

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

Tuesday, May 28, 2024, 12:00 p.m.  
Bi-State Regional Commission  
Third Floor Conference Room 320  
1504 Third Avenue  
Rock Island, IL

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

David Adams	Rock Island County Board Member
Jeffrey Deppe	Alderman, City of East Moline
Jean Dickson	Scott County Board of Supervisors
Faith Duncan	Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2
Rick Dunn	Alderman, City of Davenport
Bob Gallagher	Mayor, City of Bettendorf
Dennis Gerard	Mayor, City of LeClaire
Mike Matson	Mayor, City of Davenport
Sangeetha Rayapati	Mayor, City of Moline
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation, District 6
Mike Thoms	Mayor, City of Rock Island
Berlinda Tyler-Jamison	Chair, MetroLINK

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Sarah Bambas	Bi-State Regional Commission
Jacob Foote	Quad Cities Chamber
Nithin Kalakuntla	Bi-State Regional Commission
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Dakin Schultz (Virtual)	Federal Highway Administration, Iowa
Ryan Sempf	Quad Cities Chamber

1. Approval of Minutes of the April 23, 2024 Quad Cities MPO Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mayor Matson requested a motion for approval of the April 23, 2024 minutes of the Transportation Policy Committee. Mayor Thoms 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 noted that there were requested amendments from Bettendorf, Davenport, and Rock Island. Bettendorf's recently awarded TASA project for a trail on Middle Road (Hopewell Avenue - Forest Grove Drive) will be amended into the TIP for FFY2025. In Davenport, the termini for the city's 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Street projects will have their termini updated to reflect resurfacing from Telegraph to Harrison, one-way conversions from Marquette to Harrison, and extended striping from Telegraph to E. River Drive. In addition, projects related to the federal PROTECT grant will be

added in FFY2024. Rock Island’s 30<sup>th</sup> Street project from 9<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Avenues will be split into two separate projects. CRRSAA funds will be used for Phase 2 engineering. The original project consists solely of resurfacing and will be using STBG funds. No STBG funds were removed or added. Mr. Gallagher motioned to approve the revisions as presented. Mayor Thoms seconded, and the motion carried. A copy of the revisions is included at the end of the minutes.

3. Presentation on State Transportation Alternatives Programs, Grant Readiness, and Update to the Unified Trail Ordinance. Mr. Schmid shared information on Illinois and Iowa statewide Transportation Alternatives Programs, named Illinois Transportation Enhancements Program (ITEP) and Statewide TAP, respectively. The Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Program is federally funded as a set-aside of the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program, and each state receives an apportionment based on federal formulas. Funding for the Recreational Trails Program is set aside from TASA, and the remaining funds are apportioned to states to be spent in areas with certain population thresholds. Bi-State, as a transportation management area (TMA) with over 200,000 population, receives apportionments directly. Illinois and Iowa DOTs may also spend 41% of their apportionments anywhere in the state. Illinois retains most of those funds for the ITEP program. Iowa retains \$5 million annually for Statewide TAP and suballocates most of the remainder directly to MPOs and RPAs, which partially explains the discrepancy between Illinois-based and Iowa-based funding targets in the Quad Cities MPA. Mr. Schmid explained the differences between the two statewide programs, as well as recently awarded projects in the Illinois and Iowa Quad Cities. He also noted items related to grant readiness, notably a project’s inclusion in a local or regional plan, project-specific public input, the support of elected officials, and initiating project engineering.

A copy of the Unified Trail Use Ordinance was distributed with committee members’ packets. The ordinance was initially endorsed by the Bi-State Regional Trails Committee in 2013, and committee members voiced an interest in updating the text to address electric bicycles (e-bikes). Issues regarding e-bikes have surfaced in recent years as safety concerns related to speed have made pedestrians feel uncomfortable on area trails. Bi-State received input on the existing language from the Iowa Bicycle Coalition and Ride Illinois, who agreed that they would not support any language banning e-bikes outright. E-bikes are an increasingly popular means of transportation and represent the fastest growing sector in the bicycle industry. Discussion with the Davenport Police Department noted that enforcement of any set speed limit would be difficult, and would have to represent a shift in enforcement priorities from streets and vehicular traffic to trail users. Etiquette and reminding users of proper usage of trails was seen as the preferred method to affect bike-pedestrian interactions. The Unified Trail Use Ordinance provides a framework for communities in the Quad Cities, who may adopt the language or adapt it to their own circumstances.

4. Status of SS4A Traffic Safety Action Plan. Ms. McCullough provided a status update of the Safe Streets and Roads For All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan. The plan follows the US DOT’s National Roadway Safety Strategy to adopt a safe systems approach. The approach seeks to encourage safer people, safer vehicles, safer speeds, safer roads, and improved post-crash care. To date in 2024 for Scott County, there have been 12 fatalities and 24 serious injuries, highlighting the need for a multifaceted approach to roadway safety. Bi-State has contracted with Kaskaskia Engineering Group (KEG) to produce the plan, which should be delivered by March 2025. Beginning in June, the team

will initiate the public engagement portion of the process. Work on an annotated report outline is underway, and will be disseminated to the Transportation Policy and Technical Committees.

5. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
6. Other Business. Ms. McCullough reminded the committee that the MPO Certification Review will be 6/11-6/12/24. The Policy Committee is invited to attend the review, and a virtual option will be available. It was noted that the date shown on the agenda, July 11, was incorrect. The correct date for the Public Open House is June 11, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. The agenda included other dates and grant information as follows:
  - *USDOT Key Notices of Funding Opportunity* <https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/key-notices-funding-opportunity>
    - *Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program* – 6/17/24
    - *Passenger Ferry Boat Program* – 6/17/24
    - *Strengthening Mobility & Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART)* – 7/12/24
  - *Federal Transportation MPO Certification Review – Public Open House 6/11/24 11:00 a.m. following the Quad Cities MPO Transportation Technical Committee meeting, Room 320, 1504 Third Avenue, Rock Island, IL*
7. Adjournment – Mayor Thoms motioned to adjourn. Mayor Gallagher seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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 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
<b>CITY OF BETTENDORF- BE</b>														
BE-25-01	2025	East Side of Middle Rd	Hopewell Ave to Forest Grove	Recreational Trail Construction - 10' sep. path	L RTP	\$1,053,000	\$526,500	TASA			\$526,500	LOC	55560	New TASA Project. Amendment Approved 5/2024
<b>CITY OF DAVENPORT - DA</b>														
DA-23-01	2023	3rd St	Telegraph Rd to E River Dr	Resurfacing (Telegraph – Harrison), one-way conversion (Marquette – Harrison), and extend striping and sides (Telegraph – E. River Drive)	MAINT	\$4,445,987	\$3,564,718	STBG			\$881,269	CTY	39481	Project termini updated, Amendment Approved 5/2024
DA-23-04	2023	4th St	Telegraph Rd to E River Dr	Resurfacing (Telegraph – Harrison), one-way conversion (Marquette – Harrison), and extend striping and sides (Telegraph – E. River Drive)	MAINT	\$4,618,338	\$3,694,670	STBG			\$923,668	CTY	54801	Project termini updated, Amendment Approved 5/2024