

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

Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 10:00 a.m.
Bi-State Regional Commission
Third Floor Conference Room 302
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dennis Bockenstedt	City of LeClaire
Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation – Springfield
David Dryer	City of Moline
Mike Kane	City of Rock Island
Angie Kersten	Scott County
Brent Morlok	City of Bettendorf
Brian Schadt	City of Davenport
Sam Shea (virtually)	Iowa Department of Transportation
Gary Statz	City of Davenport
Jeri Vondera	City of Davenport

OTHERS PRESENT

Brian Ballard	City of Riverdale
Sarah Bambas	Bi-State Regional Commission
Nithin Kalakuntla	Bi-State Regional Commission
Dave Kovarik	Bi-State Regional Commission
J.D Schulte	Hutchinson Engineering
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Joe Rockwell	City of Silvis
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Kathy Starling (virtually)	Illinois-Iowa Center for Independent Living
Zach Sutton	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of Minutes of the November 14, 2023 Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) Meeting. Mr. Morlok requested a motion for approval of the November 14, 2023 minutes of the Transportation Technical Committee. Mr. Schadt motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Kane 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 February meeting. Ms. Bambas asked members to send the status of the projects via email as the input can be useful for the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) update process.
3. Consideration of Revisions to the Quad Cities MPO FFY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program. Ms. Bambas directed the committee to the agenda packet for revisions to the FFY2024-2027 TIP requested from Rock Island and MetroLink. Rock Island is adding a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) project, RI-25-02. MetroLink has 5 projects that had funds increased by over 30%. MetroLink is also adding 6 new projects. Mr.

Kane motioned to recommend approval of the TIP revisions to the Transportation Policy Committee. Mr. Schadt seconded the motion, which carried. Committee members were also provided with 5 administrative modifications from MetroLink. These projects are changing fiscal years. The committee members were also provided with amendments and administrative modifications from Illinois DOT and Iowa DOT. These were for review only, since they were received after the Transportation Technical Committee agenda was sent out. These amendments and administrative modifications will go directly to the Transportation Policy Committee for approval.

4. Consideration of Programming for Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Evaluation Process for Illinois Quad Cities and Consideration of Reopening Application Period for both Illinois and Iowa Quad Cities. Mr. Kovarik presented on the Carbon Reduction Proposal received from Moline. The proposal is for 15th Street and 16th Avenue, an intersection reconstruction. The total project cost is \$1.2 million, but Moline is only asking for \$175,000 to complete preliminary engineering. The proposed project will convert the current intersection into a roundabout; the proposal highlights this will reduce congestion and vehicle idling. Mr. Kovarik explained the point system evaluation criteria, the emission reduction estimates, cost effectiveness, and traffic congestion. Mr. Kovarik also explained the project is located in a census tract that is historically disadvantaged and persistently impoverished. Mr. Kovarik recommended the project to be programmed. Mr. Kane motioned the project be recommended to the Policy Committee for approval, and Mr. Dryer seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Kovarik announced the reopening call for proposals and indicated that available funds for Iowa are \$2.2 million, and available funds for Illinois are \$746,819. The proposal period is 1/26-3/11 giving jurisdictions 45 days to submit their proposals. The committee agreed on 45 days. Ms. McCullough asked the committee members if state DOTs could apply as well, and the consensus from the committee was not favorable due to the size of available funds.
5. Consideration of Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Prioritization and Recommendations. Ms. Bambas presented an overview of the STBG process that has occurred so far. This overview included details on the projects that were submitted by both the Iowa and Illinois Quad Cities. A reminder of the special considerations approved at the last Transportation Technical Committee was also shown. The calculations for the projects were presented, and Ms. Bambas mentioned that all jurisdictions were sent their projects response forms and agreed with the data input. An environmental justice map was presented: darker shaded areas have a higher rate of limited English proficiency, high minority population, and lower income. The projects were placed on this map. The scoring cluster groups were presented to the committee and were also sent out in committee members packets. Both Iowa and Illinois Quad Cities cluster groups were made by natural breaks. The funding scenarios were then presented to the committee. The inflation rate was shown for all projects, but the committee as a consensus agreed not to use the inflated amount. The Iowa Quad Cities was discussed first. Mr. Schadt motioned to a 74/26 split funding for the first two projects in Iowa: Davenport's reconstruction project on West 53rd Street, Brady to Welcome Way (Excluding the Welcome Way & Brady Street intersections), Welcome Way to Candlelight Creek, NW Blvd to Pine; and Bettendorf's reconstruction project on Maplecrest Road, 18th-29th Streets. Seventy-four percent would give Davenport's project \$8,133,657 federal funds, and the remaining federal funds, \$2,013,467, would go to Bettendorf's project. Morlok seconded the motion, Mr. Bockenstedt and Ms. Kersten responded nay, and the motion carried at 4-2.

Next, the Illinois Quad Cities was discussed. Mr. Kane motion to fund the top 2 projects at 70% and Rock Island receive the remainder. Ms. McCullough noted that this may be done if the remaining amount is greater than 50% in federal funds. Moline's resurfacing project on 16th Street, Avenue of the Cities to 19th Avenue would receive 70% of the federal share at \$1,217,698; Rock Island County's resurfacing project on County Highway 78 (RI/Milan PKWY) from E 1st Street/Airport Road south to U.S. 67 would receive 70% of the federal share at \$1,680,000; and Rock Island's reconstruction project on 31st Avenue from 11th-17th Streets would have the remaining amount of \$1,874,084, which is 50% of Rock Island's project total. Mr. Dryer seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Ms. McCullough mentioned that Appendix D in the TIP document has the list of all completed projects from prior years. Ms. McCullough also mentioned that the

STBG projects will be amended into the TIP once they are approved. Lastly, Ms. McCullough mentioned that the approved federal share is at a set amount. The recommendations are below.

Iowa Quad Cities Funding Recommendation

City	Route	Location	Description	Preferred YOE	Rank	Original Cost	Federal Share		
Davenport	Brady to Welcome Way (Excluding the Welcome Way & Brady St intersections), Welcome Way to Candlelight Creek, NW Blvd to Pine	West 53rd St	Reconstruction	2027	1	\$10,991,428	\$8,133,657	74% Federal Share	
Bettendorf	18th to 29th St	Maplecrest Rd	Reconstruction	2026	2	\$3,282,595	\$2,013,467	Remaining	61% of Bettendorf total cost
							\$10,147,124	Total Funds used	

Federal Funds Available: \$10,147,124

Illinois Quad Cities Funding Recommendation

City	Route	Location	Description	Preferred YOE	Rank	Original Cost	Federal Share		
Moline	Ave of the Cities to 19th Ave	16th St	Pavement Update and Replacement	2026	1	\$1,739,569	\$1,217,698	70% Federal Share	
RICO	E 1st St/Airport Rd south to US 67	County Highway 78 (R/Milan Pkwy)	Pavement Update and Replacement	2026	2	\$2,400,000	\$1,680,000	70% Federal Share	
Rock Island	11th-17th Streets	31st Ave	Reconstruction	2026	3	\$3,701,870	\$1,874,084	Remaining	50% of Rock Island total cost
							\$4,771,782	Total Funds used	

Federal Funds Available: \$4,771,782

6. Consideration of Safety and Transit Asset Management Performance Measures Targets. Mr. Schmid presented the targets. Iowa five-year rolling averages increased, as did Illinois. Mr. Schadt motioned to approve the safety targets, Ms. Kersten seconded, and the motion carried. Mr. Schmid then described the Transit Asset Management targets. An overview of vehicle type categories for Bettendorf Transit and Davenport CitiBus were shown. MetroLink's IDOT Group TAM Plan for Tier II Agencies were also shown. The MetroLink targets are consistent with last year's averages. Mr. Kane motioned to approve, Mr. Dryer seconded, and the motion carried.
7. Discussion on Project Scoring Process for Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Funds. Mr. Schmid explained that clarification was needed on the TASA evaluation process when it comes to scoring for high-need areas. High-need areas are to be prioritized in the TASA evaluation; this is done in the scoring process. The TASA manual is not fully clear, and there is no additional state guidance at this time for either state. Mr. Schmid asked the committee how the scoring should be done for item number 6 in the TASA evaluation, "Environmental and social effects." Mr. Dryer explained that the current scoring is black and white, and that there should be an opportunity to make a case based on where the project location is. The committee discussed how they would use their discretion for scoring. Mr. Schmid asked if the committee would want more material to be sent out that can be used for scoring. The committee agreed to have EJ Areas, Areas of Persistent Poverty (IIJA), and Historically Disadvantaged Communities to be sent out to the committee to use for their own discretion when taking part in the scoring process. A minority impact statement may also be given. It was noted that the term "Single Population" would be removed next round.
8. Public Comments. There were no public comments
9. Other Business. In addition to the items listed below, Ms. McCullough mentioned that the Traffic Safety Action Plan is under contract at an amount that is less than the funds available. Ms. McCullough also mentioned that the SS4A planning grants are opening soon. The Traffic Safety Action Plan will likely need to be in place for implementation.
 - *USDOT Key Notices of Funding Opportunity* <https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/key-notices-funding-opportunity>
 - *Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) – Deadline 2/28/24*
 - *Upper Mississippi River Ports (UMRP) Ports/Terminals Webpage:* <https://bistateonline.org/transportation-and-mobility/regional-freight-system>
10. Adjournment. Ms. Kersten motioned to adjourn. Mr. Schadt seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

January 17, 2024 - 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
CITY OF ROCK ISLAND - RI														
RI-25-02	2025	20th and 22nd Avenues	Between 38th and 44th Streets, and on 41st Street	Denkmann School Sidewalk Improvements	MAINT	\$420,000	\$250,000	SRTS			\$170,000	LOC		New Project. Amendment Pending 1/2024
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TRANSIT														
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MetroLINK - ML														
ML-24-03	2024	Transit Enhancements	C	\$700,000	\$700,000	5307	\$0		\$0	LOC		Increased federal funds over 30% . Amendment Pending 1/2024		
ML-24-04	2024	MSE	C	\$100,000	\$100,000	5307	\$0		\$0	LOC		Increased federal funds over 30% . Amendment Pending 1/2024		
ML-24-05	2024	ADP Hardware	C	\$325,000	\$325,000	5307	\$0		\$0	LOC		Increased federal funds over 30% . Amendment Pending 1/2024		
ML-24-06	2024	ADP Software	C	\$400,000	\$400,000	5307	\$0		\$0	LOC		Increased federal funds over 30% . Amendment Pending 1/2024		
ML-24-07	2024	Shelters & Shelter Repairs	C	\$50,000	\$50,000	5307/5339	\$0		\$0	LOC		Increased federal funds over 30% . Amendment Pending 1/2024		
ML-24-15	2024	Professional Services / Planning	C	\$800,000	\$800,000	5307	\$0		\$0	LOC - TDC		New Project. Amendment Pending 1/2024		
ML-24-16	2024	Engineering	C	\$250,000	\$250,000	5307	\$0		\$0	LOC - TDC		New Project. Amendment Pending 1/2024		
ML-24-17	2024	Facility Maintenance	C	\$634,382	\$634,382	5307 & 5339	\$0		\$0	LOC - TDC		New Project. Amendment Pending 1/2024		
ML-24-18	2024	ADA Accessibility for Stops	C	\$100,000	\$100,000	5307	\$0		\$0	LOC - TDC		New Project. Amendment Pending 1/2024		
ML-24-19	2024	Support Vehicle	C	\$150,000	\$150,000	5339	\$0		\$0	LOC - TDC		New Project. Amendment Pending 1/2024		
ML-24-20	2024	Paratransit / Microtransit Vehicle	C	\$150,000	\$150,000	5339	\$0		\$0	LOC - TDC		New Project. Amendment Pending 1/2024		
ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS - COMMITTEE ACTION NOT REQUIRED														
TRANSIT														
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MetroLINK - ML														
ML-20-24	2024	OMC Expansion	C	\$2,000,000	\$0		\$2,000,000	Rebuild IL	\$0			Moved to FY24 from FY23. Admin Mod 12/2023		
ML-22-12	2024	Replace (5) 30-40' Buses	C	\$5,000,000	\$0		\$5,000,000	Rebuild IL	\$0	LOC		Moved to FY24 from FY23. Admin Mod 12/2023		
ML-23-08	2024	Replace (1) 30-40' Buses	C	\$1,000,000	\$0		\$1,000,000	Rebuild 3	\$0	LOC		Moved to FY24 from FY23. Admin Mod 12/2023		
ML-23-22	2024	Electric Chargers	C	\$600,000	\$0		\$600,000	Rebuild 3	\$0	LOC		Moved to FY24 from FY23. Admin Mod 12/2023		
ML-23-23	2024	East Pointe Renovations	C	\$1,750,000	\$0		\$1,750,000	Rebuild 3	\$0	LOC		Moved to FY24 from FY23. Admin Mod 12/2023		

AMENDMENTS - FOR REVIEW ONLY														
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STATE OF IOWA - IA														
IA-24-11	2024	I-80	IA 130 Interchange - Westbound Entrance Ramp	Replace Pavement	MAINT	\$2,069,500	\$1,655,600	NHPP	\$413,900	PRF			54649	Increased federal funds over 30% . Amendment Pending 1/2024
STATE OF ILLINOIS - IL														
IL-24-18	2024	104th St (W 3rd St/99th St)	US 150 in Coal Valley to Mercer County Line	Pavement Patching and Resurfacing; new shoulders	MAINT	\$6,000,000	\$3,300,000	STP-Rural	\$1,500,000	STP-URBAN	\$1,200,000	State		New Project. Amendment Pending 1/2024
IL-25-09	2025	US 6	Over Mosquito Creek 0.3 mi W of I-280	Bridge Deck Overlay	MAINT	\$600,000	\$480,000	HIBF	\$120,000	STA				New Project. Amendment Pending 1/2024
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STATE OF ILLINOIS - IL														
IL-24-02	2024	IL 92	115th St (W) in Andalusia to 0.4 mi E of IL 92 (N)	Resurfacing	MAINT	\$3,509,000	\$2,807,000	STP	\$702,000	STA				Moved to FY24 to FY25, Admin Mod 1/24