

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

Thursday, April 16, 2015 – 11:00 a.m.  
Walcott City Hall  
Conference Room  
128 W. Lincoln Street  
Walcott, Iowa

Policy Committee Members Present

Tom Carnahan	River Bend Transit Board Member
Carol Earnhardt	Scott County Board Supervisor
DeWayne Hopkins	Mayor, City of Muscatine
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation
Jeff Sorensen	Muscatine County Board Supervisor

Others Present

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

1. Approval of Minutes of the February 26, 2015 Region 9 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mr. Hopkins motioned to approve the minutes, and Ms. Earnhardt seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as written by consensus.
2. Election of Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) Chair and Vice Chair. Ms. Earnhardt nominated Mr. Sorensen to serve as the new Chair of the Region 9 Transportation Technical Committee. Mr. Carnahan seconded the motion, and it carried. Mr. Hopkins volunteered himself as the Vice-Chair of the Committee. Mr. Sorensen motioned to approve Mr. Hopkins as Vice-Chair. Mr. Carnahan seconded the motion, and it carried.
3. Consideration of FY2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Ms. Whitson requested approval for an amendment for project MC-12-03, increasing the total project cost from \$350,000 to \$525,000 and increasing the federal share amount from \$280,000 to \$420,000. The project's state share would be decreased from \$80,000 to \$0, while the local share will increase from \$0 to \$105,000. WI-15-01 for the City of Wilton was awarded \$146,304 in Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funds for FFY2015 and will be amended into the TIP. Mr. Carnahan motioned to approve the amendments as presented. Ms. Earnhardt seconded the motion, and it carried. .
4. Review Draft Chapters for the 2040 Region 9 Long Range Transportation Plan. Ms. Whitson presented a brief overview of the final draft chapters for the *2040 Region 9 Long Range Transportation Plan*. The discussion included an overview of the following chapters; regional profile, roadway network (existing and future), transit network, and the regional integrated transportation system conclusion chapter. Ms. Whitson stated that Bi-State was looking for feedback on the plan, and would allow input to be collected for the draft within the following couple of weeks

5. Consideration of the Bi-State Region Transit Development Plan (TDP) 2015 Update. Ms. Whitson presented to the Committee all updates that were incorporated into the 2015 Transit Development Plan (TDP). Since the plan was not considered a full update, minimal changes were incorporated into the plan. Ms. Whitson shared that the TDP was uploaded to the Bi-State website for review, and that comments and/or recommendations could be provided to Ms. Whitson. It was mentioned that Vans for Veterans, located in Louisa County, may be able to provide service for veterans in the area to the hospitals located in Iowa City. This could be a possible outreach effort to improve coordination efforts in the region. The Committee suggested that Bi-State look into V.A. privacy issues and the clustering of different consumer's appointments. It was also suggested that there may be a need for MuscaBus to offer services to employees of HON. Ms. Earnhardt motioned to recommend concurrence with the TDP program updates as described to the Transportation Policy Committee. Mr. Hopkins seconded the motion, which carried.
6. Presentation of the FY2016 Transportation Planning Work Program. Ms. McCullough outlined the details described in the FY2016 Region 9 Transportation Planning Work Program. The document outlines Region 9 transportation planning issues, work tasks by Bi-State Regional Commission, and utilization of transportation planning funds for the upcoming fiscal year, July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.
7. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
8. Other Business. It was suggested that the Mayor of Long Grove be contacted and asked to serve as the Region 9 Small Communities Representative. Ms. Whitson responded that she would be able to complete this task prior to the next Region 9 Policy Committee meeting.
9. Adjournment. Mr. Carnahan motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Ms. Earnhardt seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:02 p.m.