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### 2050 Quad Cities Area Long Range Transportation Plan Public Meetings

**(Rock Island, March 5, 2021)** — Transportation connects us. Having a reliable, efficient, and safe transportation network to get to places and make those connections is vital to our health, happiness, and prosperity. Every five years, the Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is re-evaluated and updated. The plan includes \$5 billion in transportation investments over the next 30 years for roads, transit, trails and other transportation modes. The plan focuses on projects eligible for federal funding. For roads, this means only 40% are eligible for federal funds, and the remainder are locally maintained or constructed. The plan's multi-modal system will serve the Quad Cities Area economy to support our key industries in moving goods, services, and people.

Bi-State Regional Commission has released the draft version of this transportation plan for 2050. It is available for review through March 23 when a public hearing will be held by the Quad Cities MPO Transportation Policy Committee at their noon meeting. The Bi-State Regional Commission will consider adoption on March 24, 2021.

Virtual public input meetings are set to ask residents their reaction to the plan. Does the plan achieve metropolitan goals for serving the economy, connecting people to our cultural and educational institutions and parks, and support quality of life assets and serve diverse populations in an equitable way? Has the plan outlined how our area will collectively move people and goods in our metro area for the next 30 years? Residents and businesses are invited to attend any one of three virtual public input meetings:

- Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. – Virtual Public Meeting
- Monday, March 15, 2021 at 12:00 noon – Virtual Public Meeting

- Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. – Virtual Public Meeting
- Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at noon – Public Hearing of the Transportation Policy Committee (separate announcement available one week in advance of the meeting)

A presentation summarizing the plan will be posted at [www.bistateonline.org](http://www.bistateonline.org) to view prior to these meetings. Virtual meeting links and passcodes will be posted in notices on the Bi-State website. Bi-State staff will be available at each meeting to take comments and discuss issues related to the transportation plan.

Currently, residents can provide online comments on the draft plan if not able to attend the public input sessions in March. Go to the link on Bi-State Regional Commission's website at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QCMPO2050> to give your impressions of the plan update through March 23, 2021 noon. Completed draft chapters are available at [www.bistateonline.org](http://www.bistateonline.org).

For more information or comments on these planning efforts, contact Bi-State Regional Commission at (309)793-6300.

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