

Minutes of the
REGION 9
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

Monday, June 15, 2009, 10:00 A.M.
Blue Grass City Hall
114 North Mississippi Street
Blue Grass, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT

Paul Barnes
Joe Hutter
Dyann Roby
Tom Sunderbruch

City of Blue Grass
River Bend Transit
City of Muscatine
Scott County

OTHERS PRESENT

Doug DeLille
Gena McCullough
Blake Mosher
Sam Shea

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Iowa DOT

1. Public Hearings on Consideration of Adoption of the FFY10-13 Region 9 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Adoption of the Iowa Region 9 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan. Mr. Barnes opened the public hearing. It was explained that the notification of the public hearing for the Region 9 TIP was published in both the Muscatine Journal and the Q.C. Times and in compliance with the 14-day notification requirement the public comment period ends today. Bi-State staff noted they had not received any comments on the TIP to date. Notification of public comment on the 2035 Long Range Plan was open from April 9 through May 22, 2009 with public information forums held April 21 and 23, 2009. There were no public comments received for the TIP or the LRP at the meeting. Mr. Sunderbruch motioned to close the public hearings. Mr. Hutter seconded the motion. The public hearings were closed.
2. Approval of the March 26, 2009 Combined Region 9 Transportation Policy and Technical Committees' Meeting Minutes. Ms. Roby motioned to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2009 Combined Region 9 Policy and Technical Committees' meeting. Mr. Sunderbruch seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.
3. Consideration of the FFY10-13 Region 9 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Policy Committee was referred to the draft FFY 2010-2013 TIP included with their agenda packets. Mr. DeLille reviewed the various chapters and components of the draft TIP. A description of the process to revise the TIP, which defines the difference between a major revision (Amendment) and a minor revision (Administrative Modification), has been added to the TIP. A map of the FFY 2010 projects is being developed for inclusion in the final document. Updated version of the Annual Elements pages were distributed to those in attendance. The updated Annual Elements pages reflect revisions to the tables submitted after the agenda packet was mailed. Project numbers M-09-06 and M-09-07 for the City of

Muscatine's Mississippi Drive Corridor have been combined and are now shown as M-09-06 in the FFY 2009 Annual Element. This project has been revised to reflect additional federal funds. The project is considered a major revision requiring the Policy Committee to amend the FFY 2009 TIP Annual Element. Mr. Hutter motioned to amend the FFY09 TIP Annual Element to reflect the revised project M-09-06. Ms. Roby seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Hutter recommended that the Chair of the Policy Committee and the Policy Committee representative of the affected unit of government or agency be notified when administrative modifications are made to the TIP. This information can then be shared at the next scheduled meeting. The Committee asked for clarification on some of the project descriptions such as the terminus for project number SC-11-03. Staff will work with the county engineers to address this issue. The Committee was informed that the TIP reflects a slight increase in funding for the Pavement Management program and no change in funding for SUDAS. FFY 2010 would be year one of two for Pavement Management and year one of three for SUDAS. Region 9 STP funds would be used to continue supporting both of these statewide programs. Mr. Sunderbruch motioned to approve the FFY10-13 Region 9 TIP with the administrative revision/s discussed. Mr. Roby seconded the motion. With no further discussion the motion carried.

4. Consideration of Adoption of the Iowa Region 9 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan. Ms. McCullough reviewed the comments received during the two public input forums and those from the DOT and explained how they will be addressed in the final publication of the Long Range Plan. The Committee was informed that the planning study for the Mississippi Drive Corridor in Muscatine has been completed and will be removed from Table 2.6 in the final publication. It was also noted that the plan won't list all resurfacing projects but only those projects that add capacity. Mr. Hutter motioned to approve adoption of the Iowa Region 9 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan with the changes presented. Mr. Sunderbruch seconded the motion. The motion carried.
5. Status Report. Ms. McCullough distributed a Status Report on Bi-State Regional Commission Activities from the June 12, 2009 Air Quality Task Force meeting and updated the Committee on issues pertaining to air quality. It was also reported that Iowa passed legislation with \$3.1 million included for passenger rail. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) projects are moving along. It could be one or two years before transportation reauthorization occurs and would anticipate a continuing resolution in the interim.
6. Public Comments. No public comments were received.
7. Other Business. There was no other business.
8. Adjournment. Mr. Sunderbruch motioned to adjourn. Mr. Hutter seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.