

**Minutes of the**  
**REGION 9**  
**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE**

Thursday, July 17, 2007, 12:00 p.m.  
Bi-State Regional Commission  
1504 Third Avenue  
Rock Island, Illinois

Policy Committee Members Present

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| Vic Saldivar | River Bend Transit |
| Bill Trent   | City of Muscatine  |
| Dave Watkins | Muscatine County   |

Others Present

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| Fred Dean       | Iowa Department of Transportation |
| Doug DeLille    | Bi-State Regional Commission      |
| Gena McCullough | Bi-State Regional Commission      |
| Randy Zobrist   | River Bend Transit                |

1. Approval of the June 7, 2007 Region 9 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes.  
It was mentioned that Ms. Leabo's name was spelled incorrectly in the minutes. Mr. Watkins moved to approve the June 7, 2007 meeting minutes with the stated correction. Mr. Sunderbruch seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with stated correction.
2. Consideration of Revisions to the FFY08-11 Region 9 Transportation Improvement Program and Discussion of Fiscal Constraint Requirements. Mr. DeLille updated the committee on recent changes to the Region 9 TIP. These included updating funding source information and project costs for Muscatine County's project MC-08-02; and clarifying funding source information for projects pending Region 9 STP funds. Mr. Saldivar motioned to approve the administrative revisions to Region 9 FFY08-11 TIP. Mr. Watkins seconded the motion and the motion carried. The Committee further discussed issues related to changes and/or additions to the TIP. Primarily what determines whether the request is considered an administrative revision, which can be handled internally by Bi-State or an amendment, requiring formal actions by both the Technical and Policy Committees? It was determined that if the requested change impacted the level or source of federal funding for the project, then an amendment may be required. The addition or removal of projects from the TIP would also require an amendment. Minor changes to costs, project descriptions, or rescheduling of projects to a different federal fiscal year in which the project was listed could be handled as administrative revisions. If approval of the Policy Committee is required, it may be addressed with a conference call or by email. The Committee was also informed that it is possible to apply for federal fiscal year extensions for ICAAP projects. The requested extension would still need to be fiscally constrained per each federal fiscal year. For Region 9 STP and TE allocations, Ms. McCullough had understood that fiscal constraint of RPAs is

handled at the state level but there have been differing interpretations as to whether the fiscal constraints are applied annually or over the life of the transportation bill. She suggested the Committee submit a letter to the Iowa Department of Transportation stressing funding flexibility of regional STP and Enhancement funds with fiscal constraint at the state level. This would not effect regional allocations but would allow funds to be floated between the RPAs allowing ready-to-go projects to proceed rather than being stymied due to constraints on fiscal year funding. Mr. Saldivar made a motion to have Bi-State draft a letter in support of the funding flexibility recommendation. Mr. Watkins seconded the motion and the motion passed.

3. Status of the Iowa Region 9 Long Range Plan Update. Ms. McCullough referred the Committee to the revised schedule for the Region 9 Long Range Transportation Plan. She asked the Committee if they would prefer to receive status reports regarding document preparation and be provided a draft of the full document for review prior to approval. The Policy Committee decided to rely on the Technical Committee to review and comment on the individual chapter drafts and to be provided with the final draft for review.
4. Public Comments. No comments were received.
5. Other Business. Ms. McCullough provided the Committee a Fact Sheet summarizing the Proposal to Revise the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone. She pointed out the EPA is proposing a revision to the primary standard from the current 84 ppb to 70 ppb. The Quad Cities area is currently at 68 ppb. Comments on all the proposed revisions are being accepted through mid-September. Monitors are located at Scott County Park and on the west end of Davenport. The Region 9 FY08 Transportation Planning Work Program was distributed to the Committee. Mr. Trent announced he was not seeking re-election to the Muscatine City Council. The City would be appointing a new representative to serve on the Policy Committee and the Policy Committee will need to elect a new chair in 2008.
6. Adjournment. Mr. Saldivar motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Watkins seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.