

Minutes of the
REGION 9
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 1, 2006, 2:00 P.M.
Pearl City Station
Iowa Avenue and Mississippi Riverfront
Muscatine, Iowa

Policy Members Present

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| Paul Barnes | City of Blue Grass |
| Larry Minard | Scott County |
| Lewis Morrison | River Bend Transit |
| Bill Trent | City of Muscatine |
| Dave Watkins | Muscatine County |

Others Present

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| Steve Boka | City of Muscatine |
| Doug DeLille | Bi-State Regional Commission |
| Eric Furnas | Muscatine County |
| Randy Hill | City of Muscatine |
| Gena McCullough | Bi-State Regional Commission |
| Dick O'Brien | City of Muscatine |

1. Public Hearing on Consideration of Adoption of the FFY07-10 Region 9 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). At 2:00 p.m. Mr. Watkins motioned to open the public hearing; Mr. Minard seconded the motion. No public were present at the meeting. Ms. McCullough indicated notices were published requesting public comments and to date no comments had been received. The public comment period officially opened on May 18, 2006 and would close at the end of today. With no comments received, the Public Hearing was closed.
2. Approval of the Minutes of the November 9, 2005 Region 9 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mr. Minard motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Watkins seconded the motion and without further discussion the minutes were approved as written.
3. Consideration of Region 9 Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) Project Submittals and Consideration of Addition to FFY07-10 Transportation Improvement Program. Committee members were referred to the project rankings sheet included with their agenda packets. The rankings sheet has been updated to reflect the revised Blue Grass Trail project, the substituted City of Muscatine trail project, and to include the scores submitted by Scott County. A brief description was given for each of the projects. Mayor Barnes noted the increased cost figures for the Blue Grass trail project. The increase reflects the Engineer's Opinion of Costs from the recently completed alignment study. Mayor Barnes requested the Committee approve \$270,000 instead of the \$170,000 in Region 9 Enhancement funds for the City of Blue Grass trail project. The additional \$100,000

coming from the City of Muscatine's substituted trail project request. He added the City of Blue Grass has always in the past supported Muscatine's request for trail project funds and Muscatine currently has a significant trail system in place whereas this would be the first trail in Blue Grass. Mr. Hill and Mr. Boka explained the Muscatine trail project to the Committee. The trail will complete the last link of the ADT/MRT from Musser Park to Weed Park. The request to substitute the project was to coordinate it with another riverfront improvement project. Mr. Watkins commented on the application ranking process and Technical Committee recommendations. Mr. Watkins motioned to approve the Region 9 Transportation Technical Committee enhancement project funding recommendations of \$100,000 for the Muscatine Bridge Lighting project, \$100,000 for the Muscatine Trail project, and the remaining \$170,925 for the City of Blue Grass Trail project. Mr. Minard seconded the motion. The motion carried with four members in support and Mayor Barnes opposed. Mr. Minard asked for clarification of the motion and following some additional discussion, the vote on the motion stood. Mr. DeLille reported on some other possible sources for funding trail and/or recreation projects. Mr. Trent offered the City of Blue Grass assistance with their trail project from the City of Muscatine's Public Works Director.

4. Consideration of the FFY 07-10 Region 9 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. DeLille reviewed the most recent revisions to the Region 9 TIP. He noted the Technical Committee had recommended approval of the FFY07-10 TIP. Mr. Morrison motioned to approve the FFY07-10 Region 9 TIP as recommended with the revisions noted. Mr. Minard seconded the motion. With no further discussion the motion carried.
5. Consideration of Revisions to the Transportation Planning Public Involvement Process. Ms. McCullough referred the Committee to the proposed revisions included with their agenda packets. She mentioned a notice of the revisions was sent to the Regional Transportation Advisory Group on April 6, 2006. No comments were received and the revisions were recommended for approval by the Technical Committee. Mr. Watkins motioned to approve the revisions as written. Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried.
6. Presentation on the FY07 Region 9 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP). Ms. McCullough referred members to the draft FY07 TPWP included with their agenda packets. She presented a Power Point summary highlighting some of the items to be addressed in Region 9 for FY07. Bi-State is seeking comments on the FY07 Region 9 TPWP.
7. Public Comments. No comments were received.
8. Other Business. There was no other business brought before the Committee.
9. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned by consensus at 2:50 p.m.