

Minutes of the
REGION 9
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 7, 2007, 10:00 a.m.
Blue Grass City Hall
114 North Mississippi Street
Blue Grass, Iowa

Policy Committee Members Present

Paul Barnes	City of Blue Grass
Janice Leaks	River Bend Transit
Tom Sunderbruch	Scott County
Bill Trent	City of Muscatine
Dave Watkins	Muscatine County

Others Present

Fred Dean	Iowa Department of Transportation
Doug DeLille	Bi-State Regional Commission
Randy Hill	City of Muscatine
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Sergio Mandoza	Illinois Iowa Center for Independent Living (IICIL)
Bill Molison	Ament, Inc.

1. Public Hearing on Consideration of Adoption of the FFY08-11 Region 9 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Trent opened the public hearing. It was explained that the notification of the public hearing was published in both the Muscatine Journal and the Quad City Times in compliance with the 14-day notification requirement. Bi-State staff noted they had not received any comments to date. There were no public comments received at the meeting. Mr. Watkins motioned to close the public hearing. Mr. Sunderbruch seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.
2. Approval of the March 29, 2007 Joint Region 9 Transportation Technical and Policy Committee Meeting and Minutes. Mayor Barnes motioned to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2007 Joint Region 9 Technical and Policy Committee meeting. Mr. Sunderbruch seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.
3. Consideration of FFY08-11 Region 9 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The committee was referred to their agenda packets containing a copy of the final draft of the FFY08-11 Region 9 TIP. The committee was also provided with updated annual element pages containing administrative revisions made to date. Mr. DeLille reviewed the draft text pages and pointed out the recent revisions to the annual element pages of the Region 9 TIP. It was noted a couple projects had to be pushed back to ensure the TIP was fiscally constrained for each of the federal fiscal years. River Bend Transit's 5316 JARC

funds have been reduced for FFY 08 and the out years to reflect the transfer of a project from the Region 9 Tip to the Urban TIP. In addition, River Bend Transit has added a New Freedoms line item to each of the out years in the TIP. Mr. Watkins motioned to approve the FFY08-11 Region 9 TIP with additional revisions discussed and recommended by the Policy Committee. Mr. Sunderbruch seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

4. Presentation on Complete Streets. Mr. DeLille provided handouts to the committee containing information from an A.P.A. audio conference and from various websites promoting the Complete Streets concept. The committee was presented a brief overview of the history behind Complete Streets, including a definition of what is considered to be a Complete Street. A number of communities were identified within proximity to the Region 9 planning area, which currently have or are considering adopting a Complete Street policy. Complete Streets is supported by a variety of national organizations and associations. The concept is growing in popularity and support. Bi-State will continue to monitor the status of Complete Streets and will keep the Policy Committee aware of any new developments or need for action. Mr. Hill noted a concern with Complete Streets is that one size doesn't fit all regions, communities, and/or projects; any Complete Streets policies must recognize design needs to be well established and the requirements need to be flexible.
5. Status of the Iowa Region 9 Long Range Plan Update. Ms. McCullough informed the Committee that Bi-State staff is preparing the draft chapters for the document. The final rules for the Plan were not distributed until March of 2007, which has contributed to a 3-4 month delay in plan development process. The Multi-Purpose Trails and Pedestrian Accommodation chapter is underway and a draft will be presented to the Policy Committee shortly. An entire Plan draft is expected to be ready for review by fall of this year.
6. Public Comments. No comments were received.
7. Other Business. It was determined that the next Region 9 Transportation Policy Committee meeting would be held at 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at the Bi-State Regional Commission offices. The Committee members were invited to stay for the Region 9/Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Transportation planning review which will take place at 1:00 p.m. immediately after the Policy Committee meeting. Box lunches will be available to purchase for those interested.
8. Adjournment. Mr. Sunderbruch motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Barnes seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.