

Minutes of the
REGION 9
TRANSPORTATION POLICY AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEES
Thursday, March 1, 2007, 11:00 A.M.
Muscatine City Hall
Lower Level Conference Room
215 Sycamore Street
Muscatine, Iowa

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Paul Barnes	City of Blue Grass
Tom Sunderbruch	Scott County
Bill Trent	City of Muscatine
Dave Watkins	Muscatine County

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Anderson	City of Wilton
Steve Boka	City of Muscatine
Ann Harrison	City of Muscatine
Keith L. White	Muscatine County
Randy Zobrist	River Bend Transit

OTHERS PRESENT

Doug DeLille	Bi-State Regional Commission
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Bill Molison	Ament, Inc.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the December 15, 2006 Joint Region 9 Transportation Policy and Technical Committees' Meeting. Mr. Watkins made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting. Mr. Barnes seconded the motion. The minutes from both meetings were accepted and approved as written.
2. Consideration of Amendments to the Public Involvement Process. Ms. McCullough referred members to Public Involvement Process handout. She requested the committees to recommend and approve amending reference to the Regional Transit Development Plan (TDP) into the Public Involvement Process for Transportation Planning in the Region 9 Area. This amendment would account for the new document. It was also stated a 14-day public notification period is being proposed prior to the adoption of the TDP. Mr. Watkins motioned to amend the Public Involvement Process for Transportation Planning in the Region 9 Area adding reference to the Regional Transit Development Plan. Mr. Barnes seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. Presentation on Regional Transit Development Plan (TDP). Ms. McCullough referenced the full draft report included in committee members' agenda packets. She presented information on the regional transit development plan. The Iowa Department of Transportation (IADOT) is requiring the document. It will meet the need for a human services coordination plan as required in the federal transportation act, SAFETEA-LU. The Illinois Department of

Transportation (ILDOT) is working to develop transit regions within the state and create a rural human services transportation plan statewide. These efforts are a result of Executive Order 13330 which calls 9 federal

governmental departments to reduce duplication through coordination of their rules/regulations related to transportation services, to improve cost efficiency and to simplify delivery of transportation services to a variety of customers, including individuals with disabilities, older adults and those with lower incomes. SAFETEA-LU furthered the initiative by requiring human services coordination planning as part of programming of transit assistance. Coordination applies to Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Sections 5310 Special Needs/Elderly and Disabled Program, 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program and 5317 New Freedom, a new program under SAFETEA-LU. The plan includes a regional profile and inventory of transit within the region. It outlines transit needs and priorities as well as defining a system to competitive rank projects for 5310, 5316 and 5317 funds in the metropolitan area. These funds are distributed for Region 9 at a statewide level, compared to the metro area. Projects in the TDP will be included in the Region 9 TIP. Ms. McCullough summarized comments on the TDP received from the Iowa DOT Office of Systems Planning. A copy of the responses to these comments will be made available to committee members. The TDP is an evolving document and will be updated each year prior to the TIP. Following a general presentation of the document, Ms. McCullough requested comments on the plan. It was indicate that on page 2-10 there was no mention of the City of Wilton's industries or its population. Ms. McCullough will check on these items and make the necessary changes. Both the Technical and Policy Committees approved by consensus to open the TDP up for public comment. Following this process the document will be brought back to the committees for discussion at there next meetings.

4. Public Comments. Mr. Molison introduced himself as his affiliation with Ament, Inc
5. Other Business. The Iowa DOT is willing to come out and talk to the committee/s about the Study of Iowa's Current Road Use Tax Funds (RUTF) and Future ROAD Maintenance. The Rielly-Noble Transportation Tour schedule has been changed. Due to the weather the tours scheduled for March 1st and 2nd have been rescheduled to March 15th and 16th at the same times and locations. The closest tour to the Region 9 area will be in Clinton on March 23rd at 7:30 p.m.
6. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 11:40 a.m.