

Minutes of the

Region 9

TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

Serving Rural Scott County and all of Muscatine County

Thursday, April 17, 2014, 10:00 a.m.

Muscatine City Hall

Lower Level Conference Room

215 Sycamore Street

Muscatine, Iowa

Members Present

Bill Cusack	Scott County Board Supervisor
DeWayne Hopkins	Mayor, City of Muscatine
Jeff Sorensen	Muscatine County Board Supervisor
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation

Others Present

Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Lindsay Whitson	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of Minutes of the October 24, 2013 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mr. Sorensen moved to approve the minutes, and Mr. Cusack seconded. Minutes were approved as written by consensus.
2. Consideration of Revision to the Iowa Region 9 FFY2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program. Ms. Whitson noted the following updates to the Region 9 TIP Progress Report. MuscaBus has requested a revision for MTS-14-02 to be moved to FFY 2014 from FFY 2015 and the federal funding source be changed to DERA grant funds. MuscaBus also requested a revision for MTS-13-02 to be moved from FFY 2014 to FFY 2015, and to replace bus vehicle (#s) 240 and 241 at \$94,000 per unit. They also requested that MTS-16-03 (bus vehicle (#s) 242 and 243), be moved from FFY 2014 to FFY 2016 and funding be adjusted to \$95,000 per unit. Mr. Sorensen made a motion to approve the proposed updates. Mr. Cusack seconded the motion, and it carried.
3. Consideration of the Bi-State Region Transit Development Plan (TDP) 2014 Update. Ms. Whitson presented the status of the Bi-State Region Transit Development Plan. She described the purpose and format of the plan and the public input process. The plan is ultimately accepted by committees from three planning areas: the urbanized Bi-State Quad Cities area and each rural area for Iowa and Illinois. The transit services planning area covers six counties: Scott and Muscatine Counties in Iowa, and Rock Island, Henry, Mercer, and Whiteside Counties in Illinois. Ms. Whitson had submitted a TDP draft to Iowa DOT in February and received input, and sent a draft to the Illinois DOT in March. Ms. Whitson anticipates publishing the final updated document in May 2014. Ms. McCullough stated that Bi-State plans to facilitate transit summits in the region twice a year. A full version of the Bi-State Transit Development Plan can be found at www.bistateonline.org. Mr. Cusack motioned to recommend concurrence with the TDP as presented. Mr. Sorensen seconded the motion, and it carried.

4. Presentation of FFY 2015 Transportation Planning Work Program for the Region 9 Area (TPWP). Ms. McCullough provided a presentation on the FY2015 Transportation Planning Work Program for Region 9. Ms. McCullough described the purpose of the TPWP and the transportation planning activities to be undertaken in Region 9 for FFY 2015. Projects include implementing Long Range Transportation Plan projects, coordination efforts for passenger transportation opportunities, reducing congestion and improving mobility choices, integrating safety and security, amongst many others. Ms. McCullough also summarized Transportation Planning Funding for FFY 2015 in Region 9, the adoption process, amongst other types of specific projects that Bi-State is able to offer. Consensus was made that no further activity was needed.
5. Local Status Report and Air Quality Issues. Ms. McCullough spoke of EPA's potential efforts to alter the current ozone standards. This may have a significant impact on the Bi-State region, and result in a larger portion of the Quad City Metropolitan Area reaching non-attainment status. Bi-State will continue to monitor EPA's activity and the Bi-State Region's air quality status. Ms. McCullough continued by discussing the issue of providing a TAP funds round in the near future.
6. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
7. Other Business. No other business was presented.
8. Adjournment. Mr. Sorensen motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Cusack seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:02 a.m.