

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

Tuesday, June 24, 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
Rick Dunn	Alderman, City of Davenport
Bob Gallagher	Mayor, City of Bettendorf
Ashley Harris	Mayor, City of Rock Island
Dave Krouth	Chair, MetroLINK Board
Ross Paustian	Scott County Board of Supervisors
Sangeetha Rayapati	Mayor, City of Moline
Hector Torres-Cacho	Iowa Department of Transportation, District 6

OTHERS PRESENT

Lisa Ahern	Bi-State Regional Commission
Sarah Bambas	Bi-State Regional Commission
Michelle Beck	Senator Ernst Office
Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2
Nithin Kalakuntla	Bi-State Regional Commission
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Carter Thompson	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Public Hearing on the Quad Cities FFY2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Chairman Brunk opened the public hearing. The agenda noted the public notice publications in the Quad City Times and Dispatch/Argus newspapers at least 14 days prior to the public hearing. Presentation on the FFY2026-2029 TIP was part of the public hearing. Ms. Bambas provided a brief overview summarized under agenda item 3 below. With there being no public comment, Chairman Brunk closed the public hearing at 12:19 pm.
2. Approval of Minutes of the May 27, 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 May 27, 2025 minutes of the Transportation Policy Committee. Mayor Gallagher motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Krouth seconded, and the motion carried.
3. Consideration of FFY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program. Ms. Bambas presented an overview of the draft FFY2026-2029 TIP update that was posted to the Bi-State Regional Commission website. Her presentation included an overview of the general information and requirements; the TIP process; TIP revisions criteria; TIP self-certification as discussed in Appendix C; and various funding summaries of the programming of projects by the Technical and Policy Committees including Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Transportation Alternatives Program Set-Aside (TASA), Carbon Reduction Program (CRP),

and transit funding. Completed STBG and TASA projects from the last year were shown, as well as some major FFY2026 upcoming projects. System indicators and performance, items such as Complete Streets, High Injury Network, and Pavement Condition were highlighted along with various mapping elements. Unmet Needs were explained; these projects are not fiscally constrained or have federal funding identified or awarded. Ms. Bambas then noted that the Illinois DOT's Multi-Year Program has still not been released, but will need to be incorporated into the TIP. Iowa DOT has sent comments to Bi-State staff to address in their TIP, and there has been an addition to the annual elements that includes a Davenport City Bridge Project. Ms. Bambas then highlighted Iowa DOT's comments and Davenport's City Bridge Project in the annual elements. Chairman Brunk asked for a motion to approve the FFY2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Krouth motioned to approve the FFY2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program as presented. Mayor Harris seconded, and the motion carried.

4. Consideration of FFY 2025 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Supplemental Agreements Resolutions. Mr. Schmid discussed the supplemental agreement resolutions with the committee. Resolutions were enclosed in the Committee members' packets. Mr. Schmid presented the suballocation amounts for FTA Sections 5307, 5310, 5337, and 5339 Quad Cities, Iowa/Illinois allocations for FFY 2025, and as outlined in the TIP presentation noted in item #3. Sections 5307 and 5339 formula-based sub-allocations by transit system are reviewed by transit managers and are based on various pieces of data, including total population, population density, and unlinked passenger trips. Sections 5310 and 5337 are allocated by population. Mayor Rayapati motioned to approve the resolutions. Mayor Gallagher seconded, and the motion carried. These agreements will be conveyed to FTA.
5. Presentation on Thrive 2055: Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan – Passenger Transportation Chapter. Ms. Bambas highlighted the three fixed-route systems and their existing route, average monthly ridership, and unlinked trips compared to each other. She discussed intercity passenger transportation and passenger air travel for the Quad Cities International Airport. Input received to-date was highlighted, as well as the future needs of the three fixed-route systems. Once the presentation was completed, there was a discussion about the Annual Ridership Growth Trendline. Mr. Kalakuntla explained that projections were made using a logarithmic growth trend line. Past projections were also made in the same way, but instead looked at data from the previous 15 years. Ridership experienced a decline between 2015 and 2021 due to several factors, including the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to produce the 2055 projections, data from between 2021 and 2023 were used, which accurately reflected current conditions and expectations. Based on this analysis, it is anticipated that annual ridership across the three systems will exceed 5 million by the year 2055. After this explanation, there was a discussion around the method of the projection and possible other methods that would include more data points and different projection scenarios. There was also a conversation about a need for "nightlife" bus routes in the QC Area, especially on the weekends. Lastly, with the mention of passenger rail, Mayor Rayapati mentioned that Moline's community survey saw a lot of local support for establishing passenger rail in the area.
6. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
7. Other Business. Ms. McCullough mentioned the items below and also mentioned Bi-State had written a letter of concurrence for the Davenport SS4A implantation grant, and that there will be another round of implementation grants for SS4A next spring. Mr. DeLille mentioned to the committee that the Illinois DOT Fall Planning Conference is taking place in Moline, October 22-24. Mr. DeLille also mentioned that the Safe Routes to School Grant application will open in August. Ms. McCullough mentioned that there will be no actionable items next month, therefore, the July meeting has been canceled, and activity will be resumed in August.
 - LRTP Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/QCLRTP>

- USDOT *Key Notice of Funding opportunities: Safe Streets and Roads For All (SS4A)* – 6/26/25
 - Iowa State Recreational Trails grants 7/1/25
 - *Next Quad Cities MPO Policy Committee Meeting – August 26, 2025*
8. Adjournment. Mayor Rayapati motioned to adjourn. Mayor Harris seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 12:45.