

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

Tuesday, October 24, 2023, 12:00 p.m.  
Bi-State Regional Commission  
Third Floor Conference Room 320  
1504 Third Avenue  
Rock Island, IL

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Richard “Quijas” Brunk	Rock Island County Chair
Jeffrey Deppe	Alderman, City of East Moline
Jean Dickson	Scott County Board of Supervisors
Faith Duncan	Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2
Bob Gallagher	Mayor, City of Bettendorf
Dennis Gerard	Mayor, City of LeClaire
Mike Matson	Mayor, City of Davenport
Robby Ortiz	Alderman, City of Davenport
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation, District 6
Mike Thoms	Mayor, City of Rock Island

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Brian Ballard	City of Riverdale
Sarah Bambas	Bi-State Regional Commission
Doug DeLille	Illinois DOT – Springfield
Nithin Kalakuntla	Bi-State Regional Commission
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of Minutes of the September 26, 2023 Quad Cities MPO Transportation Policy Committee Meetings. Mayor Matson requested a motion for approval of the September 26, 2023 minutes of the Transportation Policy Committee. Mr. Deppe motioned to approve the minutes as written. Ms. Dickson seconded, and the motion carried.
2. Consideration of Revisions to the Quad Cities MPO FFY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program. Ms. Bambas directed the Committee to the agenda packet for the revisions to the FFY2024-2027 TIP requested from the City of Bettendorf and the City of Moline. Bettendorf is adding a preliminary engineering project, BE-24-02, located at Forest Grove Dr. to Crow Creek Rd. Moline is adding city-wide intersection improvements, MO-26-01. These will enhance traffic signals and pedestrian signals. Ms. Dickson motioned to approve of the TIP amendments. Mr. Brunk seconded the motion, which carried. Ms. Bambas also noted two administrative modifications requiring no committee action. RI-25-01 moved from FY23 to FY24, and IA-24-08 had a cost increase that was less than 30%. The amendments and administrative modifications are shown in a table at the end of the minutes.
3. Presentation on I-80 Middle Road Interchange in Bettendorf. Mr. Shea explained to the committee that the interchange justification report (IJR) had been applied for in 2014. The interchange is rural and is an updated design; the current design is not good for capacity. There were 8 alternatives identified in IJR. The environmental report looked for categorical exclusion. The alternative design that was selected is a folded

diamond. This alternative will allow a 5-lane cross section. I-80 bridges will be wider to accommodate 6 lanes in the future. Middle Road will be widened to 4 lanes. Spencer Creek will be relocated to reduce Right-Of-Way and save money for bridge construction cost in a way to mitigate impacts to the stream. ROW acquisition will begin soon. This project is programmed in FY2026, but most construction will be in calendar years 2026 and 2027. The total cost will be \$62 million. This project will likely be done before the Mississippi bridge construction. I-80 will not shut down during construction of the new interchange.

4. Update on Bi-State Region Freight Plan Addendum. Ms. McCullough explained the Bi-State Region Freight Plan Addendum status. The previous plan was finished in 2015. The new plan has CPCS & WSP as the consulting team. There are some of the same partners who had worked on the original plan currently involved from the team. The consulting firm will be using 2017 flow data. There was a stakeholder survey conducted by the consultant with assistance for contacts from the Quad Cities Chamber. The freight plan is expected to be completed by February 2024. The goals of the plan include: economy, safety, mobility, system preservation, and sustainability and resiliency. These goals stand with the existing plan, but there is more emphasis on sustainability in the new plan. Ms. McCullough provided the Transportation Technical Committee comments that included three problem areas of Truck Parking, Hazardous Materials Flow, and Blocked Railroad Crossings. There was discussion from the Policy Committee about the Corn Belt Ports. There is concern about using 2017 data, since the ports were established after 2017. Ms. McCullough stated that the 2019 data will be released later this year, and the consultant team will cross check the 2017 data with the 2019 data. Ms. McCullough also stated that this study will look at modal flows and the port statistical area. Ms. McCullough went on to explain that the Upper Mississippi River Ports (UMRP) mapping project is nearly finished. Ownership and personnel transitions made contacting terminals difficult. There was discussion on the expected outcome of this freight plan. Ms. McCullough mentioned outcomes would identify barriers, bottlenecks, and impeding freight movement. Some committee members questioned about what improvements can be made to the transportation system and also how can improvements be seen by the consultant if they are not physically here. Ms. McCullough reassured the committee by stating that the data is derived from a variety of sources showing changes and issues, and the interviews and surveying provide local input to compliment the data. At the end of the discussion, Ms. McCullough shared with the committee that the freight plan addendum will be wrapping up by the end of February.
5. Updates on Mississippi River Bridges. Ms. McCullough noted that the Illinois DOT will proceed with Parsons Transportation Group as the consultant for U.S. 67/Centennial Bridge study. Ms. Duncan confirmed the notice. Mr. Shea and Ms. Duncan announced there will be a public meeting on 11/15/23 on the preferred alternative for I-80 over the Mississippi. The meeting will be virtual at 4:00 p.m. Ms. Duncan will send out the information, so that it can be shared with the Policy Committee
6. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
7. Other Business.

The committee discussed when and where the next meeting will be held. Ms. McCullough stated that if there are agenda items, the next meeting will take place 11/28 at 12:00 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Scott Administration Building.

  - *USDOT Key Notices of Funding Opportunity* <https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/key-notice-funding-opportunity>  
– *Bridge Investment Program – 11/27/23*
8. Adjournment – Ms. Dickson motioned to adjourn. Mr. Deppe seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

October 24, 2023 - Transportation Policy Committee –  
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 MOLINE - MO														
MO-26-01	2026	City-Wide	City-Wide	Systematic intersection improvements -adding retro-reflective backplates to traffic signals and pedestrian signals	CMP	\$572,563.53	\$520,512.30	HSIP			\$52,051.23	CIP		New Project 10/2023
CITY OF BETTENDORF - BE														
BE-24-02	2024	Middle Road	Forest Grove Dr. to Crow Creek Rd.	PE	L RTP	\$2,000,000	\$1,600,000	CPF/Congressionally Directed Spending			\$400,000	CTY		Community Project Funding Grant Award, New Project. 10/2023

ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS - COMMITTEE ACTION NOT REQUIRED														
ROADWAY/TRAIL/OTHER														
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CITY OF ROCK ISLAND - RI														
RI-25-01	2024	IL 92	15th St to 24th St	Reconstruction	MAINT	\$3,250,000	\$2,600,000	STBG			\$975,000	CTY		Moved from FY2023 to FY2024. 10/2023
STATE OF IOWA - IA														
IA-24-08	2024	IA 461	DME RR 1.0 MI E of IA 22 in Davenport	Bridge Deck Overlay	MAINT	\$1,875,000	\$1,500,000	STBG	\$375,000	PRF			45432	Cost increase less than 30% - Admin Mod 10/2023