

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

Tuesday, November 14, 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
Mike Kane	City of Rock Island
Angie Kersten	Scott County
Jerry Leibovitz	City of Silvis
Clay Merritt	City of Davenport
Brent Morlok	City of Bettendorf
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation
Gary Statz	City of Davenport
Lucie VanHecke	MetroLINK

OTHERS PRESENT

Brian Ballard	City of Riverdale
Sarah Bambas	Bi-State Regional Commission
Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation – Springfield
Mary Beth Eddy (virtually)	CPCS
Dave Kovarik	Bi-State Regional Commission
Shane Larson	Hutchinson Engineering
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Tanner Osing	City of Rock Island
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Shuake Wuzhati (virtually)	CPCS

1. Approval of Minutes of the October 10, 2023 Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) Meeting. Mr. Morlok requested a motion for approval of the October 10, 2023 minutes of the Transportation Technical Committee. Mr. Kane motioned to approve the minutes as written. Ms. Kersten seconded, and the motion carried.
2. Status on the Bi-State Regional Freight Plan Update and Facilitated Discussion. Ms. Wuzhati and Ms. Eddy presented on the Bi-State Regional Freight Plan Update. They explained the freight goals that are Economy, Safety, Mobility, System Preservation, and Sustainability and Resiliency. The project schedule was discussed as well as the freight performance measures. The economy goal broke down freight-dependent industries. Manufacturing at 12.4% and Retail Trade at 11.2% are the leading industry. There is a higher share of GDP than employment. It was noted that 83% of respondents felt there is a lack of available and skilled workers, which affects their ability to conduct business in the region.

Lack of industry parks are another challenge. The safety goal explained that truck involved crashes were greater than 2,700 in the years of 2018-2022. This is around 540 crashes a year. Muscatine County had the most fatal

crashes, even though their volume of crashes was much lower. Truck-bridge crashes were discussed. Rail incidents have three categories: Highway-Rail, Trespasser-Rail, and Equipment/Other Rail incidents. Geographic data is not available for trespass incidents.

Moving onto the mobility goal, the survey results indicated three maritime issues affecting businesses. These topics were: terminal access to ports and rail/road connectors, system condition/maintenance, and congestion and bottlenecks at locks and ports. The mobility indicators highlight the average monthly delay at locks and the percentage of vessels delayed. The system preservation goal described different maintenance needs and how they can hinder operations if not addressed. One of the maintenance concerns is pavement condition that includes interstate conditions, non-interstate NHS conditions, and non-NHS roadway conditions. For bridge condition, there are two concerns to address. NHS bridge conditions and bridge sufficiency ratings. It was mentioned that there is bridge condition dichotomy between Illinois and Iowa. The sustainability and resiliency goal presented that the Bi-State area should create a more sustainable and resilient freight system. Flooding and low water levels were the two issue topics highlighted. There were 96 hazardous material spill incidents between 2018-2022.

Ms. Wuzhati and Ms. Eddy invited the group to take a short survey on the freight plan update. Bridge sufficiency rating going away was one of the questions brought up from the committee. The committee also discussed bridge condition index. Ms. Wuzhati and Ms. Eddy ended the presentation by letting the committee know to contact them with any other questions.

3. Approval of Exceptions and Special Considerations for Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Applications. Ms. Bambas reported on the summary of STBG applications that were received. There was a total of four applications on the Iowa side and nine applications on the Illinois side. The cities of Bettendorf, Davenport, LeClaire, and Eldridge/Scott County submitted from the Iowa side. Eldridge and Scott County submitted a joint application for 1st/162nd Avenue from W. Donahue Street North, approximately 1.8 miles to the MPO border. Eldridge/Scott County requested a special consideration of connectivity. Ms. Kersten motioned to approve the special consideration of connectivity. Mr. Merritt seconded, the motion carried.

LeClaire submitted an application for Holland Street to shift from a rural cross section to an urban cross section. LeClaire requested special considerations of connectivity and designated truck/business route. Before the committee could discuss the special considerations, the application needed to be approved as a whole since Holland Street is a local road. There was discussion among the committee members on how long the process is to reclassify road. Mr. Shea spoke about there being a three-month minimum process that the DOT will go through to reclassify the road. Mr. Bockenstedt motioned to approve the application, and there were no seconds to carry the motion. Mr. Morlok motioned to disqualify the application. Mr. Merritt seconded, and the motion carried.

The cities of Bettendorf and Davenport did not have special considerations. The cities of Moline, Rock Island, Silvis, and Rock Island County submitted from the Illinois side. Silvis submitted an application for Hospital Road from approximately 50 feet south of Illini Drive to Crosstown Avenue. Silvis requested special considerations for connectivity and traffic counts. Their traffic counts were done by Bi-State Regional Commission, whereas all other jurisdictions used the DOT counts. Mr. Kane motioned to approve both special considerations. Ms. VanHecke seconded, the motion carried.

Rock Island County submitted two applications. The first application is for County Highway 78 (RI/Milan Parkway) from E 1st Street/Airport Road south to U.S. 67. The second application is for removing and replacing the County Highway 16 (Indian Bluff Road) structure over Case Creek. Rock Island County requested the special consideration of designated truck/business route for both applications. Mr. Kane motioned to approve the special consideration for County Highway 78. Mr. Dryer seconded, the motion carried. Mr. Kane motioned to approve the special consideration of County Highway 16. Ms. VanHecke seconded, the motion carried.

Rock Island submitted three applications. The first application is for 18th Avenue at 17th/20th Street intersection to convert to a roundabout. The second application is for 31st Avenue between 11th and 17th Streets. The third

application is for 31st Avenue between 17th and 24th Streets. Rock Island requested the special considerations of air quality and connectivity for all applications. Ms. Bambas stated that Bi-State recommends 2% for the air quality score for all three projects. Mr. Kane motioned to approve the special considerations for 18th Avenue at 17th/20th Street intersection. Ms. VanHecke seconded, and the motion carried. Mr. Kane motion to approve the special considerations for 31st Avenue between 11th and 17th Streets. Ms. VanHecke seconded, the motion carried. Mr. Kane motioned to approve the special considerations for 31st Ave between 17th and 24th Streets. Ms. VanHecke seconded, and the motion carried. The City of Moline submitted three applications that did not have special considerations.

4. Consideration of Revisions to the Quad Cities MPO FFY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Ms. Bambas mentioned an administrative modification requiring no committee action. RI-21-01 moved from FY23 to FY24.
5. Status of Project Progress Report. Mr. Morlok requested for the committee members to send in their progress report updates to Ms. Bambas.
6. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
7. Other Business. In addition to the items listed below, Ms. McCullough questioned the technical committee if there will be any TIP amendments for the December meeting. Ms. McCullough gathered from the consensus of the committee that there will be no actionable items or TIP amendments, therefore canceling the December meeting. Ms. McCullough mentioned that the UMR Ports page is on the website with the link in the agenda.
 - *USDOT Key Notices of Funding Opportunity* <https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/key-notices-funding-opportunity> – *Thriving Communities – Letters of Interest Due 11/15/23; Applications due 11/28/23*
 - *I-80 Mississippi River Bridge Public Meeting 11/15/23 4:00 p.m. Register at:* <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5080804083979290720>
 - *Illinois DOT Long Range Transportation Plan Update – Move Illinois Survey #1* <https://form.jotform.com/mplshdrpi/idot-lrtp-survey-1> for public input to inform that plan development. Plan webpage: <https://idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/transportation-management/planning/long-range-transportation-plan.html>
 - *Upper Mississippi River Ports (UMRP) Ports/Terminals Webpage:* <https://bistateonline.org/transportation-and-mobility/regional-freight-system>
8. Adjournment. Ms. Kersten motioned to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned by a majority consensus at 11:15 a.m.

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 FFY2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program

ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS - COMMITTEE ACTION NOT 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
CITY OF ROCK ISLAND - RI														
RI-21-01	2024	31st Avenue	RI Pkwy to 11th St.	Resurfacing	MAINT	\$2,000,000	\$1,600,000	STBG			\$400,000	LOC		Moved from FY 23 to FY 24. Admin Mod 11/2023