

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

Friday, May 25, 2012, 10:00 a.m.
Walcott City Hall/Fire Station
128 West Lincoln Street
Walcott, Iowa

Policy Committee Members Present

DeWayne Hopkins	Mayor, City of Muscatine
Joe Hutter	River Bend Transit Board Representative
Larry Minard	Scott County Board of Supervisors
Doug Rick	Iowa Department of Transportation
David Watkins	Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

Others Present

Doug DeLille	Bi-State Regional Commission
Craig Harper	Bi-State Regional Commission
Randy Hill	City of Muscatine Director of Public Works
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the February 3, 2012 Region 9 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes. Mr. Watkins moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Minard seconded the motion. Hearing no comments or revisions the minutes were approved as written.
2. Consideration of Updates to Bi-State Region Transit Development Plan (TDP). Mr. Harper presented an overview of the annual Transit Development Plan updates. Mr. Harper stated that Chapter 2 Regional Profile had significant updates. Chapter text, graphs, and charts were updated to reflect 2010 Census data when available. Chapter 3 Transit Profile was updated to reflect transit systems current fleets, hours of operations and fares. Chapter 4 Evaluation of Needs & Policy Direction was updated to reflect Region 9's strong need for non-emergency medical transportation within Muscatine County, as well there was a high demand for transportation to Iowa City hospitals for clients needing mental health services. Chapter 4 was updated to reflect coordination with existing Iowa City trips through River Bend Transit that have increased from one day a week to three days a week. Chapter 5 Passenger Transportation Prioritization Strategy was updated to reflect transit projects from the current Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Transit Provider Fact Sheet was updated with FY2012-FY2016 Recommended Programs of Projects. Mr. Harper noted that River Bend Transit has two updated Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) routes. 1) River Bend Transit will coordinate with Davenport Citibus a Monday-Friday employment route for entry level employees beginning in July. This route will be transporting employees to APAC. Mr. Hutter stated that the JARC route is a positive for employees getting to and from work. 2) River Bend Transit will begin to coordinate and provide early Saturday morning demand response work trips within the Citibus service area prior to Citibus normal morning hours. Included in the Appendices were the results of 2011 Regional Needs Questionnaire. Mr. Harper stated that Bi-State didn't receive any responses from

Muscatine area human services providers regarding regional needs. As a result, Mr. Harper mentioned that Bi-State will be hosting an inter-regional mobility summit this fall focusing on Region 9. Mr. Harper reiterated that the Bi-State Region Transit Development Plan will need to be fully updated in 2014. Mr. Minard made motion to approve summary of Transit Development Plan updates. Mr. Hopkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. Presentation on FY2013 Region 9 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP). Ms. McCullough presented an overview of FY2013 Region 9 Transportation Planning Work Program. She discussed Region 9 planning area. (Rural Scott County and all of Muscatine County) and presented the purpose of the FY2013 (TPWP). The documents purpose is to facilitate in the coordination of local governments, continue comprehensive planning, budgets for transportation planning activities and funds, requirements for various agencies toward planning and products and general methods for transportation planning. Ms. McCullough then discussed the major transportation issues: air quality/congestion management, modal connections, long range and short range planning, passenger transportation coordination, integration of safety and security, and preparations for new planning regulations. The FY2013 Draft Budget Summary for Region 9 was presented. She also stated that the Bi-State Region 9 TPWP has been taken to Commission for authorization of contracts. Also presented was the FY2012 TPWP accomplishments including: FY12-15 TIP, FY12 & 13 TPWP, TDP update, Conservation Directory, and working on Regional ITS Architecture. Grant assistance, Training, Technical Assistance, and Services to the many Committees.
4. Public Comments. A question was asked on the status of the new I-74 Bridge. Mr. Rick stated that the state is currently having discussions with Illinois related to their respective five-year programs. Iowa is putting money into their program for local road work related to I-74. In FY2015, there will be work on Bettendorf streets leading up to construction of the new I-74. Illinois has put \$70 million in FY2017-2018 towards the project. There seems to be a willingness from both states to work on the project and both are eager to get federal assistance.
5. Other Business. A draft of Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan is available for public viewing on IADOT website.
6. Adjournment. Mr. Watkins motioned and Mr. Minard seconded to adjourn the meeting which was then adjourned at 10:55 a.m.