

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

Thursday, October 24, 2013, 10:00 a.m.
Blue Grass City Hall
114 North Mississippi Street
Blue Grass, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bill Cusack	Scott County Board Supervisor
Tom Furlong	Muscatine County Board Supervisor
DeWayne Hopkins	Mayor, City of Muscatine
Joe Hutter	River Bend Transit Board Representative
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation

OTHERS PRESENT

Chris Ball	City Administrator, City of Wilton
Randy Hill	Public Works Director, City of Muscatine
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Lindsay Whitson	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the July 9, 2013 Region 9 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes. Mr. Hopkins moved to approve the minutes and Mr. Cusack seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as written by consensus.
2. Consideration of Iowa Region 9 Candidate Projects for Surface Transportation Program and Transportation Alternatives (TAP) Program Flex Funds. Ms. Whitson reviewed the projects from a summary included in the agenda packets. She distributed a handout summary of the project rankings. The rankings included the Mulberry Avenue Reconstruction, River Bend Transit Bus Replacement, and the Lucas Street reconstruction in order of priority highest to lowest. There were two projects already programmed for Scott County that requested additional monies to bring them to 80% federal share. Discussion included Mr. Furlong sharing that Keith White, Muscatine County Engineer, preferred the use of STP funds be used primarily for road construction and rehabilitation. Mr. Ball reiterated his belief in the above statement. Following discussion, Mr. Cusack approved the recommendations of the Surface Transportation Program and Region 9 TAP Flex Funds to be programmed through FFY2016 as follows:
 - a. To fund the Scott County requested projects for FFY2015, unless there is an ability to allow the projects to be programmed in FFY2014 by IADOT (Projects include Z16 Utica Ridge Road/210th Avenue for 6 miles with \$975,675 additional STP funds requested; and 270th Street for 2 miles with \$240,000 additional STP funds requested)

- b. To fund the Muscatine-Mulberry Avenue Reconstruction Project at the requested \$1,200,000 STP funds in FFY2016
- c. To fund the River Bend Transit Bus Replacement Project based on the remaining balance in FFY2016 at a set amount of **\$87,304**
- d. To move Muscatine County's already programmed STP project, MC-16-01 on G28 from FFY2016 to FFY2017, which will allow funds to be available for the two FFY2016 projects
- e. To consider public transit (MuscaBus and River Bend Transit) from the approval date forward with the geographic distribution of STP funds to the small communities in Region 9 when reviewing historical geographic distribution of STP funds among Scott County, Muscatine County, Muscatine, and small communities by population

Mr. Furlong seconded the motion, and it carried.

3. Consideration of Revisions to the FFY2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program. The committee was informed of the request from River Bend Transit of an addition to the FFY2014 Annual Element, a Tablet Technology Pilot Project with a total cost of \$30,190. Gena shared that the River Bend Transit ITS grant application (Tablet Technology Pilot Project) has been approved for funding in the amount of \$23,084. The cost of the data plan, \$1,335, was not included in the total project cost used to determine the DOT's match (80%). This lowered the cost of the project from \$30,190 to \$28,855. Mr. Furlong motioned to approve the revision to the FFY2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Cusack seconded the motion and it carried.
4. Status of Iowa Region 9 2040 Long Range Plan Update. Ms. McCullough shared with the committee that the Bi-State Regional Commission plans to hold one public input session in each county in the month of January. We will share the results of the public input sessions at the next committee meeting.
5. Public Comments. No public comments were received.
6. Other Business. Ms. Whitson mentioned that Mayor Herman, City of Princeton, has expressed interest in joining the Region 9 Transportation Policy Committee as the Small Community Representative. Ms. McCullough shared that Shawn Majors, from the Iowa DOT, stressed that the request for Scott County to utilize its additional funds outside of its fiscal constraints is an exception, not a rule.
7. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m. by consensus.