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Public Input Open Houses for 2050 Quad Cities Area Long Range Transportation Update

(Rock Island, January 31, 2020) — Connections are important to business and our community. Having a reliable, efficient, and convenient way to get places to make those connections is vital to our health, happiness, and prosperity. Every five years, the Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is re-evaluated. The update process looks at changes in our transportation system and economy, and future trends. Picture our roads and bus routes, trails and sidewalks, motor and water freight in the year 2050. How will they serve our residents and businesses? Will Quad Citians be more mobile? Or, take shorter trips to our neighborhood shops and offices? Imagine catching the train to Chicago or riding the bus to work. What will it cost to maintain over 2,000 miles of roadway in our metropolitan area? Similarly, will our economy continue to focus on logistics, food production, manufacturing, and healthcare?

Bi-State Regional Commission is conducting two public input open houses to ask residents their opinions on what is needed to achieve economic vitality and move people and goods in our metro area for the next 30 years. Citizens and businesses are invited to attend. Short presentations will every 30 minutes to outline the planning process. Bi-State staff will be available at each site to take comments and discuss issues related to the transportation system and the economy.

Public Input Session Information

Date	Wednesday, February 12, 2020	Thursday, February 13, 2020
Time	5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	3:30-5:30 p.m.
Location	Centre Station 1200 River Drive, Moline, Illinois	Eastern Iowa Community College 101 West Third Street, Davenport Iowa
Directions	On River Drive, Moline 3/4 mile west of I-74 in Downtown Moline	Community Room C133. At Brady and Third Streets in Downtown Davenport

Note: The meeting rooms are accessible for persons with disabilities. If you require special accommodations for these meetings, please notify Bryan Schmid, 309-793-6300, Ext. 1123 or bschmid@bistateonline.org.

Additionally, residents can provide online comments if not able to attend these input sessions. Go to the link at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QCMPO2050> to give your transportation and economic development opinions through February 29, 2020. These public open houses will help shape the future of the Quad Cities Area transportation system and economy.

Results of an October 2019 Citizen Survey called for street and bridge repair, better bike lanes, and improved transit service. Residents would like to see a more pedestrian friendly metropolitan area, and have the ability to ride a train to Chicago. Survey participants agreed sidewalks should be added where none exist and to invest in more road maintenance. They disagreed with adding speed and electronic enforcement systems to support traffic safety objectives. If they could design ways to reduce traffic congestion, they would use innovative intersections, work from home, add redundant routes or bi-directional lanes, and express buses in the downtowns or on certain corridors.

In the next year, local officials will work with Bi-State staff to prepare a full draft document update by early 2021. These updates will include transportation goals, and existing and proposed transportation system and other infrastructure/development recommendations. Additional public input is planned prior to the adoption of the plan in early 2021. To review the existing 2045 long range transportation plan and economic development strategy, go to the Bi-State website at <http://www.bistateonline.org/>. Or, find us on Facebook at QC Long Range Transportation.

For more information or comments on these planning efforts, contact Bi-State Regional Commission at (309)793-6300.

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