

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

Tuesday, April 22, 2025, 12:00 p.m.
Bi-State Regional Commission
Conference Room 320, Third Floor
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, IL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard “Quijas” Brunk	Chair, Rock Island County Board
Jeffrey Deppe	Alderman, City of East Moline
Faith Duncan	Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2
Bob Gallagher	Mayor, City of Bettendorf
Dave Krouth	Chair, MetroLINK Board
Mike Matson	Mayor, City of Davenport
Ross Paustian	Scott County Board of Supervisors
Mike Thoms	Mayor, City of Rock Island
Hector Torres-Cacho	Iowa Department of Transportation, District 6

OTHERS PRESENT

Brian Ballard	City of Riverdale
Sarah Bambas	Bi-State Regional Commission
Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2
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
Carter Thompson	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of Minutes of the March 25, 2025 Quad Cities MPO Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. A copy of the meeting minutes was enclosed in Committee members’ packets. Chairman Brunk requested a motion to approve the March 25, 2025 minutes of the Transportation Policy Committee. Mayor Thoms motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mayor Gallagher seconded, and the motion carried.
2. Consideration of Revisions to the Quad Cities MPO FFY2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Schmid noted that there were nine amendments for consideration from the IA DOT (3), Bettendorf Transit (5), and Davenport CitiBus (1). Mr. Schmid requested a motion to approve the amendments to the FFY2025-2028 TIP. Mayor Matson motioned to approve the amendments as presented. Mayor Thoms seconded, and the motion carried. There were two other administrative modifications from the City of Moline and MetroLINK. The amendments and administrative modifications are included at the end of the minutes for reference on the Policy Committee action.
3. Consideration of Letter to Support Passenger Rail in the Illinois DOT Multi-Year Program and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. Ms. McCullough noted that the letter would be sent on behalf of the MPO to the IL DOT to request continued consideration of inclusion of the Chicago-Quad Cities Passenger Rail project in the State’s Multi-Year Program. The Rock Island County Board also passed a similar

resolution in support of the project. Mayor Thoms motioned to approve the letter and send it to the IL DOT. Mayor Gallagher seconded, and the motion carried.

4. Consideration of Letter of Comment to House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee on Priorities for Reauthorization of the Transportation Act. Ms. McCullough described the letter to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. The letter requested continued planning funds to meet expanded federal planning requirements, allowing for carryover of federal funds, and shifting certain discretionary funding to formula funding. Mayor Thoms motioned to approve the letter. Mayor Matson seconded, and the motion carried.
5. Consideration of Letter to Support Completion of the Grand Illinois Trail. Mr. Schmid described the draft letter regarding renewed state efforts in completing the Grand Illinois Trail (GIT). To promote state tourism interests, the letter recommended the following actions: prioritize strategic trail projects; support local governments by prioritizing grant applications related to the GIT and allocating necessary infrastructure funding; market the GIT as a premier long-distance trail; and enhance visitor resources at state parks and improve the GIT website. Mayor Thoms motioned to approve the letter. Mr. Paustian seconded, and the motion carried.
6. Presentation on Long Range Transportation Plan Fiscal Constraint Forecasts. Mr. Kovarik presented on the methodology and funding forecasts that will be used for the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Staff reviewed forecasts from the previous LRTP update. Comparing targets from the 2050 plan to the current plan, targets are projected to be higher mostly due to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) that was passed in 2021. The projection for the out-years used a 1.5% annual increase for the first ten years, followed by a 2.3% increase for the last 20 years. Forecasts were calculated for expansion, operation and maintenance, and enhancement projects. For transit projections, projects were collected from between FY2015 to FY2028. An average annual growth percentage was applied to two categories utilizing federal and local funds: operations and maintenance, and capacity projects. Large increases over previous forecasts were projected, potentially as a result of both IIJA funding increases and COVID-era funding bills including ARPA and CARES. For trails projects, the proposed nonmotorized corridor improvements from previous plans were utilized. Trails were calculated for three trail types: shared roadways, bike lanes, and separated trails. Cost estimates per mile were identified for each type. General cost estimates were based off Iowa City’s 2017 Bike Master Plan and adjusted for inflation.
7. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
8. Other Business. Mr. Deppe noted that the current week was National Highway Safety Week, and that Wednesday was Wear Orange Day to highlight work zone safety. The I-74 Bridge would be lit orange to highlight the day. Ms. McCullough noted that the LRTP public survey will remain open through the end of April. At the public meeting on the Illinois 84 corridor in Colona held by the IL DOT, it was noted that the DOT would be considering a cantilevered bridge over the Rock River that will aid in the completion of the GIT. She also mentioned the items below to the committee members.
 - *USDOT Key Notices of Funding Opportunity* <https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/key-notices-funding-opportunity>
– *Port Infrastructure Development Program – 4/30/25*
 - *Next Quad Cities MPO Policy Committee Meeting – April 22, 2025*
9. Adjournment. Mayor Thoms motioned to adjourn. Mayor Gallagher seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

April 22, 2025 - Transportation Policy Committee –
FFY2025-2028 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-25-11	2025	I-280	I-80 to IA 22 Interchange	Pavement Markings	MAINT	\$280,000	\$252,000	HISP	\$28,000	PRF			57704	New Project, Amendment Approved 4/2025
IA-26-07	2025	I-80	1 mi W of Middle Rd to 1 mi E of Middle Rd - Bettendorf	Bridge Replacement & Culvert Extension	MAINT	\$58,214,000	\$52,392,600	NHPP	\$5,821,400	PRF	0		52487	Moved to FY2025 from FY2026 and federal share increased by more than 30%, Amendment Approved 4/2025
IA-26-07	2028	I-80	1 mi W of Middle Rd to 1 mi E of Middle Rd - Bettendorf	Bridge Replacement & Culvert Extension	MAINT	\$260,000	\$221,000	NHPP	\$39,000	PRF	0		52487	FY2028 funding for IA-26-07. Same project. Amendment Approved 4/2025

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BETTENDORF TRANSIT - BT												
BT-25-01	2025	Transit Operations	O	\$1,639,498	\$675,000	5307- ARPA Funds	\$0		\$0	LOC	985	Federal share increased over 30%. Amendment Approved 4/2025
					\$49,500	5307- FY19 Funds			\$49,500			
					\$220,665	5307- FY20 Funds			\$220,665			
					\$212,084	5307- FY21 Funds			\$212,084			
BT-25-02	2025	Preventative Maintenance	C	\$312,501	\$127,475	5307- FY20 Funds	\$0		\$31,869	LOC	987	Federal share increased over 30%. Amendment Approved 4/2025
					\$122,525	5307- FY21 Funds			\$30,632			
BT-25-03	2025	ADA Paratransit	O	\$441,214	\$40,993	5307- FY20 Funds	\$265,000	STA	\$10,249	LOC	3787	Federal share increased over 30%. Amendment Approved 4/2025
					\$39,400	5307- FY21 Funds			\$9,850			
					\$60,577	5310			\$15,145			
BT-25-04	2025	Transit Planning	P	\$37,501	\$15,297	5307- FY20 Funds	\$0		\$3,825	LOC	993	Federal share increased over 30%. Amendment Approved 4/2025
					\$14,703	5307- FY21 Funds			\$3,676			
BT-25-05	2025	ADP Software	C	\$13,501	\$5,506	5307- FY20 Funds	\$0		\$1,377	LOC	5657	Federal share increased over 30%. Amendment Approved 4/2025
					\$5,294	5307- FY21 Funds			\$1,324			
DAVENPORT CITIBUS - CB												
CB-23-10	2025	4 Electric Buses and bus charging infrastructure	C	\$6,342,445	\$5,320,460	5339- LoNo	\$0		\$1,021,985	City, RDA & MidAmerican	10233	Project moved from FY23 to FY25. Federal funds increased by less than 30%. Amendment Approved 4/2025

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CITY OF MOLINE - MO														
MO-25-06	2025	25th Avenue	7th Street to 10th Street Place & 10th Street Place to 12th Street Place	Shared-Use Trail Construction	L RTP*	\$1,376,132	\$1,100,905	TASA			275227	MFT		Combined MO-25-01 & MO-26-03, administrative modification 3/3035
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METROLINK - ML														
ML-25-09	2025	Ferryboat Preventive Maintenance	C	\$52,409	\$41,927	5307	0		\$10,482	LOC			Federal Share increased by less than 30%. Administrative Modification 3/2025	