

## AGENDA

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

Thursday, June 29, 2017 – 1:30 p.m.  
Walcott Fire Department  
Conference Room  
128 West Lincoln Street  
Walcott, Iowa

1. Public Hearing on Region 9 FFY2018-2021 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* and the *Muscatine Journal* newspapers. The article provided the public a 14 day grace period for public comment.) – Lindsay Whitson
2. Approval of Minutes of the April 11, 2017 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting Minutes and Approval of the April 25, 2015 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes (Copies of the minutes for both meetings are enclosed in Committee members' packets.)
3. Consideration of the Region 9 FFY2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (A copy of the TIP document was distributed to Committee members electronically.) – Lindsay Whitson
4. Consideration of Public Participation Plan (PPP) Revision (A minor revision to the PPP changing references from the old to the new funding sources for Surface Transportation Block Grant and Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside funding programs are requested. This modification was noted in April Technical and Policy Committee meetings with updates to the Transportation Planning Work Program and fulfills the 45-day comment period. The PPP also appears in the TIP draft.) – Lindsay Whitson
5. Confirmation of the Results for a Small Communities' Representative for Region 9 (Per the Region 9 Transportation Policy and Technical Committees Committee and Meeting Procedures, mayors from the smaller communities are caucused in odd numbered years for a representative and alternate.) – Lindsay Whitson
6. Presentation of Findings on Muscatine's Port Feasibility Study – David Gobin, City of Muscatine
7. Public Comments
8. Other Business
9. 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 *Region 9 2040 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 Block Grant Program (STBG) and Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TASA) 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 1:30 p.m. on June 29, 2017 in the Walcott Fire Department, 128 West Lincoln Street, Walcott, Iowa. Its purpose is to receive comments on the FY2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Iowa Region 9. Comments will be accepted through June 29, 2017. TIP information is available by contacting Lindsay Whitson (309) 793-6302, ext. 124. Persons requiring special material or presentation format should contact Ms. Whitson on or before June 27, 2017.

### **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>