

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

Tuesday, June 11, 2024, 10:00 a.m.
Bi-State Regional Commission
Third Floor Conference Room 320
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rob Bates	Illinois Department of Transportation – District 2
Dennis Bockenstedt	City of LeClaire
Lisa Geiger	Rock Island County
Tonya Holland-Buckley	Federal Transit Administration
Justin Johnson	City of Rock Island
Tim Kammler	City of East Moline
Angie Kersten	Scott County
Sean Litteral	Federal Highway Administration – Iowa Division
Brian Schadt	City of Davenport
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation
Gary Statz	City of Davenport
Betsy Tracy	Federal Highway Administration – Illinois Division
Lucie VanHecke	MetroLINK
Austin Whelan	Bettendorf Transit
Jeff Wolf	Davenport Citibus

OTHERS PRESENT

Brian Ballard	City of Riverdale
Sarah Bambas	Bi-State Regional Commission
Andrew Brinkerhoff	Federal Highway Administration – Illinois Division
Denise Bulat	Bi-State Regional Commission
Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation – Springfield
Jon Paul Diipln	Federal Highway Administration – Illinois Division
Brandon Geber	Illinois Department of Transportation – Springfield
Travis Halm	Iowa Department of Transportation
Sam Hiscocks	Iowa Department of Transportation
Nithin Kalakuntla	Bi-State Regional Commission
Dave Kovarik	Bi-State Regional Commission
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Jason Nordberg	Federal Highway Administration – Wisconsin Division
Charlie Rice (virtually)	Bi-State Regional Commission
Kathy Starling (virtually)	Iowa-Illinois Center for Independent Living
Mike Thoms	Mayor, City of Rock Island

1. Approval of Minutes of the May 14, 2024 Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) Meeting. Mr. Kammler requested a motion for approval of the May 14, 2024 minutes of the Transportation Technical Committee. Ms. Kersten motioned to approve the minutes as written. Ms. VanHecke 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 five revisions from MetroLINK. Two revisions were amendments for project costs increasing by over 30%. The two projects were ML-23-14 (OMC Additional Expansion Funds) and ML-24-12 (Electric Charges). Ms. VanHecke motioned to recommend the amendments to the policy committee for approval. Ms. Kersten seconded, and the motion carried. Ms. Bambas also noted the three administrative modifications; ML-18-10 moved fiscal years, ML-21-20 had a cost increase of less than 30%, and ML-22-09 had a description change. A copy of the revisions is included at the end of the minutes.
3. Consideration of Draft FFY2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program. Ms. Bambas presented an overview of the draft FFY2025-2028 TIP update. Her presentation included an overview of the general information and requirements; the TIP process; TIP revisions criteria; and various funding summaries of the programming of projects by the Technical and Policy Committees including Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Transportation Alternatives Program Set-Aside (TASA), Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), and transit funding. Finished STBG and TASA projects from the last year were shown, as well as some major FY2025 upcoming projects. Complete street projects were highlighted along with various mapping elements. Unmet Needs were explained: these projects are not fiscally constrained or have federal funding identified or awarded. Title VI was also added to the TIP. Ms. Bambas also said that the public input can be considered prior to the Policy Committee meeting (June 25). Draft annual elements had been posted to the website, and the fully assembled document was shared with the Technical Committee. Mr. Schadt motioned to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of the annual element tables as provided and the document as a whole with any recommendations for revisions. Ms. Kersten seconded the motion, and it carried.
4. Consideration of FY24 FTA Supplemental Agreements Resolutions. Ms. McCullough discussed the supplemental agreement resolutions with the committee. Resolutions were enclosed in Committee members' packets. Ms. McCullough presented the suballocation amounts for FTA Sections 5307, 5310, 5337, and 5339 Quad Cities, Iowa/Illinois allocations for FFY 2024. The 5307 and 5339 formula-based sub-allocations by transit system are reviewed by transit managers and are based on various pieces of data, including total population, population density, and unlinked passenger trips. Sections 5310 and 5337 are allocated by population. Ms. VanHecke motioned to recommend the approval of the supplemental agreements to the Policy Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolf, and it carried.
5. Notification of Public Participation Process Revisions. Ms. McCullough spoke to the committee about the revisions to the Public Participation Process. These revisions were also included in the committee members' packets. The revisions included minor grammar corrections, clarity adjustments, and additions of the Carbon Reduction Program and Congestion Management Process. Ms. McCullough stated there is no action needed at this time; the revisions were for review only, and they would be presented in August for approval.
6. Overview of Transportation Management Area (TMA) Federal Certification Review Process. Ms. Tracy introduced the federal team. The team consists of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Illinois Division, FHWA Iowa Division, and FHWA Wisconsin Division. There are also members from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Region 7 and headquarters. Ms. Tracy explained that a certification review happens every 4 years, and the team reviews the metropolitan transportation planning process of areas with over 200,000 population. Public input is also a part of the review and is considered while evaluating the transportation planning completed for the area. Ms. Tracy explained the planning process, why it is important, who is involved, and how it is conducted. Ms. Tracy explained how the products of the MPO fit together with public involvement. Ms. Tracy then asked for comments from the group. No comments were given. Ms. Tracy ended her presentation by giving the contact information for the Illinois FHWA Division, Iowa FHWA Division, and the FTA Region 7.
7. Public Comments. There were no public comments.

8. Other Business. In addition to the items listed below, Mr. Kovarik noted that Iowa CRP funds can not be combined with other federal funds. This is not recommended by the Iowa DOT. Ms. McCullough noted that the Illinois ITEP grant has been announced, and there have already been some Illinois communities that have reached out for grant assistance. Bi-State is helping communities on a first-come first-served basis. Ms. McCullough also mentioned that the Iowa TAP grants have been successful in the region recently. Ms. Bulat mentioned that East Moline has received a RAISE grant in the past. Davenport and Rock Island have applied for RAISE grants, but have not received one recently. All three communities mentioned that after they were not awarded, a debriefing with the grant committee helped them prepare for the next grant cycle.
 - *USDOT Key Notices of Funding Opportunity* <https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/key-notices-funding-opportunity>
 - *Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program – 6/17/24*
 - *Passenger Ferry Boat Program – 6/17/24*
 - *Strengthening Mobility & Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) – 7/12/24*
9. Adjournment. Mr. Schadt motioned to adjourn. Ms. Kersten seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

June 11, 2024 - Transportation Technical Committee –
 FFY2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program

AMENDMENTS - COMMITTEE ACTION REQUIRED												
TRANSIT												
PROJECT NUMBER	Year Programmed (FFY)	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PROJECT TYPE	TOTAL ESTIMATED COST	FEDERAL SHARE	FEDERAL SOURCE	STATE SHARE	STATE SOURCE	LOCAL SHARE	LOCAL SOURCE	STATE # (IA TPMS #)	NOTES
METROLINK - ML												
ML-23-14	2024	OMC Additional Expansion Funds	C	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	5339/Low-No/Bus&BusFacil/5307/Congressionally Directed	\$0	Rebuild 3	\$0	LOC		Congressionaly Directed funding source added and total cost increased over 30% and moved from FY23 to FY24, Amendment Pending 6/2024
ML-24-12	2024	Electric Charges	C	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	5307/Low-No/5339	\$0		\$0	LOC - TDC		Total cost increased over 30%, Amendment Pending 6/2024

ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS - COMMITTEE ACTION NOT REQUIRED												
TRANSIT												
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METROLINK - ML												
ML-18-10	2024	Replace JD Commons Landing, Repower 3 boats and add capacity, and provide mobile ticketing app	C	\$2,535,645	\$2,535,645	5307	\$0		\$0			Moved from FY21 to FY24. Total Cost decreased less than 30%, Administrative Modification 6/2024
ML-21-20	2024	Facility Equipment - CNG	C	\$1,996,901	\$1,996,901	5307	\$0		\$0			Total cost increased less than 30%, Administrative Modification 6/2024
ML-22-09	2024	Electric Bus Chargers	C	\$6,683,504	\$1,683,504	2022 Congressionally Directed Spending	\$5,000,000	REBUILD	\$0	LOC		Description change, Administrative Modification 6/2024