

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

Thursday, February 26, 2015 – 11:00 a.m.
Scott County Administrative Center
First Floor Conference Room
600 West 4th Street
Davenport, Iowa

Technical Committee Members Present

Ron Boesch	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
Becky Passman	Bi-State Regional Commission
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Keith White	Muscatine County Engineer
Lindsay Whitson	Bi-State Regional Commission
Randy Zobrist	Executive Director, River Bend Transit, Inc.

1. Approval of Minutes of the July 9, 2014 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mr. Hopkins moved to approve the minutes, and Ms. Earnhardt seconded the motion. One member abstained due to not being present at the July 9, 2014 Transportation Policy Committee meeting.
2. Review of timeline for the 2040 Region 9 Long Range Transportation Plan and presentation on Draft Chapters. Ms. Whitson presented a brief overview of the remaining timeline that will be followed to complete the 2040 Region 9 Long Range Transportation Plan. She confirmed that the Committee members would have the remaining draft chapters prior to the next Policy Committee meeting held in April. At that time, Committee members will be able to provide feedback on all draft chapters. Followed by Ms. Whitson, Mr. Schmid presented on one of the draft chapters that were included in Committee member's packets. Mr. Schmid discussed the trails that are found in the Region 9 Area and the Quad City Metropolitan Area, as well as efforts that Bi-State Regional Commission has taken to count trail traffic in the region. Lastly, he provided regional and national efforts that are being made and/or considered for the future of trails located in the Quad City Area.
3. Consideration of Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Candidate Projects and Programming of Projects for the FFY2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program. Ms. Whitson presented a project description for each of the STP and TAP projects that were applied for this round and to be programmed through FFY2019 in the Region 9 Area. The presentation included a comparison of the amount of funds being requested versus the amount of funds available for both programs. Ms. Whitson shared the recommendations provided by

the Region 9 Transportation Technical Committee. The Technical Committee's recommendations included:

TAP – It was recommended that all three applicants decrease the amount of total funds being requested for each project by 10%, which would result in all three projects to receive full funding. Based off of state targets, the Technical Committee recommended that Blue Grass and Wilton be awarded their money in FFY2015, and that the City of Muscatine be awarded their TAP funds in FFY2019. Ms. Earnhardt motioned to approve the TAP recommendation as presented, and Mr. Hopkins seconded the motion. The recommendation was approved as presented by consensus.

STP – It was recommended by the Technical Committee that Blue Grass decrease the total amount of STP funds they requested by 50%, totaling \$694,343. The funds are to be awarded in FFY2018. Secondly, Muscatine County would be awarded the full amount of \$926,508 in additional STP funds requested. The additional funds are to be awarded to the project in FFY2018. The remaining funds in the STP pool equates to \$1,549,946. It was recommended the remaining amount of \$1,549,946 be awarded to the City of Muscatine for the reconstruction and enhancement of Grandview Avenue in FFY2019. The last recommendation included not awarding any funds to River Bend Transit. The transit system had requested additional funding of \$72,213. Mr. Sorensen made a motion to accept the STP recommendations presented by the Technical Committee as is, and Mr. Hopkins seconded the motion. Mr. Boesch opposed the motion and asked an amendment be made to fund River Bend Transit's shortfall at \$72,213. Mr. Hopkins, Ms. Earnhardt, and Mr. Sorensen all opposed the requested amendment, so the motion was approved as recommended by the Technical Committee.

4. Selection of Next Region 9 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Date. Ms. McCullough shared that at the next Region 9 Transportation Policy Committee meeting, Bi-State staff will be presenting on the *Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP)*, the final draft copy of the remaining *Region 9 Long Range Transportation Plan* chapters, and the *Transit Development Plan (TDP)*. Ms. McCullough also stated that at the next meeting, an election of the Committee officers would be held. The Committee selected Thursday, April 16 at 11:00 a.m. as the next meeting date, and expressed interest in holding the meeting in Walcott.
5. Public Comment. Mr. Boesch expressed his concern for the Committee's final decision in regards to the programming of STP funds. Other members of the Committee expressed that he or she struggled with the final decision.
6. Other Business. There were no public comments.
7. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.