

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

Friday, February 3, 2012, 10:00 a.m.
Walcott City Hall/Fire Station
128 West Lincoln Street
Walcott, Iowa

Policy Committee Members Present

Jim Couper	City of Walcott
Joe Hutter	River Bend Transit
Larry Minard	Scott County
Sam Shea	Iowa DOT
David Watkins	Muscatine County

Others Present

Doug DeLille	Bi-State Regional Commission
Craig Harper	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the July 7, 2011 Region 9 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes.
2. Consideration of Region 9 Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) project funding recommendations. Committee members were referred to the project submissions and rankings included with their agenda packets. The six projects submitted for consideration of STP funding include:
 - N Mississippi Street (from Mayne Street to Laretta Street), Blue Grass, Iowa – Design engineering: Total Cost \$91,500, proposed Federal STP \$73,200 and local share of \$18,300
 - Multiple use trail, Blue Grass, Iowa – Construction: Total Cost \$74,000, proposed Federal STP \$59,200 and local share of \$14,800
 - Cedar Street (from Parham to Houser), Muscatine, Iowa – Reconstruction: Total cost \$3,224,318, proposed Federal STP \$967,458 (this would be in addition to the \$551,772 in Region 9 STP funding previously approved for this project), and local share of 1,705,088
 - G28 (231st Street) (from approximately 1,000 feet west of the City of Muscatine corporate limits west to High Prairie Road), Muscatine County, Iowa – Pavement Overlay: Total Cost \$1.4 Million, proposed Federal STP \$967,458, Farm to Market Funds \$432,542
 - 270th Street (2 miles), Scott County, Iowa – Rehabilitation: Total Cost \$800,000, proposed Federal STP \$400,000, Farm to Market Funds \$400,000
 - Z16 (Utica Ridge Rd/210th Ave) (6 miles), Scott County, Iowa – Rehabilitation: Total Cost \$3 Million, proposed Federal STP \$1,424,325, Farm to Market Funds \$1,575,675

There is an estimated \$3,891,641 in Region 9 STP money available for programming. The estimated amount available is based on funding targets for each federal fiscal year through 2015. The total of the six requests amount to \$3,891,641 in Region 9 federal STP funds. The Region 9 Transportation Technical Committee recommended the Policy Committee approve Region 9 STP funding for the two Scott County projects in FFY 2014, the Muscatine County project for FFY 2015, and the City of Muscatine receive the remaining funds in FFY 2013 in addition to the \$106,591 in STP funds being relinquished by Muscatine County for the Cedar Street project. Mr. Watkins made a motion to return the \$106,591 in STP funds previously awarded to Muscatine County to the Region 9 STP balance of funds. Mr. Couper seconded the motion, and it carried. Mr. Minard made a motion to approve funding the two Scott County projects at the amounts requested for FFY 2014 and the Muscatine County project at the amount requested for FFY 2015. Mr. Watkins seconded the motion, and it carried. Mr. Watkins motioned to approve the City of Muscatine Cedar Street project for funding not to exceed the amount of Region STP funds available in FFY 2012 or FFY 2013 depending the year the city wishes to let the project. Mr. Couper seconded the motion, and it carried.

3. Consideration of FFY12-15 Region 9 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Revisions. The Transportation Technical Committee has recommended the Region 9 Policy Committee approve an amendment to project MTS-12-02 of TIP requested by Muscatine Transit. The amendment would add \$121,246 in Sec. 5309 funding to the project with remaining balance covered by local funding. Mr. Watkins motioned to approve an amendment to project MTS-12-02 for the addition of Sec. 5309 funding. Mr. Couper seconded the motion, and it carried.
4. Consideration of Updates to Bi-State Region Transit Development Plan (TDP). Mr. Harper gave a presentation on the annual update to the Policy Committee. The update process utilized a regional needs questionnaire, the regional transit interest group, and an inquiry of common transit issues for public involvement. Some of the needs identified were extended service hours, gaps in service and geographic coverage, and weekend service. Other updates include 2010 Census data, priorities, and transit fact sheets. Approval of the plan update will occur in 2012. The Committee discussed how census data/population will affect transit in Region 9, shifts in demand, funding, ADA effects on transit, and changes that will affect organization of RPA's, MPO's, and consolidation of groups.
5. Public Comments. No public comments were received.
6. Other Business. The Policy Committee discussed a gas tax proposal working through state committees, TIME-21, and funding for the I-74 bridge.
7. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.