

Minutes of the

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

Tuesday, April 23, 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
Rob Bates	Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2
Jean Dickson	Scott County Board of Supervisors
Bob Gallagher	Mayor, City of Bettendorf
Bill Healy	Aldermen, Rock Island
Mike Matson	Mayor, City of Davenport
Sangeetha Rayapati	Mayor, City of Moline
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation, District 6

OTHERS PRESENT

Sarah Bambas	Bi-State Regional Commission
Doug DeLille	Illinois DOT – Springfield
Nithin Kalakuntla	Bi-State Regional Commission
David Kovarik	Bi-State Regional Commission
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Janel Veile (Virtual)	Illinois DOT

1. Approval of Minutes of the March 26, 2024 Quad Cities MPO Transportation Policy Committee Meetings.
Mayor Matson requested a motion for approval of the March 26, 2024 minutes of the Transportation Policy Committee. Ms. Dickson motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Healy 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 two roadway and trail amendments and one transit amendment. Princeton’s U.S. 67 TASA project is being removed from the TIP. Moline’s Transportation Alternative Set-Aside (TASA) project on Mississippi River Trail/19th Street total cost increased over 30% for local share, and the project was moved from FFY23 to FFY24. Ms. Bambas mentioned that Moline’s project will be let this June. Bettendorf Transit’s transit planning project total cost decreased by more than 30%. Mr. Gallagher motioned to approve the revisions as presented. Ms. Dickson seconded, and the motion carried. A copy of the revisions is included at the end of the minutes.
3. Presentation on Illinois Department of Transportation Long Range Transportation Plan Development.
Ms. Veile presented on the “Move Illinois: Long-Range Transportation Plan.” The plan is updated every five years. The Long-Range Transportation (LRTP) covers all modes of transportation and includes a suite of plans: Strategic Highway Safety Plan, State Rail Plan, State Freight Plan, Transportation Asset Management Plan, Aviation System Plan, Carbon Reduction Strategy, Statewide Public Transportation Plan, Marine Transportation Plan, Intelligent Transportation System Architecture Strategic Plan, National Electric Vehicle

Infrastructure (NEVI) Development Plan, Rail Needs Assessment, Active Transportation Plan, and Connected and Autonomous Vehicle Planning. The goal areas from the 2019 LRTP were economy, livability, mobility, resiliency, and stewardship. Some goal areas with issues and gaps included safety, maintenance, and funding. The 2024 LRTP will integrate equity as its own goal. There were various methods of public engagement in Phase I, which was completed in December 2023. Phase II started in January 2024 and will end in May 2024. Phase I and II had a survey and an online meeting to receive public feedback. The responses from the surveys were broken down by demographic variables. Some of the survey results included a need for bike and pedestrian infrastructure and connections, safety, poor condition of roadways, and more. Many of the survey questions were open-ended, and those responses included items of mobility and safety. Ms. Veile said there was great feedback received at public events, and that both paper copies of the survey and a QR code were provided for the public. Ms. Veile indicated there were few responses from the Quad Cities area, but there had been a public engagement booth at the Rock Island Farmers Market. Ms. Veile asked the committee for other public engagement locations, and Ms. Rayapati mentioned Mercado on Fifth and the Rock Island County Fair. The Phase III draft will be available in May 2024. Phase III of the LRTP development will finish in December 2024. Ms. Veile presented the website <https://idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/transportation-management/planning/long-range-transportation-plan.html> and contact information for the plan.

4. Consideration of Programming for Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Funds. Mr. Schmid presented the TASA projects to the committee. He introduced TASA, explaining that federal funds are given to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and then awarded to high-scoring projects. Iowa Quad Cities has \$2,291,741 in funds available for programming through FY2028, and Illinois Quad Cities has \$1,533,450. Five applications were received from Iowa and two from Illinois. Mr. Schmid showed all the project locations on a map and reviewed each application submitted.
- Bettendorf Path: 10' separated path along the east side of Middle Road from Hopewell to Forest Grove.
 - Buffalo Sidewalk/Streetscape: Phase 1 project of sidewalk, streetlighting, and ADA updates for Front Street from Elm to Franklin Streets.
 - Davenport Trail: Phase 4 of the Goose Creek Trail, 10' separated path along/near Eastern Ave.; Kimberly Rd underpass plus Eastern Ave. underpass; and bridge over creek.
 - LeClaire Paths (2 applications): One for a 10' separated path along the west side of 35th Street from 195th to Wisconsin Street, and the other for a 10' separated path along the west side of 35th Street from Eagle Ridge Road to May Street.
 - Moline Path: Morgan Park Phase II, 8' separated path along the west side of 25th Ave from 7th Street to 10th St Place.
 - Rock Island Path: 10-12' separated path along the west side of 20th Street from 7th Ave to 18th Ave.

Mr. Schmid then presented the rankings to the committee. Davenport and LeClaire's 35th Street project tied for 1st place and Bettendorf's project ranked 3rd on the Iowa side. Moline's project ranked 1st and Rock Island's ranked 2nd on the Illinois side. Mr. Schmid provided the Transportation Technical Committee recommendations. For the Illinois Quad Cities, they recommended awarding Moline's Morgan Park Phase II Project at a set amount of \$757,285 in FFY26. There was not sufficient funds to program both projects. For the Iowa Quad Cities, the Technical Committee recommended awarding LeClaire's 35th Street project at a set amount of \$671,616 in FFY26, Davenport's Goose Creek Trail at a set amount of \$1,093,625 in FFY28, and Bettendorf's Middle Road Trail at a set amount of \$526,500 in FFY25. Mr. Gallagher motioned to approve the recommendations. Ms. Dickson seconded, and the motion carried.

5. Consideration of Programming of Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Funds. Mr. Kovarik discussed the Carbon Reduction Program application that was received from the City of Davenport who requested \$1,124,000 to complete preliminary engineering and purchase environmental credits. This will help eliminate two at-grade rail crossings, construct a bridge overpass at S. Concord Ave, and build a new connecting roadway to Miller Ave. Since this project has already been through bid/letting, the Iowa DOT will not authorize it without FHWA approval. Removing PE from the requested amount leaves \$600,000 for the Wetland Credits, which directly serves the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Kovarik discussed with the DOT if the Wetland Credits would still be eligible for the CRP funds, but it was determined they would not be. No action was required from the committee. Bi-State staff will circle back with the Technical Committee to debrief on the CRP programming process and determine timing of a subsequent solicitation of funds.
6. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
7. Other Business. Ms. McCullough announced that the MPO Certification Review will be 6/11-6/12/24. The Policy Committee will be invited, and more information will be provided as it becomes available. Mr. Schmid noted that an Urban Transit Summit is on 4/25/24 at the East Moline Public Library to solicit feedback on transit services within the Quad Cities. 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>
 - *Congestion Relief Program* – 4/22/24
 - *Buses and Bus Facilities Program* – 4/25/24
 - *Low or No Emission (Bus) Grants* – 4/25/24
 - *MEGA; INFRA; RURAL programs* – 5/6/24
 - *Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) Implementation* – 5/16/24
 - *Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program* – 6/17/24
 - *Upper Mississippi River Ports (UMRP) Ports/Terminals Webpage:* <https://bistateonline.org/transportation-and-mobility/regional-freight-system>
8. Adjournment – Mayor Rayapati motioned to adjourn. Aldermen Healy seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 12:35p.m.

April 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
CITY OF PRINCETON- PR														
PR-23-01	2024	US 67	PE I & II	Preliminary Engineering	OTHER	\$234,593	\$187,674	TASA	\$0		\$46,919	LOC	50894	Remove from TIP. Amendment Pending 4/2024
CITY OF MOLINE - MO														
MO-16-04	2024	Mississippi River Trail/ 19th St	17th Street to W of ROW line for new I-74 Bridge; then S. connecting to existing trail/ AoC to MRT	Trail Construction	OTHER	\$746,800	\$373,360	TASA			\$373,400	MFT		Total Cost Increased Over 30% and Moved to FY24 from FY23. Amendment Pending 4/2024
AMENDMENTS - COMMITTEE ACTION REQUIRED														
TRANSIT														
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BETTENDORF TRANSIT - BT														
BT-24-04	2024	Transit Planning	P	\$18,000	\$14,400	5307	\$0		\$3,600	LOC	993	Total estimated cost decreased over 30%. Amendment Pending 4/2024		