

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

Tuesday, May 27, 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
Dennis Gerard	Mayor, City of LeClaire
Dave Krouth	Chair, MetroLINK Board
Mike Matson	Mayor, City of Davenport
Ross Paustian	Scott County Board of Supervisors
Hector Torres-Cacho	Iowa Department of Transportation, District 6

OTHERS PRESENT

Sarah Bambas	Bi-State Regional Commission
Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Carter Thompson	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of Minutes of the April 22, 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 April 22, 2025 minutes of the Transportation Policy Committee. Mayor Matson 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. Ms. Bambas noted that there were four amendments from MetroLINK to be considered. Two projects, ML-23-03 and ML-25-11, saw their federal funds increased by over 30%. A new project, ML-25-13, was added. And another new project, ML-25-14, was added to reflect funds from Driving a Cleaner Illinois. Mayor Gerard motioned to approve the amendments. Mayor Matson seconded, and the motion carried. Ms. Bambas also noted two administrative modifications from Moline (MO-25-06) and CitiBus (CB-23-10). The amendments and administrative modifications are provided at the end of these minutes for reference.
3. Consideration of Approval of Traffic Safety Action Plan and Vision Zero Resolution for Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA). Ms. McCullough presented on the Traffic Safety Action Plan (TSAP) and the Vision Zero Resolution for the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA). She provided a

comprehensive overview of the TSAP process, including its initiation, development of the draft plan, data collection efforts, and safety analysis. She emphasized that the core objective of the TSAP is to reduce serious and incapacitating injuries, and stressed the importance of establishing a clear goal aligned with Vision Zero. The presentation then focused on the Vision Zero goals specific to the Quad Cities, Kewanee, and Muscatine, which include the following key strategies:

- Hosting a Regional Safety Forum (twice a year)
- Developing a Comprehensive Program for Safety
- Enhancing Safety Enforcement Measures
- Improving Emergency Response Coordination

Ms. McCullough also shared statistics derived from crash data, highlighting trends by crash type and severity. A particular focus was given to the High Injury Network (HIN). On the Iowa side, the HIN comprises only 27% of the total roadway, yet it accounts for 64% of all collisions and 68% of fatal and serious injuries. On the Illinois side, the HIN represents 23% of the roadway, but is the location of 60% of collisions and 63% of fatal and serious injuries. She further explained that location prioritization within the TSAP was conducted using a scoring matrix, which assigned points based on multiple criteria to identify the most critical areas for safety improvements. Ms. McCullough concluded by noting that the TSAP report will include a comprehensive list of recommended countermeasures to address the identified safety challenges. The Vision Zero target is to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes by 2040 at a 2% reduction annually, based on a five-year rolling average. Mayor Gallagher motioned to approve of the plan and resolution. Mayor Gerard seconded, and the motion carried.

4. Presentation on Preliminary Results of the Thrive 2055: Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan Survey. Mr. Schmid presented the results of the public survey, which included both the respondent profiles and key survey findings. The presentation highlighted selected survey questions along with the top responses.

One of the questions asked respondents to identify areas for improvement in the regional transportation system. The most frequently cited need was for enhanced bus service, followed by improvements to roads, the establishment of regional rail service, safer streets, and a more cohesive and secure bike network.

Another question asked participants to rank transportation system goals for the Quad Cities from 1 (highest priority) to 9 (lowest priority). Access and mobility received the highest priority ranking, followed by safety. Connectivity and integration ranked third, while resilience and sustainability were fourth in priority.

Participants were also asked to rate the general condition of streets along their daily commute, using a scale with 1 indicating "very poor" through 5 indicating "excellent." The average rating was 2.6, indicating a generally favorable perception of street conditions.

In identifying the top three areas of recurring congestion that most affect daily travel, Kimberly Road was ranked highest, followed by 53rd Street, Locust Street, Avenue of the Cities, and John Deere Road.

5. Presentation on DataBike Data Collection. Mr. Schmid Presented on the DataBike and its role in trail data collection for the Bi-State Region. He provided an overview of the DataBike’s functionality and highlighted its recent use in the region. The bike was loaned to Bi-State by the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (DMAMPO). The DataBike is a foldable bicycle outfitted with advanced equipment, including two GoPro cameras and a 360-degree camera. It uses the rRuf application on an iPhone to collect trail roughness data, which is used to assess pavement conditions. After use, the collected data is returned to DMAMPO for processing.

Mr. Schmid outlined the components of the DataBike and their respective functions:

- 360-degree camera: Captures panoramic images that can be uploaded to Google Street View, enhancing public accessibility and virtual tourism.
- GoPro cameras: Capture geo-referenced images that can be integrated into GIS platforms such as ArcGIS Pro.
- rRuf app: Measures surface roughness and categorizes pavement conditions (e.g., smooth, fair, rough), contributing to a data-driven assessment of trail quality.

The deliverables from this initiative include tens of thousands of pavement condition photographs, a comprehensive trail roughness map, and thousands of Google Street View images. These outputs support various planning and operational functions, such as maintenance strategy development, the creation of interactive maps, and promotion of regional tourism through Google Street View.

Mr. Schmid concluded by showing a map that displayed completed and planned trail segments.

6. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
7. Other Business. In addition to the deadlines and events noted below, Ms. McCullough noted an upcoming deadline in response to a call for projects from the IL DOT on June 1. Mr. DeLille shared information on another call for projects closing in June for the IL HSIP program.
- *Illinois Safe Routes to School (SRTS) – Upcoming 2025, Deadline TBA*
 - *Iowa Recreational Trails Grants – Deadline 7/1/25*
 - *USDOT Key Discretionary Grants <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/dashboard> [Prior notice of funding opportunity dashboard is no longer available.]*
 - *Safe Streets and Roads For All (SS4A) – 6/26/25*
 - *Low or No Emission & Bus/Bus Facilities Competitive Program – 7/15/25*
 - *May 2025 – National Bike Month & May 28 – National Senior Health & Fitness Day*
 - *Next Quad Cities MPO Policy Committee Meeting – June 24, 2025*
8. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned by consensus at 12:45.

May 27, 2025 - Transportation Policy Committee –
 FFY2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program

AMENDMENTS - COMMITTEE ACTION REQUIRED												
TRANSIT												
Project Number	Year Programmed (FFY)	Project Description	Project Type	Total Estimated Cost	Federal Share	Federal Source	State Share	State Source	Local Share	Local Source	State # (IA TPMS #)	Notes
METROLINK - ML												
ML-23-03	2025	Transit Engancements Signage	C	\$350,000	\$350,000	5307	\$25,000	TDCs				Federal Funds Increased over 30%, Amendment Approved 5/2025
ML-25-11	2025	Expansion Ferryboat	C	\$16,000,000	\$8,000,000 \$6,000,000	5307 US EPA Clean Ports			\$2,000,000	LOC		Federal Funds Increased over 30%, Amendment Approved 5/2025
ML-25-13	2025	Professional Services / Engineering	C	\$750,000	\$750,000	5307/5339						New project. Amendment Approved 5/2025
ML-25-14	2025	EV Car Chargers	C	\$1,280,000	\$1,280,000	CEJA						New project funded by Driving a Cleaner Illinois. Amendment Approved 5/2025

ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS - COMMITTEE ACTION NOT 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 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*	\$2,369,044	\$1,100,905	TASA			\$1,268,139	MFT		Local share increased, administrative modification 4/2025

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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	11932	TPMS number changed from 10233 to 11932, administrative modification 4/2025