

## AGENDA

### MEETING OF QUAD CITIES, IOWA-ILLINOIS METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 27, 2024 – 12:00 Noon  
Rock Island County Office Building  
1504 Third Avenue, Room 320  
Rock Island, IL  
Mayor Mike Matson, MPO Chair

*The Policy Committee will be held in-person, and members are required in the room for a quorum. Ex-officio members of the Technical Committee and the public can opt to dial into the meeting using the following conference number and access codes: +1 309 205 3325 Meeting ID: 843 9896 1258 Passcode: 965455 for audio, and the link for visuals: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84398961258?pwd=bk52eEtaYVM2ZmZkcDA2OEpsVC9sZz09>. Agenda packets are linked in “Quad Cities MPO News” at: <https://bistateonline.org/>*

1. Approval of Minutes of the June 25, 2024 Quad Cities MPO Transportation Policy Committee Meetings (A copy of the meeting minutes is enclosed in Committee members’ packets.)
2. Consideration of Revisions to the Quad Cities MPO FFY 2024-2027 and FFY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (A copy of the proposed revisions is enclosed in Committee members’ packets and provided to transportation interests.) – Sarah Bambas
3. Consideration of Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) Boundary Joint Agreement (A copy of the agreement and map supporting retaining the existing MPA Boundary and noting 2020 populations is enclosed in Committee members’ packets.) – Gena McCullough
4. Consideration of Public Participation Plan Revisions (Draft revisions are enclosed in Committee members’ packets, provided to transportation interests, and enclosed in the agenda packet. A 45-day comment period shall be provided prior to action.) – Gena McCullough
5. Public Comments
6. Other Business
  - *Quad Cities-Kewanee-Muscatine Traffic Safety Action Plan – Public Input to Interactive Map on Traffic Safety Issues <https://trafficsafetyactionplan.com/> Open for comments.*
  - *2024 NADO Aliceann Wohlbruck Impact Award – Bi-State Regional Commission for Rock Island Regional Port District Initiative in working with city/state officials to establish a port district*
  - *USDOT Key Notices of Funding Opportunity <https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/key-notices-funding-opportunity>*
    - *Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Programs (NEVI) – 8/28/24*
    - *Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) – Planning and Demonstration Projects – 8/29/24*
    - *National Culvert Removal, Replacement & Restoration (improve/restore fish passage) – 9/23/24*
    - *Railroad Crossing Elimination – 9/23/24*
    - *Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program (mitigate barriers to disadvantaged neighborhoods; planning and capital grants)– 9/30/24*
    - *Bridge Project Grants – 11/1/24*
  - *Illinois Transportation Enhancements Program (ITEP) Grant opens 8/1/24 and closes 9/30/24*
  - *Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP), Federal Recreation Trails and City Bridge Program – 10/1/24*
7. Adjournment

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cc: Transportation Technical Committee, Regional Transportation Advisory Group (Urban and Combined Interests), Regional Transit Interest and Advisory Group (Urban Interests), and Media

Please contact Gena McCullough at Bi-State (309)793-6300, Ext. 1146 or [gmccullough@bistateonline.org](mailto:gmccullough@bistateonline.org) **before NOON Monday, August 26, 2024** to indicate your attendance and facilitate a quorum. Voting alternates must be an elected official from the respective jurisdiction or MetroLINK board member.

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

Tuesday, June 25, 2024, 12:00 p.m.  
Bi-State Regional Commission  
Third Floor Conference Room 320  
1504 Third Avenue  
Rock Island, IL

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Richard “Quijas” Brunk	Rock Island County Chair
Jeffrey Deppe	Alderman, City of East Moline
Jean Dickson	Scott County Board of Supervisors
Faith Duncan	Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2
Mike Matson	Mayor, City of Davenport
Scott Naumann	Council Member, City of Bettendorf
Sangeetha Rayapati	Mayor, City of Moline
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
Doug DeLille	Illinois Department of Transportation, Springfield
Travis Halm (virtual)	Iowa Department of Transportation
Sam Hiscocks	Iowa Department of Transportation
Nithin Kalakuntla	Bi-State Regional Commission
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Charlie Rice	Bi-State Regional Commission
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Sam Sturtz	Iowa Department of Transportation
Austin Whelan	Bettendorf Transit

1. Public Hearing on the Quad Cities FFY2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mayor Matson 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. Hearing no comments from the public, Mayor Matson moved to close the public hearing. The hearing closed by consensus.
2. Approval of Minutes of the May 28, 2024 Quad Cities MPO Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mayor Matson requested a motion for approval of the May 28, 2024 minutes of the Transportation Policy Committee. Ms. Dickson motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Brunk seconded, and the motion carried.
3. Consideration of Revisions to the Quad Cities MPO FFY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program. Ms. Bambas noted that there were revisions from MetroLINK and Davenport CitiBus. Two revisions were amendments for project costs increasing by over 30%. The two projects were ML-23-14 (OMC Additional Expansion Funds) and ML-24-12 (Electric Charges). Ms. Tyler-Jamison motioned to approve the amendments as presented. Ms. Dickson seconded, and the motion carried. Ms. Bambas also noted the

administrative modifications; ML-18-10 moved fiscal years, ML-21-20 had a cost increase of less than 30%, ML-22-09 had a description change, and CB-24-04 moved fiscal years. A copy of the revisions is included at the end of the minutes.

4. Consideration of FFY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program. Ms. Bambas presented an overview of the draft FFY2025-2028 TIP update. Her presentation included an overview of the general information and requirements, the TIP process, TIP revisions criteria, 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. STBG and TASA projects completed from the last year were shown, and some major FFY2025 upcoming projects. Complete street projects were highlighted along with various mapping elements. Unmet Needs were explained; these projects are not fiscally constrained or have federal funding identified or awarded, but illustrate the transportation need in the Quad Cities. Title VI language was also added to the TIP Appendix for reference. The draft annual elements had been posted to the website, and the fully assembled document was shared with the Policy Committee in their agenda packets. Mr. Brunk motioned to approve the draft FFY2025-2028 TIP. Mayor Rayapati seconded, and the motion carried.
5. Consideration of FFY 2024 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Supplemental Agreement Resolutions. Ms. McCullough discussed the supplemental agreement resolutions with the committee. Resolutions were enclosed in Committee members' packets. Ms. McCullough presented the suballocation amounts for FTA Sections 5307, 5310, 5337, and 5339 Quad Cities, Iowa/Illinois allocations for FFY 2024. The 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. Ms. Dickson motioned to approve the resolutions. Mayor Rayapati seconded, and the motion carried.
6. Notice of Public Participation Plan Revisions. Ms. McCullough spoke to the committee about the revisions to the Public Participation Process. These revisions were also included in the committee members' packets. The revisions included minor grammar corrections, clarity adjustments, and additions of the Carbon Reduction Program and Congestion Management Process. Ms. McCullough stated there is no action needed at this time, the revisions were for review only, and they would be presented in August for approval. This notification fulfills the 45-public review notification that revisions are under consideration.
7. Briefing on 2024 Federal Transportation Certification Review. Ms. McCullough mentioned that there was a MPO Certification Review on June 11-12. Ms. McCullough mentioned there will be a full summary provided by the certification review team in the upcoming weeks. One of the comments received from the team revolved around the MPO's website. The certification review team appreciated the positive feedback from the Technical and Policy committee members present at the review. It was noted from the Policy Committee that the Bi-State MPO did a good job at the review and was deemed a high-functioning MPO. Recommendations and commendations are expected to be outlined in the summary and presented to the Policy Committee in a few months.
8. Iowa Resilience Improvement Program. Mr. Hiscocks presented the Iowa DOT Resilience Improvement Plan and mentioned this was the state's first. Mr. Hiscocks mentioned that Mr. Sturtz wrote the plan and would be willing to answer any questions. In the presentation, resiliency was defined, and the four Rs of resilience (Robust, Redundant, Resourceful, and Responsive) were showcased. There is a focus on resiliency because extreme weather events are happening more often. Iowa DOT is building resiliency by having their Resiliency and Sustainability Committee (RSC), Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program, and having the Resilience Improvement Plan (RIP). The main part of the plan is how to respond to natural hazards and understand natural hazards. Flooding was mentioned as the

top risk in Iowa. There is a resiliency toolbox that is used as a planning-level resource that identifies approaches for each hazard. For PROTECT funds, there is \$17 to \$19 million in funds from FFY2022 to FFY2026. One of the benefits of RIP projects is the financial benefit of being able to get the local match down to 10%. Mr. Hiscocks provided useful links for the Policy Committee to review, and he provided his contact information.

9. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
10. Other Business. Ms. McCullough mentioned the items below, and that there are Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) copies for policy members to take with them if desired. Ms. McCullough also mentioned that there will be no July meeting due to no actionable items.
  - *USDOT Key Notices of Funding Opportunity <https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/key-notices-funding-opportunity>*
    - *Strengthening Mobility & Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) – 7/12/24*
    - *Pilot Program for Transit Oriented Development Planning – 7/22/24*
    - *Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Programs (NEVI) – 8/28/24*
    - *Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) – Planning and Demonstration Projects – 8/29/24*
    - *Bridge Project Grants – 11/1/24*
  - *Illinois Transportation Enhancements Program (ITEP) Grant opens 8/1/24 and closes 9/30/24*
11. Adjournment. Mr. Deppe motioned to adjourn. Mayor Rayapati seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

May 14, 2024 - Transportation Technical 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
<b>CITY OF BETTENDORF - BE</b>														
BE-25-01	2025	East Side of Middle Rd	Hopewell Ave to Forest Grove	Recreational Trail Construction - 10' sep. path	L RTP	\$1,053,000	\$526,500	TASA			\$526,500	LOC	55560	New TASA Project. Amendment Approved 5/2024
<b>CITY OF DAVENPORT - DA</b>														
DA-23-01	2023	3rd St	Telegraph Rd to E River Dr	Resurfacing (Telegraph – Harrison), one-way conversion (Marquette – Harrison), and extend striping and sides (Telegraph – E. River Drive)	MAINT	\$4,445,987	\$3,564,718	STBG			\$881,269	CTY	39481	Project terminated, Amendment Approved 5/2024
DA-23-04	2023	4th St	Telegraph Rd to E River Dr	Resurfacing (Telegraph – Harrison), one-way conversion (Marquette – Harrison), and extend striping and sides (Telegraph – E. River Drive)	MAINT	\$4,618,338	\$3,694,670	STBG			\$923,668	CTY	54801	Project terminated, Amendment Approved 5/2024

August 27, 2024 - Transportation Policy Committee - FFY2024-2027  
 Transportation Improvement Program  
 & FFY2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program

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<b>CITY OF DAVENPORT - DA</b>														
DA-24-05	2024/2025	Marquette Street/Rockingham Road	Between 2nd and 4th Streets/Between Washington & Sturdevant and between Marquette & Fillmore	Rehabilitation of the roadway and installation of new traffic signals/Raise and reconstruct Rockingham Road between Washington & Sturdevant by 2 feet and between Marquette & Fillmore by 2 feet	CMP	\$4,763,000	\$3,810,400	PROTECT			\$952,600	CTY	55829	Combined with DA-24-06, Amendment pending 8/2024
DA-24-08	2024/2025	3rd Street & LeClaire Street/3rd and 4th Streets & River Drive	3rd Street & LeClaire Street/3rd and 4th Streets & River Drive	Raise and reconstruct approximately 800 linear feet of LeClaire Street and 600 linear feet of 3rd Street by 2 feet/Raise and reconstruct approximately 800 linear feet of LeClaire Street and 600 linear feet of 3rd Street by 2 feet	CMP	\$5,855,000	\$4,684,000	PROTECT			\$1,171,000	CTY	55833	Combined with DA-24-09, Amendment pending 8/2024
<b>CITY OF LECLAIRE - LE</b>														
LE-25-03	2025	US 67	Midblock crosswalk between Jones St and Ewing St	Rapid Flashing Beacon	CMP*	\$20,000	\$20,000	HSIP-SWAP			\$0		55898	New Project. Amendment Pending 8/2024
<b>CITY OF MOLINE - MO</b>														
MO-25-05	2025	Various Locations	Pedestrian Crossings at 7 schools (John Deere Middle School, Logan Elementary, Washington Elementary, Butterworth Elementary, Franklin Elementary, Lincoln-Irving Elementary, and Seton Catholic.)	Install permanent traffic control devices at and around 7 schools. These include radar speed boards, RRFB push-buttons, solar-powered stop signs, and upgrading existing signals to HAWK systems	MAINT*	\$250,000	\$250,000	SRTS			\$0			New SRTS Project. Amendment Pending 8/2024
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS - COMMITTEE ACTION NOT REQUIRED</b>														
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<b>CITY OF BETTENDORF - BE</b>														
BE-24-02	2025	Middle Road	Forest Grove Dr. to Crow Creek Rd.	PE	L RTP	\$2,000,000	\$1,600,000	Earmark - HPC			\$400,000	CTY	54980	Moved to FY25 from FY24. Admin Mod 8/2024
<b>CITY OF DAVENPORT - DA</b>														
DA-21-01	2025	Brady St. and Veteran's Memorial Pkwy.	From 59th St to Existing Path on VMP	Shared-Use Trail Construction	OTHER	\$775,063	\$530,917	TAP			\$244,146	LOC	36970	West Loop 1 - Moved to FY25 from FY24 Admin Mod 7/2024
DA-23-02	2025	Locust	Duck Creek Trail at Emeis Park to Wisconsin Ave	10' Multi-Use Trail	L RTP	\$654,463	\$522,770	TASA	\$0		\$131,693	CTY	39482	Veterans Memorial Parkway Trail Extension - Moved to FY25 from FY24 Admin Mod 7/2024
DA-24-10	2024/2025	Various	Various locations between US 61 to Jersey Ridge Road	Protecting Access to Riverfront Transportation	OTHER	\$16,399,250	\$13,119,400	PROTECT			\$3,279,850	CTY	55910	Admin Mod 8/2024; See individual project entries; DA-24-03, DA-24-04, DA-24-05, DA-24-06, DA-24-07, DA-24-08, DA-24-09; Individual subtotals add to overall project total.
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<b>MetroLINK - ML</b>														
ML-23-14	2025	OMC Additional Expansion Funds	C	\$12,500,000	\$10,000,000	5339/Low-No/Bus&BusFacil/5307/Congressionally Directed	\$2,500,000	Rebuild 3	\$0	LOC				Total Estimated Cost increased less than 30%. Admin Mod 8/2024
ML-24-12	2025	Electric Charges	C	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	FHWA - CFI (Charging and Fueling Infrastructure)	\$0		\$0	LOC - TDC				Federal source updated. TDC's will be used in lieu of a match. Admin Mod 8/2024

**JOINT AGREEMENT  
FOR METROPOLITAN AND REGIONAL POPULATIONS:  
Bi-State Regional Commission (Iowa Quad Cities) and Region 9**

WHEREAS, federal transportation planning regulations provide for the establishment of a metropolitan planning organization within each metropolitan area to serve as a forum for local officials to carry out certain multimodal transportation planning and programming responsibilities within each metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Transportation has elected to share certain multimodal transportation planning and programming responsibilities with local officials acting through regional planning affiliations; and

WHEREAS, the Bi-State Regional Commission (hereinafter called the MPO) has been designated by the Iowa cities and counties within its boundaries, with the concurrence of the Governor, to serve as the metropolitan planning organization for the Iowa Quad Cities metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the Bi-State Regional Commission (hereinafter also called the RPA) has been designated by the general purpose units of local government to serve as the regional planning affiliation within Region 9; and

WHEREAS, Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG), Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funding is apportioned to the State for projects to preserve and improve the conditions and performance on any Federal-aid highway, bridge and tunnel projects on any public road, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and transit capital projects; and

WHEREAS, the IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION allocates these funds to metropolitan planning organizations based solely on population as required by the existing federal transportation act and to regional planning affiliations based partially on population that is initially delineated by the Census-defined urbanized area boundary; and

WHEREAS, the MPO has established an adjusted Federal Highway Administration (hereinafter called FHWA) Urban Area Boundary and a MPO Planning Area Boundary (MPA), which have been reviewed and approved by the IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION and FHWA-IOWA DIVISION.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE DELEGATED AUTHORITIES OF THE MPO AND THE RPA HAVE AGREED THAT THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION shall proceed with allocating the noted Federal funding for the Iowa Quad Cities and Region 9, subject to all terms, conditions and obligations connected with the respective federal program, based on the delineating boundary and resulting population described below:

Delineating boundary (map attached):	MPA of the Iowa Quad Cities (IAQC)
Resulting total population for the MPA:	304,907
Resulting total population for the IAQC MPA:	160,238
Resulting total population for the RPA:	57,666

THIS AGREEMENT TO BE IN EFFECT until the next decennial Census unless a special Census, approved boundary change, or decision to utilize a different boundary requires than an updated agreement be completed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereunto have caused this AGREEMENT to be executed by their proper officials thereunto duly authorized as of the dates below indicated, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises, and representations contained herein.

For the MPO:

For the RPA:

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MPO Policy Board Chair  
Mike Matson




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# 2020 Total Population

## Region 9 & Quad Cities Metropolitan Planning Areas

-  Quad City Metropolitan Planning Area  
304,907 Total Population
-  Iowa Quad City Metropolitan Planning Area  
160,238 Total Population
-  Region 9 Planning Area  
57,666 Total Population



Region 9, MPA Boundaries: BSRC  
 Population Data: 2020 Census  
 Highways: IA DOT  
 Water Features: USGS NHD

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR TRANSPORTATION PLANNING IN THE DAVENPORT-MOLINE-ROCK ISLAND URBANIZED AREA

In compliance with the provisions of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)<sup>2</sup>, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Committee for the Davenport, Iowa-Illinois Urbanized Area has approved the following public participation plan to engage interested parties and resource agencies in the transportation planning process.

The transportation planning process takes place at local, regional, tribal, state and federal levels. It is based on comprehensive, continuing and coordinated activities that work together to identify, prioritize and meet transportation needs at these various levels of government. Public participation in this process begins with finding what opportunities are available and expressing interest or concern.

Bi-State Regional Commission is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) designated to cooperatively facilitate public participation in the transportation planning process with Quad Cities Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) communities and counties, and state/federal Departments of Transportation, and among the various modes of transportation or other eligible applicants for federal funds. The MPO is charged with carrying out metropolitan transportation planning that provides early and on-going opportunities for involvement, timely information, reasonable access to information, adequate notification, diverse participation and periodic review and evaluation of the participation process. This public participation plan outlines the parameters for conducting these requirements.

### **Public Notification**

All meeting announcements and agendas of the Transportation Technical Committee and Policy Committee shall be sent to local news media and the Regional Transportation Advisory Group (RTAG) prior to the actual meeting date no less than 48 hours in advance. It is common practice to send meeting announcements and agendas one week in advance of a meeting. Agendas of these committees are posted at Bi-State Regional Commission offices and on the Bi-State Regional Commission website ([www.bistateonline.org](http://www.bistateonline.org)), while minutes are web-posted following approval by these committees. In addition, proposed amendments to the annual Transportation Improvement Program or Transportation Planning Work Program shall be sent to the same local media and RTAG, as well as local jurisdictions within the Davenport, Iowa-Illinois Urbanized Area, as part of the Policy Committee agenda. Other transportation related advisory committees may be posted on this website to provide added transportation related information, such as the Bi-State Regional Trails Committee and Bi-State Region Air Quality Task Force meetings. Notice of public hearings will be published in local newspapers of general circulation and posted on the Bi-State Regional Commission website per the time period noted in "Public Hearings" of this plan.

### **Regional Transportation Advisory Committee**

The intent of the federal transportation legislation is to provide a special effort for an early and continuing public involvement process that seeks out and considers the transportation needs of a diverse public, including the traditionally underserved populations (Executive Order 12898 – Federal Action to Address Environmental Justice in Minority and Low-Income Populations, 1994) as well as providing an opportunity for consultation with resource agencies as defined in the current transportation act. The Regional Transportation Advisory Group (RTAG) will fulfill that role. Involvement in the RTAG is open to any interested party, business, organization, or interested citizen within the Davenport, Iowa-Illinois Urbanized Area wanting to be involved in the transportation planning process. RTAG serves as the diverse, multi-modal advisory committee to the Transportation Technical Committee. Members will receive all meeting notices, as noted in "Public Notices" above, for the Technical and Policy Committee meetings. In addition, members will receive notification of proposed Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendments, Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program, ~~and~~ Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA), and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) ~~submittal~~ call for project applications' notices, and proposed changes to the Public Participation Plan, Regional Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Architecture Plan, Regional Transit Development Plan (TDP), Congestion Management Process document, ~~or and~~ the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

### **Annual TIP Project Request Notifications**

Individual jurisdictions, members of RTAG, and the media shall be informed as to when projects are being sought for inclusion in the annual Transportation Improvement Program through an announcement requesting Transportation Improvement Program annual element additions, modifications, or deletions for the proposed fiscal years, as part of an annual document update cycle, typically thirty (30) days prior to a draft document review by the Technical Committee.

### **Public Comment/Notification**

The general public shall be afforded the opportunity to provide comments via the Technical and Policy Committee meetings on the annual Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) activities, Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Regional ITS Architecture Plan, Regional Transit Development Plan, [Congestion Management Process](#), Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), and the Public Involvement Plan (PPP), through the process outlined under "Public Notification" above. This process satisfies Program of Projects (POP) public participation requirements for Bettendorf Transit, Davenport CitiBus, River Bend Transit, and the Rock Island County Metropolitan Mass Transit District (MetroLINK). In the case of the Public Participation Plan, a minimum of a forty-five (45) day comment period shall be provided prior to action by the Transportation Policy Committee as required by the current transportation act. The LRTP will require a minimum of a thirty (30) day comment period prior to action by Bi-State Regional Commission. The prioritization process of ~~both~~ the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program, ~~and~~ the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Program, [and Carbon Reduction Program \(CRP\)](#) will require a minimum of a thirty (30) day comment/notification period to be provided prior to action by the Transportation Policy Committee. In matters involving adoption or amendments to the Transportation Planning Work Program, Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Regional Transit Development Plan, Congestion Management Process, and Regional ITS Architecture Plan, a minimum of 48 hours, but typically seven (7) day comment period shall be utilized prior to approval by the Transportation Policy Committee. Additional notice may be provided through meetings of the Transportation Technical Committee in advance of action by the Policy Committee.

### **Publications**

The MPO shall publish or otherwise make available for public review at a minimum the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in an electronically accessible format and means (to the maximum extent practicable), such as the World Wide Web. The LRTP and TIP publications developed by the MPO will be placed on the Bi-State Regional Commission website, [www.bistateonline.org](http://www.bistateonline.org). Other transportation planning publications may be posted to allow for interested parties to review and access additional MPO transportation planning information. Within these publications, the MPO shall employ visualization techniques to help clarify transportation planning issues and/or activities. At a minimum, visualization techniques shall be applied to the LRTP and TIP. Visualization techniques may include maps, graphs, charts, tables, diagrams or other methods. The LRTP will include a specific public participation outline during the update process that will be reviewed by the Technical and Policy Committees, and the results will be documented in the LRTP.

### **Public Hearings**

Prior to approval of the final Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the Transportation Policy Committee shall hold a public hearing on all the projects being considered for approval in the TIP. The Transportation Policy Committee shall also hold public hearings, as ~~it deemed deems~~ necessary, for TIP amendments and prior to the approval of the Long Range Transportation Plan by Bi-State Regional Commission. At least fourteen (14) days prior notice will be given for all public hearings. No other documents noted will require a public hearing but shall afford public comment opportunities, as noted under "Public Comment/Notification."

### **Data**

As part of non-discrimination requirements, Bi-State Regional Commission will maintain information on protected class (race, color, national origin, gender, age or disability) and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) populations within the Metropolitan Planning Area, including demographics and identification of potential barriers (language, mobility, temporal or other) that may prevent underserved persons from effectively participating in the metropolitan transportation planning process. This information is contained in the Bi-State Regional Commission Title VI Program and Non-Discrimination Policy.

### Accommodation

Persons requiring special material or presentation formats will be asked within a public notice for advanced request of at least one week prior to a public hearing prior to consideration of adoption or approval by the Policy Committee. Reasonable accommodations to provide documents in an accessible format, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act and Executive Order 13166 (Improving Access for Persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP), 2000), will be made when requested by the public. For meeting notices and agendas, requests at least one working day in advance of the meeting is requested for reasonable accommodation. Persons requesting assistance will be referred to the appropriate Bi-State Regional Commission staff who will make reasonable accommodations for translation services or other accommodations based on the request. Meetings will be held at convenient and accessible locations and times with emphasis to engage minority, low-income and LEP populations. Receipt of public input will be taken in a variety of formats - written, oral or other means- where accommodations are requested and reasonable.

[Approval of Revisions/Amendments Revised March 26, 2019 with](#)  
[\\*Technical Correction March 31, 2023 \(Revised reference to new transportation act\)](#)  
[Approval of Revisions/Amendments Proposed August 27, 2024](#)

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