

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

Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 10:00 a.m.
Bi-State Regional Commission
Third Floor Conference Room 320
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brian Ballard	City of Riverdale
David Dryer	City of Moline
Faith Duncan	Illinois Department of Transportation – District 2
Lisa Geiger	Rock Island County
Tim Kammler	City of East Moline
Angie Kersten	Scott County
Brent Morlok	City of Bettendorf
Brian Schadt	City of Davenport
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation
Gary Statz	City of Davenport
Lucie VanHecke	MetroLINK

OTHERS PRESENT

Sarah Bambas	Bi-State Regional Commission
Dennis Bockenstedt (virtually)	City of LeClaire
Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation – Springfield
Travis Halm (virtually)	Iowa Department of Transportation
Nithin Kalakuntla	Bi-State Regional Commission
Dave Kovarik	Bi-State Regional Commission
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Kathy Starling (virtually)	Iowa-Illinois Center for Independent Living

1. Approval of Minutes of the April 16, 2024 Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) Meeting. Mr. Kammler requested a motion for approval of the April 16, 2024 minutes of the Transportation Technical Committee. Mr. Morlok motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Schadt seconded, and the motion carried.
2. Consideration of Revisions to the Quad Cities MPO FFY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program. Ms. Bambas noted that there were three roadway and trail amendments. Bettendorf’s recently awarded TASA project for a trail on Middle Road between Hopewell Avenue and Forest Grove Drive will be amended into the TIP for FY25. The termini for Davenport’s 3rd Street and 4th Street projects will have their termini updated to reflect resurfacing from Telegraph to Harrison, one-way conversions from Marquette to Harrison, and extended striping from Telegraph to E. River Drive. Mr. Morlok motioned to recommend the revisions to the Policy Committee. Mr. Schadt seconded, and the motion carried. The revisions discussed are included at the end of these minutes.
3. 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>. Ms. Bambas asked if any jurisdictions would like to give a verbal update. Mr. Morlok noted that the last barricade on Forest Grove Drive came down the previous day. Mr. Schadt said that Davenport's 53rd Street project is almost complete as well. Ms. Kersten shared that Scott County has pushed the start date of its bridge project on Wells Ferry to mid-June.

4. Discussion of Carbon Reduction Program. Mr. Kovarik spoke about the issues with the programming of local Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds. Few applications were submitted from the recent calls for projects. Technical Committee members discussed the program and the impediments to selecting projects for consideration. Certain eligible project types, such as those dealing with network-level travel issues, are very expensive and likely not feasible given the amount of funding available. Another call for projects could be initiated to include FY28 funding, further increasing the total amount for programming. Another option for the program funds would be to roll CRP funds into the TASA program for transportation alternatives. However, if federal rules differ between the two programs, it may become difficult from a project administration standpoint to keep the monies separate. Bi-State staff will investigate federal rules governing the two programs. Rolling the available CRP funds into current TASA projects was suggested as a potential avenue for programming the funds subject to funding restrictions.
5. Presentation on State Transportation Alternatives Programs, Grant Readiness, and Update to the Unified Trail Ordinance. Mr. Schmid shared information on Illinois and Iowa statewide Transportation Alternatives Programs, named ITEP and Statewide TAP respectively. The Transportation Alternatives Program is federally funded as a set-aside of the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program, and each state receives an apportionment based on federal formulas. Funding for the Recreational Trails Program is set aside from TASA, and the remaining funds are apportioned to states to be spent in areas with certain population thresholds. Bi-State, as a transportation management area (TMA) with over 200,000 population, receives apportionments directly. Illinois and Iowa DOTs may also spend 41% of their apportionments anywhere in the state. Illinois retains most of those funds for the ITEP program. Iowa retains \$5 million annually for Statewide TAP and suballocates most of the remainder directly to MPOs and RPAs, which partially explains the discrepancy between Illinois-based and Iowa-based funding targets in the Quad Cities MPA. Mr. Schmid explained the differences between the two statewide programs, as well as recently awarded projects in the Illinois and Iowa Quad Cities. He also noted items related to grant readiness, notably a project's inclusion in a local or regional plan, project-specific public input, the support of elected officials, and initiating project engineering.

A copy of the Unified Trail Use Ordinance was distributed with committee members' packets. The ordinance was initially endorsed by the Bi-State Regional Trails Committee in 2013, and committee members voiced an interest in updating the text to address e-bikes. Issues regarding e-bikes have surfaced in recent years as safety concerns related to speed have made pedestrians feel uncomfortable on area trails. Bi-State received input on the existing language from the Iowa Bicycle Coalition and Ride Illinois, who agreed that they would not support any language banning e-bikes outright. E-bikes are an increasingly popular means of transportation and represent the fastest growing sector in the bicycle industry. Discussion with the Davenport Police Department noted that enforcement of any set speed limit would be difficult, and would have to represent a shift in enforcement priorities from streets and vehicular traffic to trail users. Etiquette and reminding users of proper usage of trails was seen as the preferred method to affect bike-pedestrian interactions. The Unified Trail Use Ordinance provides a framework for communities in the Quad Cities, who may adopt the language or adapt it to their own circumstances.

6. Public Comments. There were no public comments
7. Other Business. In addition to the items listed below, Ms. McCullough noted that Bi-State's certification review will be held on the date of the next Technical Committee meeting, June 11, 2024. The review process will be as a hybrid, but committee members are requested to still attend in person to consider the update to the

Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Kalakuntla reminded the committee to send in their transportation network verification, noting any changes in lane numbers and speeds. Mr. DeLille shared that the IL DOT Fall Planning Conference would be October 2-4 in Fairview Heights outside of St. Louis.

- *USDOT Key Notices of Funding Opportunity* <https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/key-notices-funding-opportunity>
 - *Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) Implementation* – 5/16/24
 - *Consolidated Rail Infrastructure Safety Improvements (CRISI)* – 5/28/24
 - *Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program* – 6/17/24
 - *Passenger Ferry Boat Program* – 6/17/24
- *Upper Mississippi River Ports (UMRP) Ports/Terminals Webpage:* <https://bistateonline.org/transportation-and-mobility/regional-freight-system>
- *Bike to Work Week* – May 13-19

8. Adjournment. Mr. Morlok motioned to adjourn. Mr. Schadt seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

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 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 BETTENDORF- BE														
BE-25-01	2025	East Side of Middle Rd	Hopewell Ave to Forest Grove	Recreational Trail Construction - 10' sep. path	LRTP	\$1,053,000	\$526,500	TASA			\$526,500	LOC	55560	New TASA Project. Amendment Approved 5/2024
CITY OF DAVENPORT - DA														
DA-23-01	2023	3rd St	Telegraph Rd to E River Dr	Resurfacing (Telegraph – Harrison), one-way conversion (Marquette – Harrison), and extend striping and sides (Telegraph – E. River Drive)	MAINT	\$4,445,987	\$3,564,718	STBG			\$881,269	CTY	39481	Project termini updated, Amendment Approved 5/2024
DA-23-04	2023	4th St	Telegraph Rd to E River Dr	Resurfacing (Telegraph – Harrison), one-way conversion (Marquette – Harrison), and extend striping and sides (Telegraph – E. River Drive)	MAINT	\$4,618,338	\$3,694,670	STBG			\$923,668	CTY	54801	Project termini updated, Amendment Approved 5/2024