

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

Tuesday, October 8, 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
David Dryer	City of Moline
Steve Gibson	Village of Milan
Tim Kammler	City of East Moline
Mike Kane	City of Rock Island
Angie Kersten	Scott County
Brent Morlok	City of Bettendorf
Gary Statz	City of Davenport
Hector Torres-Cacho	Iowa Department of Transportation

OTHERS PRESENT

Brian Ballard	City of Riverdale
Sarah Bambas	Bi-State Regional Commission
Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation
Travis Halm (virtually)	Iowa Department of Transportation
Nithin Kalakuntla	Bi-State Regional Commission
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Tanner Osing	City of Rock Island
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Dakin Schultz (virtually)	Federal Highway Administration – Iowa Division
Betsy Tracy (virtually)	Federal Highway Administration – Illinois Division

1. Approval of Minutes of the September 10, 2024 Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) Meeting. Mr. Kammler requested a motion for approval of the September 10, 2024 minutes of the Transportation Technical Committee. Mr. Morlok motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Kane seconded, and the motion carried.
2. Consideration of Revisions to the Quad Cities MPO FFY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program. Ms. Bambas noted that there was one amendment from the City of Moline. The amendment is for the 36th Avenue Bike Trail TASA project, which had a total cost increase of over 30%, and the project was moved from FY23 to FY25. Ms. Bambas noted that the TASA funds were not changed, only the local funds. Mr. Morlok motioned to recommend this revision to the policy committee. Mr. Gibson seconded, and the motion carried.
3. Status of Project Progress Report. Ms. Bambas stated that there will be a verbal update at the December meeting, and there is nothing to report on now.

4. Consideration of Bi-State Title VI Non-Discrimination Policy Document. Mr. Schmid mentioned that it is time to review and update the Title VI document, since it gets updated on a 3-year cycle. The Title VI document stems from the 1964 Civil Rights Act. The Title VI document at Bi-State Regional Commission covers the transportation planning process and states “No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.” There have been three executive orders with additional nondiscrimination requirements. These executive orders include; EO 12250, EO 12898, and EO 13166. Mr. Schmid highlighted the non-discrimination policies in the planning processes: Open & inclusive planning processes; Outreach to low income, minority, and LEP populations; Eliminating barriers to participation – location, time, format language, access; Contact & complaint procedures outlined; Representation on planning & advisory bodies; Demographic Profile – Know The Metro Planning Area; and Assessing Investments in the Region – Benefits/Burdens. Mr. Schmid then noted the revisions made from the last plan update included: identification of designated staff responsible for Title VI oversight, updates to LEP Plan data and maps, clarification on multiple items based on 2024 Certification Review, such as which agency to forward complaints to, and the addition of a FHWA Title VI Plan component. Maps were then presented that showcased the regions median household income with the FFY24-27 TIP projects, the metro’s median household income with transit routes, the region’s percent minority population with the FFY24-27 TIP projects, the metro’s percent minority population with transit routes, the region’s Limited English Proficiency areas with the FFY24-27 TIP projects, and the metro’s Limited English Proficiency areas with transit routes. Mr. Schmid noted that in Bi-State’s Certification Review it was recommend to showcase to the public how Bi-State is meeting people where they are. Bi-State is in the process of attending public events to gather public input for the Long Range Transportation Plan in addition to holding open houses. The events include the Senior’s Disability Expo, Get Out And Trail (GOAT), and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Block Party. There was a question from the committee about what other language besides English is the most spoken in the Bi-State region. Mr. Schmid answered that Spanish was the second most spoken language in the region at 5%. Mr. Schmid concluded the presentation by asking the committee to send in any comments on the document within the next two weeks.
5. Presentation on 2024 Quad Cities MPO Federal Certification Review Results. A copy of the final report was enclosed in committee members’ packets. Mr. Schultz provided a presentation on the background of certification reviews in general, as well as the results of Bi-State’s review in June 2024. Mr. Schultz noted that the review included state and federal partners, and assistance was requested from FHWA Wisconsin Division to lead the review. An initial desk audit was conducted before the two-day site visit. The review’s findings did not yield any corrective actions, but included four commendations, and five recommendations. Commendations were in the areas of freight planning, utilizing the Transportation Planning Work Program as an orientation tool and training instrument, overall planning coordination with all members of the metropolitan planning area, and the ongoing Complete Streets efforts. Recommendations included improvements to the MPO website, clarifying planning roles in MPO planning agreements, developing an ADA Program Access Plan, link investment priorities in the TIP to performance targets in the Long-Range Transportation Plan, and to show how transportation funds support state plans and processes.
6. Public Comments. There were no public comments
7. Other Business. Ms. McCullough mentioned that an email reminder was sent out requesting jurisdictions to update their future land use. Bi-State’s GIS staff is able to do a workshop for those who need help updating their future land use. The deadline is November 1. Mr. Bates told the committee that there will be two upcoming public hearings for the I-80 bridge. One is virtual on October 29 at 4:00 p.m., the other one is in person at LeClaire City Hall on October 30, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Ms. McCullough circled back to the certification review and noted that Bi-State has expanded their planning duties in the last 30 years. She also mentioned that the MPO has access to the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) and that there are trainings available through AMPO for future staff like MPO 101.

- *USDOT Key Notices of Funding Opportunity* <https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/key-notices-funding-opportunity>
 - *Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) – October 2024 opening date*
 - *Local and Regional Project Assistance Grants (RAISE) – November 2024 opening date*
- National Teen Driver Safety Week – October 20-26

8. Adjournment. Mr. Morlok motioned to adjourn. Mr. Kane seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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 FFY2025-2028 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 MOLINE - MO														
MO-23-03	2025	36th Ave	7th - 13th Streets	Bike Trail	LRTP	\$809,172	\$259,175	TASA	0		\$549,997	MFT		Moved to FY25 from FY23. Total Share Increased over 30%. Amendment Approved 10/2024