

Minutes of the
REGION 9
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE
Serving Rural Scott County and all of Muscatine County

Wednesday, June 9, 2010, 1:00 p.m.
Walcott City Hall/Fire Station
128 West Lincoln Street
Walcott, Iowa

Policy Committee Members Present

Joe Hutter	River Bend Transit
Sam Shea	Iowa DOT
Dyann Roby	City of Muscatine
Tom Sunderbruch	Scott County
David Watkins	Muscatine County

Others Present

Doug DeLille	Bi-State Regional Commission
Stacy Lentsch	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Public Hearing on Consideration of Adoption of the FFY11-14 Region 9 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Sunderbruch opened the public hearing. Mr. DeLille informed the committee that on May 25th and 27th the *Muscatine Journal* and *Quad City Times* published a public notice requesting comments on the FFY11-14 Region 9 TIP in compliance with the 14-day notification requirement. Mr. DeLille has not received any comments on the issue. No public were present at the meeting. Mr. Watkins motioned to close the public hearings. Mr. Hutter seconded and the public hearings were closed.
2. Approval of the May 5, 2010 Region 9 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes. Ms. Roby moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Watkins seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.
3. Consideration of the FFY11-14 Region 9 Transportation Improvement Program. 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. Mr. DeLille noted that IA-10-03 needed to be amended into the TIP. Mr. Watkins motioned to amend the FFY 2010 TIP. Mr. Hutter seconded and the motion carried. Ms. Roby moved to recommend the TIP draft. Mr. Watkins seconded the motion and the motion carried.
4. Status Reports.
 - Air Quality
The monitor in Muscatine at Garfield School is above the threshold for fine particulates (P.M. 2.5). The threshold is 35 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (micrograms per cubic meter of air); Muscatine is at 38 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, and Blackhawk Foundry in Scott County is at 33 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. USEPA is looking to lower

the ozone standard. If the standard is lowered to 60ppb, only 25 of all sites nation-wide would be in compliance. We should know what the ozone standard will be in August of this year. Bi-State Region Clean Air Partnership is suggesting that communities work with businesses to address air quality. The ozone monitor for this area is out by Scott County Park.

- **Iowa Passenger Rail Study**
Iowa and Illinois did not receive funding from the federal High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) discretionary grant program. The ARRA grants were for new and enhanced passenger rail services, including from Chicago to Iowa City via the Quad Cities. However, the Federal Railroad Administration did have very positive comments and encouraged Iowa to apply again in this next round. The next round will be 80-20 match. Iowa DOT, with Illinois DOT, is preparing to apply for the next round of federal funding for passenger rail.
- **Transportation Reauthorization**
SAFETEA-LU has been extended through the calendar year. The biggest issue is the solvency of the Highway Trust Fund. The Climate Change Bill is on hold. The Bill proposed an increase in motor fuel tax but the revenue generated from the increase was going to the Highway Trust Fund. Mr. Shea added that a new transportation bill does not look likely in the near future.

5. Public Comments. No public comments were received.

6. Other Business. There was no other business.

7. Adjournment. Mr. Hutter motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Watkins seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.