

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

Tuesday, October 22, 2024, 12:00 p.m.
Bi-State Regional Commission
County Board Room, Third Floor
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
Bob Gallagher	Mayor, City of Bettendorf
Dennis Gerard	Mayor, City of LeClaire
Jazmin Newton	Alderman, City of Davenport
Mike Thoms	Mayor, City of Rock Island
Berlinda Tyler-Jamison	Chair, MetroLINK

OTHERS PRESENT

Brian Ballard	City of Riverdale
Sarah Bambas	Bi-State Regional Commission
Denise Bulat	Bi-State Regional Commission
Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation, Springfield
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Ryan Sempf	QC Chamber of Commerce

1. Approval of Minutes of the September 24, 2024 Quad Cities MPO Transportation Policy Committee Meetings. A copy of the meeting minutes was enclosed in Committee members' packets. Mayor Thoms requested a motion for approval of the September 24, 2024 minutes of the Transportation Policy Committee. Mr. Gerard motioned to approve the minutes as written. Ms. Tyler-Jamison seconded, and the motion carried.
2. Consideration of Revisions to the Quad Cities FFY2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program. Ms. Bambas noted that there was one revision from the City of Moline. The request is for MO-23-03, 36th Avenue Bike Trail (7th-13th Streets). The project moved from FY23 to FY25. It is a Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) project that had a total cost increase of over 30%. The total project cost is \$809,172, and the federal share is \$259,175 TASA. Ms. Bambas noted that the TASA funds were not affected, only the local funds. Mr. Gallagher motioned to approve this revision to the TIP. Ms. Dickson seconded, and the motion carried.
3. Consideration of Bi-State Title VI Program, Plan and Non-Discrimination Policy Document. Mr. Schmid mentioned the Title VI document is updated on a 3-year cycle; the last update was in 2021. The Title VI document stems from the 1964 Civil Rights Act. The Title VI document for Bi-State

Regional Commission covers civil rights and non-discrimination as part of the transportation planning process. Title VI states “No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.” There have been three executive orders with additional nondiscrimination requirements. These executive orders include EO 12250, EO 12898 and EO 13166. Mr. Schmid highlighted the non-discrimination policies in the planning processes: Open & inclusive planning processes; Outreach to low income, minority, and LEP populations; Eliminating barriers to participation – location, time, format language, access; Contact and complaint procedures outlined; Representation on planning & advisory bodies; Demographic Profile – Know The Metro Planning Area; and Assessing Investments in the Region – Benefits/Burdens.

Mr. Schmid then noted the revisions made from the last plan update included: identification of designated staff responsible for Title VI oversight, updates to LEP Plan data and maps, clarification on multiple items based on 2024 Certification Review, such as which agency to forward complaints to, and addition of FHWA Title VI Plan component. Maps were then presented that showcased the regions median household income with the FFY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) projects, the metro’s median household income with transit routes, the regions percent minority population with the FFY24-27 TIP projects, the metro’s percent minority population with transit routes, the regions Limited English Proficiency areas with the FFY24-27 TIP projects, and the metro’s Limited English Proficiency areas with transit routes.

Mr. Schmid noted that in Bi-State’s Certification Review it was recommended to showcase to the public how Bi-State is meeting people where they are. Bi-State is in the process of attending public events to gather public input for the Long Range Transportation Plan in addition to holding open houses. The events included the Senior’s Disability Expo, Get Out And Trail (GOAT), and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Block Party.

Mr. Thoms asked for a motion of approval of the Title VI document. Mr. Deppe motioned to approve the document, Mr. Adams seconded, and the motion carried.

4. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
5. Other Business. Mr. Schmid mentioned the items below and several upcoming public input sessions. There are two public hearings for the I-80 Bridge, first on Tuesday October 29 at 4:00 p.m., which is virtual, and the second one on Wednesday, October 30 1:00–3:00 p.m. at LeClaire City Hall. There is an open house for the Andalusia Road/Indian Bluff Road Corridor Study on Tuesday, November 12, 4:30–6:30 p.m. at the Camden Centre in Milan. Lastly, there are three traffic safety focus groups occurring in the month of November. The first one is a virtual meeting on November 14, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The second is November 19, 4:30–6:30 p.m. at the Moline Public Library. The last one is November 20, 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the Davenport Public Library, Eastern Avenue Branch. Registration for the traffic safety focus groups is required. Ms. Bulat mentioned to the committee that the safety focus groups are for all modes of transportation and the public’s input would be beneficial and help with grant funding in the future.

- *Quad Cities-Kewanee-Muscatine Traffic Safety Action Plan – Public Input to Interactive Map on Traffic Safety Issues* <https://trafficsafetyactionplan.com/> Open for comments through 10/31/24.
- *National Pedestrian Safety Month and National Teen Driver Safety Week – 10/20-26/24*
- *Andalusia-Indian Bluff Roads Corridor Study – Public Input Survey open for comments:* <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AndalusiaRoadCorridorStudy> [surveymonkey.com]
- *USDOT Key Notices of Funding Opportunity* <https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/key-notices-funding-opportunity>
 - *Bridge Project Grants – 11/1/24*
 - *Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) – October 2024 opening date*
 - *Local and Regional Project Assistance Grants (RAISE) – November 2024 opening date*
- *2055 QC Long Range Transportation Plan Update – Public Input Events: Greater Quad Cities Hispanic Chamber and Project NOW Block Party, celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. 10/15/24.*

Ms. Bulat also mentioned that the Title VI document needs to go through three committees in order to be approved.

6. Adjournment. – Mr. Gerard motioned to adjourn. Mr. Gallagher seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.