

Minutes of the
QUAD CITIES, IOWA-ILLINOIS
URBANIZED AREA
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 9, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
Bi-State Regional Commission
Third Floor Conference Room 320
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS PRESENT

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| Dennis Bockenstedt | City of LeClaire |
| Doug DeLille | Illinois Department of Transportation – Springfield |
| David Dryer | City of Moline |
| Tim Kammler | City of East Moline |
| Brent Morlok | City of Bettendorf |
| Elliott Pennock | Scott County |
| Alan Silas | MetroLINK |
| Gary Statz | City of Davenport |

OTHERS PRESENT

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| Sarah Bambas | Bi-State Regional Commission |
| Travis Halm (virtual) | Iowa Department of Transportation |
| Nithin Kalakuntla | Bi-State Regional Commission |
| Gena McCullough | Bi-State Regional Commission |
| Bryan Schmid | Bi-State Regional Commission |

1. Approval of Minutes of the August 12, 2025 Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) Meeting Mr. Morlok requested a motion for approval of the August 12, 2025 minutes of the Transportation Technical Committee. Mr. Dryer motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Kammler seconded, and the motion carried.
2. Consideration of Revisions to the Quad Cities MPO FFY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program & the FFY2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program. Ms. Bambas reported that the City of Davenport submitted an amendment request for DA-25-01 West Central Park Avenue (Lincoln Avenue to 275' west of Fairmount Street project. The amendment involves a scope change to include an additional pavement tie-in location. She noted that, after reviewing the project's original application, the proposed revision would not have impacted the original project rankings and would not have resulted in another project being unfunded. There is no change in STBG funds. Mr. Kammler motioned to approve the request for a change in scope to the Policy Committee. Mr. Statz seconded it, and the motion carried.
3. Status of Project Progress Report. Each jurisdiction was asked to refer to the e-mailed project progress report and provide updates to Bi-State staff. Updated progress reports are posted following the Technical Committee meetings at: <https://bistateonline.org/transportation-and-mobility/quad-cities-metro-planning/tip-and-funding-projects-quad-cities-mpo>. Ms. Bambas said to send updates, which will be posted to the website the following week. There will be a verbal update during the November meeting.
4. Preview of Presentation to Association of MPOs (AMPO) on Economic Impacts of Trail Infrastructure. Mr. Schmid presented an overview of the presentation he will give at the AMPO Annual Conference on Leveraging Trails for Economic Growth and Community Well-Being. His presentation highlighted the geographical advantages of the Quad Cities region and discussed the value of trails and outdoor recreation. He emphasized the benefits of sidewalk and trail infrastructure, the economic rationale for investment, and the statewide impact of the Great American Rail-Trail (GART) in Iowa and Illinois.

Mr. Schmid shared results from an analysis sponsored by the Iowa Bicycle Coalition detailing the economic impact of bicycling in Scott County, estimating there are approximately 52,000 cyclists in the area. Of these, six in ten are occasional riders who ride up to twice per month, while an estimated 21,000 ride more than twice per month. He then reviewed the annual economic impact of cycling in Scott County by industry, noting that retail sporting goods had the highest share of benefits.

The presentation also highlighted local successes, including the major trail connection at I-74 Bridge, and agency partnerships and promotional efforts with public health agencies in maintaining the QCTrails.org website. Looking ahead, Mr. Schmid noted high levels of enthusiasm for expanding the network with a connection on a new I-80 bridge and closing key trail gaps such as the Grand Illinois Trail connection in Carbon Cliff and the Davenport–Mustaine gap, though funding remains a significant challenge.

In conclusion, he emphasized the broad, cross-sector benefits of trail investments, noting that Quad Cities residents have benefited from incremental improvements and that trails enjoy strong and growing support.

5. Presentation on *Thrive 2055: Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan – Chapter 6: Nonmotorized Transportation*. Mr. Schmid presented Chapter 6: Nonmotorized Transportation from the Long Range Transportation Plan. He began by reviewing federal guidance, noting that design flexibilities are referenced from AASHTO, NACTO, ITE, and other recent publications. He also highlighted state-level guidance, referencing Illinois Public Act 095-0665 and Iowa’s Complete Streets Policy in the 2025 Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan.

The presentation included a review of nationwide pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities from 2013 to 2023, showing an overall upward trend. Mr. Schmid then outlined key regional changes since 2020, including the I-74 Bridge multiuse path (MUP), Bettendorf Middle Road extensions, the Davenport–Duck Creek extension, the Brady Street connector, Moline’s 19th Street side path and bike lane expansion, and the East Moline-Silvis Grand Illinois Trail connector.

He shared trail count data for the I-74 path in Bettendorf and Moline, as well as a trail pavement condition map categorizing segments as good, fair, poor, or very poor. Looking ahead, Mr. Schmid outlined projects on the horizon, including the I-80 MUP, Bettendorf pedestrian overpass, Davenport Goose Creek–Duck Creek connection, LeClaire MRT, Moline Morgan Park Trail & 36th Avenue extension, East Moline Bend connector, and Rock Island 31st Avenue improvements. He concluded by sharing a draft trail count map and a proposed Complete Streets network.

6. Public Comments. There were no public comments.

7. Other Business.

- LRTP Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/QCLRTP>
- LRTP Draft Chapters 1, 2, 5, and 7: <https://bistateonline.org/transportation-and-mobility/quad-cities-metro-planning/lrtp-and-pms>
- *Open and Upcoming Grant Opportunities*
 - IA Statewide TAP & Federal Recreational Trails Program (10/1/25)
 - IL DOT Safe Routes to Schools (10/15/25)

IL DOT Fall Planning Conference (Oct. 22-24 in Moline) Registration: <https://shorturl.at/5yuXK>

8. Adjournment. Mr. Kammler motioned to adjourn. Adjourned by consensus at 11:00 a.m.