is including a Safe Routes to School project, MO-25-02, and a shared use path project, MO-25-03, on 19th and 27th Streets from the Mississippi River to the Rock River (MIRR Path). Mr. Morlok motioned to recommend approval of the TIP revisions to the Transportation Policy Committee. Mr. Schadt seconded the motion, which carried. Ms. Bambas also noted two administrative modifications for DA-23-03 and PR-23-01, both of which moved from FY23 to FY24.
4. Consideration of Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Evaluation Manual. Mr. Kovarik provided an overview of the new Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) that was introduced under the most recent federal transportation legislation, the Infrastructure Investment and Job Act (IIJA). The goal of the program is to reduce carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions from on-road sources. Funds are apportioned to states to suballocate, 65% of which will be by population. An 80/20 match will be required for awarded projects. Through FY27, \$921,819 is available in the Illinois Quad Cities, while \$2,213,098 is available in the Iowa Quad Cities. Eligible projects must fall into one of five categories: transportation alternatives; congestion management; fuel and energy alternatives; construction approaches; and planning and project development activities. Evaluation criteria include: vehicle emission reduction estimates; project cost effectiveness relative to air quality benefits; the degree of transportation-related air pollution or traffic congestion; community engagement; and equity. Technical Committee members will evaluate projects in 5-point increments for projects in their own states. Bi-State staff will total the scores and rank the projects into three categories. The call for projects will be released around October 20 after the windows for TASA and STBG close. The CRP will have a 45-day submission period. Mr. Schadt motioned to recommend approval of the CRP Evaluation Manual to the Transportation Policy Committee. Mr. Morlok seconded the motion, which carried.
5. Consideration of 2020 Urban Area Boundaries. Mr. Schmid explained the boundaries shown on a map distributed to the committee. As discussed at the August Technical Committee meeting, the urban boundary on the Iowa side of the Quad Cities was recommended to remain unchanged from the 2010 boundary. The 2010 boundary incorporated all required areas following the 2020 Census Bureau-designated urban areas, which must be included in newly designated areas. On the Illinois side of the Quad Cities, there are a few areas that were designated by the Census Bureau that were not within the 2010 urban area boundary. Staff recommendation was to retain as close to the 2010 boundary as possible, while including the new census-designated areas in northwest Henry County and in Rock Island south of Oak Grove. Mr. Morlok motioned to recommend approval of the 2020 Urban Area Boundary. Mr. Kane seconded the motion, which carried.
6. Review of and Concurrence with Public Involvement Outline for *Thrive QC 2055 Long Range Transportation Plan*. Mr. Schmid reviewed the Public Involvement Outline that was included in their agenda packets. The plan outlines methods to solicit input throughout the LRTP planning process. Traditional outreach methods will be employed in the form of an online public survey and a pair of open houses. The Freight Plan Addendum that is currently underway will include a freight interests survey that will provide insight into the strengths and weaknesses of the transportation system from a goods movement perspective. Direct input opportunities will be utilized through presentations to services groups, chambers of commerce (including the Hispanic Chamber), and other interest groups. In addition, there will be an effort to host informational tables at community events such as farmers markets, neighborhood events, back-to-school events, and senior living fairs. Other projects and plans will inform the LRTP as well, such as the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Traffic Safety Action Plan and the Andalusia Road-Indian Bluff Road Corridor Study. Mr. Kane

motioned to recommend approval of the Public Involvement Outline. Mr. Morlok seconded the motion, which carried.

7. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
8. Other Business. In addition to the items listed below, Mr. DeLille noted that the IL DOT had updated its TAP targets affecting the local TASA solicitation, roughly doubling the annual programming amounts. An updated solicitation memo with the new targets was included in the agenda notification that went out to interested parties.
 - *USDOT Key Notices of Funding Opportunity* <https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/key-notices-funding-opportunity>
 - *Reconnecting Communities Program and Neighborhood Access and Equity Grant Program* – 9/28/23
 - *Transit-Oriented Development Pilot Program* – 10/10/23
 - *Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Program* – 10/10/23
 - *National Walk & Roll to School Day* – 10/4/23
 - *Quad Cities MPO FFY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program* document and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) solicitations are posted at <https://bistateonline.org/transportation-and-mobility/quad-cities-metro-planning/tip-and-funding-projects-quad-cities-mpo>
9. Adjournment. Mr. Schadt motioned to adjourn. Ms. VanHecke seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

September 12, 2023 - Transportation Technical Committee –
FFY2024-2027 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
STATE OF IOWA - IA														
IA-24-12	2024	US67	Mississippi River in Davenport	Bridge Improvement Study (PE)	MAINT	\$4,500,000	\$3,600,000	STBG	\$900,000	PRF	\$0		54878	NEW PROJECT. Centennial Bridge Improvements Study
STATE OF ILLINOIS - IL														
IL-24-17	2024	Various	Routes in Rock Island County	Bridge Preservation (Deck Sealing)	MAINT	\$110,000	\$69,000	NHPP	\$26,000	HIBP				NEW PROJECT
									\$15,000	State				
CITY OF MOLINE - MO														
MO-25-02	2025	Sidewalks near Lincoln-Irving School	Various sidewalks on 10th St and 16th Ave	Sidewalk Replacement	MAINT	\$312,500	\$250,000	SRTS	\$0		\$62,500	LOC		NEW PROJECT
MO-25-03	2025	Mississippi River to Rock River (MIRR Path)	19th/27th St	Shared-Use Path	OTHER	\$3,750,000	\$3,000,000	ITEP	\$0		\$750,000	LOC		NEW PROJECT
ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS - COMMITTEE ACTION NOT REQUIRED														
ROADWAY/TRAIL/OTHER														
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CITY OF DAVENPORT - DA														
DA-23-03	2024	Utah Avenue	Over Duck Creek	Bridge Replacement	MAINT	\$1,515,000	\$1,000,000	HBP	\$0		\$515,000	CTY	52819	Moved from FY2023 to FY2024
CITY OF PRINCETON - PR														
PR-23-01	2024	US 67	PE I & II	Preliminary Engineering	OTHER	\$234,593	\$187,674	TASA	\$0		\$46,919	LOC	50894	Moved from FY2023 to FY2024