

Minutes of the
QUAD CITIES, IOWA-ILLINOIS
METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 23, 2023, 12:00 p.m.
Rock Island County Board Room #317
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Brunk	Rock Island County Chair
Jean Dickson	Scott County Board of Supervisors
Rick Dunn	Alderman, City of Davenport
Bob Gallagher	Mayor, City of Bettendorf
Mike Matson	Mayor, City of Davenport
Becky Murruffo	Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation, District 6
Mike Thoms	Mayor, City of Rock Island

OTHERS PRESENT

Brian Ballard	City of Riverdale
Doug DeLille	Illinois DOT – Springfield
Faith Duncan	Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2
Nithin Kalakuntla	Bi-State Regional Commission
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of Minutes of the April 25, 2023 Transportation Policy Committee (TTC) Meeting. Mayor Matson requested a motion for approval of the April 25, 2023 minutes of the Transportation Policy Committee. Mayor Gallagher made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Dunn seconded, and the motion carried.
2. Update on I-74 Mississippi River Corridor Reconstruction. An I-74 Team Representative was unable to attend. Ms. McCullough conveyed the following provided by the team. Not much changed from the last meeting due to flooding.
 - Helm is continuing to make progress on bridge demolition. All of the concrete deck has been removed, and they are now focused on steel removal. About 45% of the steel has been removed on the entire project.
 - The contractor is expected to begin removal of the suspension towers and cables in late spring or summer. Traffic may be impacted temporarily by the use of explosives on select locations of the bridge.
 - Landscaping contracts are anticipated to restart soon, including planting and decorative elements.
 - Pieces of the old bridge are now on display at the Rock Island County Historical Society.
 - Iowa DOT will be letting a landscaping project for the area between the Bettendorf railroad tracks and the levee, anticipated to be let in spring/summer.

3. Consideration of Planning Work Activities for the FY2024 Transportation Planning Work Program. Ms. McCullough presented on the upcoming FY2024 Transportation Planning Work Program. She covered a breakdown of the four TPWP categories and the addition of a new category for Complete Streets, major transportation issues to be addressed in FY2024, accomplishments from the previous year's TPWP, and the FY2024 federal transportation planning targets. Mayor Matson motioned to concur with the work program activities and recommend the FY2024 Transportation Planning Work Program to the Bi-State Regional Commission for budget review and execution of contracts. The Transportation Policy Committee approved the program by consensus.
4. Facilitation of Initial Input for *Thrive QC 2055 Long Range Transportation Plan*. Mr. Schmid gave a brief presentation on milestones expected to be reached between 2023 and 2026 for the *Thrive QC 2055 Long Range Plan*. Ms. McCullough and Mr. Schmid then facilitated a discussion with the committee about current transit issues and potential driving forces that could affect transit in the future. The most common issues brought up by the committee in regard to current transit planning included the potential 6-laning of Interstate 80, bicycle and pedestrian connectivity, and maintenance for existing transit. The driving forces that were identified were grouped into five categories: Social, Environment, Economy, Policy/Politics, and Technology, with the committee identifying multiple potential factors for each category.
5. Public Comments: There were no public comments.
6. Other Business. Mr. Shea from Iowa DOT updated the Committee on the I-80 corridor study for widening the interstate up to six lanes. The study will be placed on hold due to a change in the Iowa DOT Commission's stance on studies without identified funding sources for the project. Work is being wrapped up on an environmental assessment, but the project did not complete the full Planning and Environmental Linkages level of effort. There are not enough funds to do the whole corridor, and the thought is to do manageable segments at some time in the future. The Iowa Transportation Commission will meet on June 13 in Burlington, and there has been some discussion of sending an Iowa Quad Cities contingent to that meeting.
7. Adjournment: Mayor Gallagher motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Thoms. The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.