

AGENDA

**Meeting of the
REGION 9 TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE
With Region 9 Transportation Technical Committee Representation
*Serving Rural Scott County and all of Muscatine County***

Friday May 2, 2014 11:00 a.m.
Walcott City Hall
Conference Room
128 W. 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 Supervisor
Jeff Sorensen	Muscatine County Board Supervisor

Technical Committee Members Present

Jon Burgstrom	County Engineer, Scott County
Randy Hill	Public Works Director, City of Muscatine
Keith White	County Engineer, Muscatine County
Randy Zobrist	Executive Director, River Bend Transit, Inc.

Others Present

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

1. Approval of Minutes of the April 17, 2014 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mr. Hopkins moved to approve the minutes and Mr. Minard seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as written by consensus.
2. Consideration of Revisions to the FFY2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program. Ms. Whitson noted the following amendments to the Region 9 TIP Progress Report. River Bend Transit has requested additional ITS funds for project RBT-14-04 for expansion of the tablet project to include 30 more table installs. Additional funds requested are \$14,700 with federal share of \$11,760, or 80%. Muscatine County has requested a revision to the amount of funding for project MC-12-01. The total project cost will increase from a total of \$325,000 to \$470,000, with a federal increase in dollars from \$260,000 to \$376,000. Mr. Minard made a motion to approve the proposed updates. Mr. Hopkins seconded the motion, and it carried.
3. Discussion of the Region 9 Long Range Transportation Plan. Ms. McCullough identified that in Region 9, the goal is to get individuals from point A to point B, and that looking at alternative modes of travel is necessary. Ms. McCullough asked the committee if there are other regional goals that need to be included in the *Iowa Region 9 Long Range Transportation Plan*, or if the current identified goals need to be enhanced. Mr. Hutter addressed the issue of EPA standards possibly lowering, which could greatly affect Region 9 and the entire Quad City Metropolitan Area. This may lead to the urban area shrinking its Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), or if the standard is lowered, the whole MSA may be in non-attainment. Mr. Zobrist asked about improvements and extensions to

current trail networks. Ms. McCullough responded that trails are always on Bi-State's radar. Other topics identified include River Bend Transit's new Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP) grant that will allow taking daily trips to be taken to the Iowa City area to decrease single-use vehicle trips. Mr. Hill stated that the presence and upkeep of sidewalks serve as connectors to the different trails. This is an area that should be more thoroughly discussed. Lastly, Mr. Minard asked if Interstate 80 had any intentions to extend the number of lanes due to a high volume of truck traffic, and if the issue of increasing rail usage in Region 9 has been addressed. Ms. McCullough replied that the issue of Interstate 80 continues to be addressed, but that a concrete answer has not yet been developed. Concerns of increased rail usage have become more of an issue and are an area that Bi-State continues to research.

4. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
5. Other Business. Ms. Whitson discussed the process of updating the Region 9 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Ms. McCullough motioned to extend a thank you to Mr. Hutter for serving as the Chair of the committee, and wishing him farewell. Mr. Hopkins seconded the motion and it carried.
6. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.