

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

Tuesday, January 23, 2024, 12:00 p.m.
Bi-State Regional Commission
Third Floor Conference Room 302
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, IL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard “Quijas” Brunk	Rock Island County Chair
Bob Gallagher	Mayor, City of Bettendorf
Jean Dickson	Scott County Board of Supervisors
Rick Dunn	Davenport
Reggie Freeman	Mayor, City of East Moline
Mike Matson	Mayor, City of Davenport
Sangeetha Rayapati	Mayor, City of Moline
Sam Shea (Virtual)	Iowa Department of Transportation, District 6
Mike Thoms	Mayor, City of Rock Island
Berlinda Tyler-Jamison	MetroLINK

OTHERS PRESENT

Sarah Bambas	Bi-State Regional Commission
Doug DeLille	Illinois DOT – Springfield
Nithin Kalakuntla	Bi-State Regional Commission
Dave Kovarik	Bi-State Regional Commission
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Kathy Starling (Virtual)	Illinois-Iowa Center for Independent Living
Betsy Tracy (Virtual)	FHWA Illinois Division

1. Approval of Minutes of the October 24, 2023 Quad Cities MPO Transportation Policy Committee Meeting.
Mayor Matson requested a motion for approval of the October 24, 2023 minutes of the Transportation Policy Committee. Mayor Rayapati motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mayor Gallagher 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 Illinois and Iowa Departments of Transportation, Rock Island, and MetroLink. Iowa DOT’s IA-24-11 is related to an increase in federal funds. Illinois DOT has two new projects with federal funds IL-24-18 and IL-25-09. Rock Island is adding a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) project, RI-25-02. MetroLink has 5 projects that had funds increased by over 30%, and is also adding 6 new projects. Ms. Dickson motioned to approve the TIP amendments as presented. Mayor Gallagher seconded the motion, which carried. The revisions are included at the end of these minutes. Ms. Bambas also noted administrative modifications from Illinois DOT and MetroLINK.
3. Consideration of Recommendation for Programming Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Funds in the Illinois Quad Cities. Mr. Kovarik presented on the Carbon Reduction application received from Moline. The proposal is

for 15th St. and 16th Ave., an intersection reconstruction. The total project cost is \$1.2 million but Moline is only asking for \$175,000 to complete preliminary engineering. The proposed project will convert the current intersection into a roundabout. The proposal highlights that this will reduce congestion and vehicle idling leading to a reduction in emissions. Mr. Kovarik explained the point system evaluation criteria, included emission reduction estimates, cost effectiveness, and traffic congestion. Mr. Kovarik also explained the project is located in a census tract that is historically disadvantaged and persistently impoverished. Mr. Kovarik recommended the project to be programmed at the recommendation of the Technical Committee. Mayor Gallagher motioned to approve the recommendation to award the project \$175,000 in Carbon Reduction Program funds for engineering. Mayor Rayapati seconded the motion, and it carried.

Mr. Kovarik also noted that no projects had been received from the Iowa Quad Cities, and with remaining funds available in the Illinois Quad Cities, the Technical Committee concurred that another round for the Carbon Reduction Program should be reopened. Staff will be getting a notice sent out for a subsequent round for the Iowa and Illinois Quad Cities.

4. Consideration of Recommendations for Programming Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Funds in Iowa and Illinois Quad Cities. Ms. Bambas presented an overview of the STBG process including details on the projects that were submitted by both the Iowa and Illinois Quad Cities. The calculations for the projects were presented, and Ms. Bambas mentioned that all jurisdictions were sent their projects response forms and agreed with the data input. For Iowa Quad Cities, the “Federal Funds Requested” is \$13.1 million whereas “Federal Funds Available” is \$10.1 million. For Illinois Quad Cities the “Federal Funds Requested” is \$15.3 million whereas “Federal Funds Available” is \$4.7 million. An environmental justice map was shown as part of the decision-making process: darker shaded areas have a higher rate of limited English proficiency, high minority population, and lower income. The map indicates various projects, each denoted by distinct colors for categorization. Specifically, green signifies intersections, purple denotes resurfacing, and blue indicates areas undergoing reconstruction. The scoring cluster groups were presented to the committee and were also sent out in committee members’ packets. Both Iowa and Illinois Quad Cities cluster groups were made by natural breaks. The funding scenarios were then presented to the committee. Ms. Bambas also stated that project ranking criteria is based on all categories including level of service, safety, and physical conditions. These criteria are weighted the same at 150 points each. She also noted special considerations for up to 2% bonus of the total score for Air Quality criteria, and all other special considerations can receive up to 1% Bonus of the total score.

The Iowa Quad Cities STBG recommendation from the Technical Committee was to fund Davenport’s reconstruction project on West 53rd St., Brady to Welcome Way (Excluding the Welcome Way & Brady St. intersections), Welcome Way to Candlelight Creek, NW Blvd to Pine at a federal/local share of 74%/26% with federal funds amounting to \$8,133,657, and Bettendorf’s reconstruction project on Maplecrest Rd., 18th-29th Streets would receive the remaining federal funds of \$2,013,467. Mayor Freeman motioned to approve this recommendation. Mr. Dunn seconded the motion, and it carried.

The Illinois Quad Cities STBG recommendation from the Technical Committee is to fund the top two scoring projects Moline’s 16th Street (Avenue of the Cities to 19th Avenue), and Rock Island County’s Rock Island-Milan Parkway at 70% federal share each. Rock Island would receive the remaining funds available. Moline’s resurfacing project on 16th St (Avenue of the Cities to 19th Avenue) would receive a federal share of \$1,217,698. Rock Island County’s resurfacing project on County Highway 78/Rock Island/Milan Parkway (E 1st St./Airport Rd. south to U.S. 67) would receive a federal share of \$1,680,000. and Rock Island’s reconstruction project on 31st Ave. (11th-17th Streets) would receive the remaining amount of \$1,874,084, which is approximately 50% of Rock Island’s total project cost. Mayor Freeman motioned to approve the

recommendation, and Mr. Brunk seconded the motion. The motion carried. The funding recommendations that were considered and approved are noted below with the details.

Iowa Quad Cities Funding Recommendation

City	Route	Location	Description	Preferred YOE	Rank	Original Cost	Federal Share		
Davenport	Brady to Welcome Way (Excluding the Welcome Way & Brady St intersections), Welcome Way to Candlelight Creek, NW Blvd to Pine	West 53rd St	Reconstruction	2027	1	\$10,991,428	\$8,133,657	74% Federal Share	
Bettendorf	18th to 29th St	Maplecrest Rd	Reconstruction	2026	2	\$3,282,595	\$2,013,467	Remaining	61% of Bettendorf total cost
							\$10,147,124	Total Funds used	

Federal Funds Available: \$10,147,124

Illinois Quad Cities Funding Recommendation

City	Route	Location	Description	Preferred YOE	Rank	Original Cost	Federal Share		
Moline	Ave of the Cities to 19th Ave	16th St	Pavement Update and Replacement	2026	1	\$1,739,569	\$1,217,698	70% Federal Share	
RICO	E 1st St/Airport Rd south to US 67	County Highway 78 (R/Milan Pkwy)	Pavement Update and Replacement	2026	2	\$2,400,000	\$1,680,000	70% Federal Share	
Rock Island	11th-17th Streets	31st Ave	Reconstruction	2026	3	\$3,701,870	\$1,874,084	Remaining	50% of Rock Island total cost
							\$4,771,782	Total Funds used	

Federal Funds Available: \$4,771,782

5. Consideration of Safety and Transit Asset Management Performance Measures Targets. Ms. McCullough presented the safety targets for the states of Iowa and Illinois. As in the past, it is recommended to support the state targets and aid the thresholds by looking at ways to reduce crashes in the metro area. She noted that Iowa targets increased, as did Illinois, but the overall effort is to reduce crashes to achieve Vision Zero where no fatalities or serious injuries occur. Mr. Dunn motioned to approve the safety targets as presented. Mayor Freeman seconded, and the motion carried. Mr. Schmid discussed the Transit Asset Management (TAM) targets for the fixed-route transit systems. An overview of vehicle type categories for Bettendorf Transit and Davenport CitiBus were shown. MetroLink's targets are contained in a statewide plan as IDOT Group TAM Plan for Tier II Agencies. The MetroLink targets are consistent with last year's statewide plan. Mayor Rayapati motioned to approve accepting the respective systems' TAM targets. Ms. Tyler-Jamison seconded, and the motion carried.
6. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
7. Other Business. In addition to the items listed below, Ms. McCullough mentioned that the Traffic Safety Action Plan is under contract at an amount that is slightly less than the funds available. Mayor Rayapati mentioned attendance at the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and having spoken with Secretary Buttigieg on passenger rail as a priority in our region.
 - *USDOT Key Notices of Funding Opportunity* <https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/key-notice-funding-opportunity> and noted soon-to-be released grants for bus/bus facilities, Lo-No Emission Buses, Safe Streets for All, and Port Infrastructure Development Program
 - *Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)* – Deadline 2/28/24
 - *Upper Mississippi River Ports (UMRP) Ports/Terminals Webpage:* <https://bistateonline.org/transportation-and-mobility/regional-freight-system>
8. Adjournment – Mayor Rayapati motioned to adjourn. Mr. Dunn seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

January 23, 2024 - 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
STATE OF IOWA - IA														
IA-24-11	2024	I-80	IA 130 Interchange - Westbound Entrance Ramp	Replace Pavement	MAINT	\$2,069,500	\$1,655,600	NHPP	\$413,900	PRF			54649	Increased federal funds over 30% . Amendment Approved 1/2024
STATE OF ILLINOIS - IL														
IL-24-18	2024	104th St (W 3rd St/99th St)	US 150 in Coal Valley to Mercer County Line Over Mosquito Creek 0.3 mi W of I-280	Pavement Patching and Resurfacing; new shoulders	MAINT	\$6,000,000	\$3,300,000	STP-Rural	\$1,200,000	State				New Project. Amendment Approved 1/2024
							\$1,500,000	STP-URBAN						
IL-25-09	2025	US 6		Bridge Deck Overlay	MAINT	\$600,000	\$480,000	HIBF	\$120,000	STA				New Project. Amendment Approved 1/2024
CITY OF ROCK ISLAND - RI														
RI-25-02	2025	20th and 22nd Avenues	Between 38th and 44th Streets, and on 41st Street	Denkmann School Sidewalk Improvements	MAINT	\$420,000	\$250,000	SRTS			\$170,000	LOC		New Project. Amendment Approved 1/2024

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MetroLINK - ML												
ML-24-03	2024	Transit Enhancements	C	\$700,000	\$700,000	5307	\$0		\$0	LOC		Increased federal funds over 30% . Amendment Approved 1/2024
ML-24-04	2024	MSE	C	\$100,000	\$100,000	5307	\$0		\$0	LOC		Increased federal funds over 30% . Amendment Approved 1/2024
ML-24-05	2024	ADP Hardware	C	\$325,000	\$325,000	5307	\$0		\$0	LOC		Increased federal funds over 30% . Amendment Approved 1/2024
ML-24-06	2024	ADP Software	C	\$400,000	\$400,000	5307	\$0		\$0	LOC		Increased federal funds over 30% . Amendment Approved 1/2024
ML-24-07	2024	Shelters & Shelter Repairs	C	\$50,000	\$50,000	5307/5339	\$0		\$0	LOC		Increased federal funds over 30% . Amendment Approved 1/2024
ML-24-15	2024	Professional Services / Planning	C	\$800,000	\$800,000	5307	\$0		\$0	LOC - TDC		New Project. Amendment Approved 1/2024
ML-24-16	2024	Engineering	C	\$250,000	\$250,000	5307	\$0		\$0	LOC - TDC		New Project. Amendment Approved 1/2024
ML-24-17	2024	Facility Maintenance	C	\$634,382	\$634,382	5307 & 5339	\$0		\$0	LOC - TDC		New Project. Amendment Approved 1/2024
ML-24-18	2024	ADA Accessibility for Stops	C	\$100,000	\$100,000	5307	\$0		\$0	LOC - TDC		New Project. Amendment Approved 1/2024
ML-24-19	2024	Support Vehicle	C	\$150,000	\$150,000	5339	\$0		\$0	LOC - TDC		New Project. Amendment Approved 1/2024
ML-24-20	2024	Paratransit / Microtransit Vehicle	C	\$150,000	\$150,000	5339	\$0		\$0	LOC - TDC		New Project. Amendment Approved 1/2024

ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS - COMMITTEE ACTION NOT REQUIRED														
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STATE OF ILLINOIS - IL														
IL-24-02	2024	IL 92	115th St (W) in Andalusia to 0.4 mi E of IL 92 (N)	Resurfacing	MAINT	\$3,509,000	\$2,807,000	STP	\$702,000	STA				Moved to FY24 from FY25, Admin Mod 1/24
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MetroLINK - ML														
ML-20-24	2024	OMC Expansion	C	\$2,000,000	\$0		\$2,000,000	Rebuild IL	\$0					Moved to FY24 from FY23. Admin Mod 12/2023
ML-22-12	2024	Replace (5) 30-40' Buses	C	\$5,000,000	\$0		\$5,000,000	Rebuild IL	\$0	LOC				Moved to FY24 from FY23. Admin Mod 12/2023
ML-23-08	2024	Replace (1) 30-40' Buses	C	\$1,000,000	\$0		\$1,000,000	Rebuild 3	\$0	LOC				Moved to FY24 from FY23. Admin Mod 12/2023
ML-23-22	2024	Electric Chargers	C	\$600,000	\$0		\$600,000	Rebuild 3	\$0	LOC				Moved to FY24 from FY23. Admin Mod 12/2023
ML-23-23	2024	East Pointe Renovations	C	\$1,750,000	\$0		\$1,750,000	Rebuild 3	\$0	LOC				Moved to FY24 from FY23. Admin Mod 12/2023