

## AGENDA

### Meeting of the REGION 9 TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE *Serving Rural Scott County and all of Muscatine County*

Wednesday July 9, 2014 – 10:00 a.m.  
River Bend Transit  
Board Room  
7440 Vine Street Court  
Davenport, Iowa

1. Public Hearing on FFY2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program. (Notice of the public hearing was sent to the Regional Transit Advisory Group-Region 9 Interests with a fact sheet on the TIP and directions to an online copy at <http://bistateonline.org/transportation/2012-11-14-00-04-13/2012-11-14-00-04-53/region-9-tip> for comment. Public notices were published in the *Quad City Times, Dispatch/Argus*, and the *Muscatine Journal* newspapers. The article provided the public a 14 day grace period for public comment.
2. Approval of Minutes of the May 2, 2014 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting (Copies of the minutes of the meeting are enclosed in Committee members' packets.)
3. Election of Region 9 Transportation Policy Committee Chair and Vice-Chair.
4. Consideration of FFY2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). (The draft document will be provided at the meeting.) – Lindsay Whitson
5. Discussion of Current STP, TAP, and TAP Flex Programming Funds Available. (Bi-State will send out a solicitation in late summer for STP, TAP, and TAP Flex Funds available in Region 9, with anticipation of programming in the fall.) – Gena McCullough
6. Public Comments
7. Other Business
8. Adjournment

## **TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP): General Information**

### **WHAT IS A TIP?**

*Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):* The document for the Iowa Region 9 Planning Area (RPA) listing transportation projects to be funded under federal transportation programs for a four-year period. To be eligible for federal transportation funding, a project must be included in the TIP.

### **WHAT IS THE PROCESS?**

Each city and county in the Iowa Region 9 Planning Area has the opportunity to develop and review a list of projects each year that have been programmed and/or identified to receive federal transportation dollars. Projects must be derived from the *Iowa Region 9 Long Range Transportation Plan*. Bi-State Regional Commission compiles the list of projects by federal fiscal year for a four-year period. The document is reviewed and recommended for approval to the Transportation Policy Committee by the Transportation Technical Committee. The TIP allows projects to move forward from planning and programming to engineering and construction. The first year of the TIP identifies projects that are being readied for implementation. The process is generally initiated in March and completed by June when the document is considered for adoption by the Policy Committee. As it is approved locally, it is then incorporated or referenced in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

### **PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITIES?**

Public comment opportunities for the TIP can occur at various levels. As communities prepare their community comprehensive plans and conduct capital improvement programming, there are opportunities for citizens to comment on individual projects proposed by the respective jurisdiction.

For the region, public comment opportunities are provided in the development of the Long Range Transportation Plan, which is updated on a five-year cycle. Additionally, the Iowa Region 9 Planning Area receives a local share of Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds for which communities/counties can compete based on an evaluation system rating transportation projects. Input opportunities are available during the respective project ranking process.

The following is one opportunity for public comment on the transportation planning process:

#### **Public Hearing Iowa Region 9 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

A public hearing is set for 10:00 a.m. on July 9, 2014 in River Bend Transit's Board Room, 7440 Vine Street Court, Davenport, Iowa. Its purpose is to receive comments on the FFY2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Iowa Region 9. Comments will be accepted through July 9, 2014. TIP information is available by contacting Lindsay Whitson (309) 793-6302, extension 124. Persons requiring special material or presentation format should contact Ms. Whitson on or before July 2, 2014.

### **WHERE CAN I FIND A COPY OF THE TIP?**

A full copy of the Transportation Improvement Program can be found at:

<http://bistateonline.org/transportation/2012-11-14-00-04-13/2012-11-14-00-04-53/region-9-tip>