

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

Tuesday, July 10, 2018 – 1:30 p.m.
Scott County Administrative Center
First Floor Board Room
Davenport, Iowa

Policy Committee Members Present

Diana Broderson	Mayor of Muscatine
Diane Holst	Scott County Board Supervisor
John Kostichek	Mayor of Walcott
Scott Sauer	River Bend Transit Board
Jeff Sorenson	Muscatine County Board Supervisor

Others Present

Tara Cullison	Bi-State Regional Commission
Ryan Drew	IUOE Local 150
Doug House	Indiana, Illinois, Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Lindsay Whitson	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Public Hearing on Region 9 FFY2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program. The public hearing was opened with introductions from all attendees. Ms. Whitson presented an overview of the FFY2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The public hearing notice was published in the *Quad City Times* and *Muscatine Journal*, providing 14-days' notice for comments. The draft was published on the Bi-State Regional Commission website for review. She identified the TIP's general guidelines and federally funded projects and sources in Iowa Region 9. An opportunity for public comment was welcomed, where Mr. Drew and Mr. House voiced concern over the newly implemented Federal-aid Swap policy initiated by the Iowa DOT. The two shared how they believe the policy will hinder fair wage rates in the region. They recommended that if anything, the Committee should consider integrating Davis Bacon prevailing wages and the Buy America Act into their Swap policy. Discussion continued on the topic until the Committee reiterated that the federal-aid SWAP program would be implemented in Region 9. Ms. Holst motioned to close the public hearing, and Ms. Broderson seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. Approval of Minutes of the May 3, 2018 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes. Mr. Sauer moved to approve the Transportation Policy Committee meeting minutes as written, and Mr. Kostichek seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as written.
3. Consideration of the Region 9 FFY2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). No additional presentation was made beyond that of the public hearing. There were no additional comments from the Committee. Mr. Sauer motioned to approve the Iowa Region 9 FFY 2019-2022 TIP as presented, and Mr. Kostichek seconded the motion. The FFY 2019-2022 TIP was approved as presented.

4. Bi-State Complete Streets Effort. Ms. Whitson and Ms. McCullough briefly reviewed the efforts that Bi-State has completed in the past two years regarding complete streets education and adoption as well as sidewalk policy implementation and prioritization in the Bi-State Region. Ms McCullough shared that if a third year is available, Bi-State is hoping to complete efforts in West Liberty and Wilton in Iowa Region 9.
5. Public Comments. Mr. Drew noted that under Iowa Code 26.16 prequalification requirements of bidders are prohibited. The Committee requested that Bi-State reach out to the Iowa DOT to request what their interpretation of this code may be and how it relates to the newly instated Federal-aid Swap policy.
6. Other Business. Ms. McCullough shared that the DOT had recently conducted an Iowa Rest Area Plan Study and that the I-80 rest areas in Wilton were under consideration for closure based on lower usage rates and need. The Committee requested that Bi-State distribute the study via e-mail. Ms. McCullough also shared that REAP applications are due August 15, and that ICAAP and Federal Recreation Trail applications are due October 1. Lastly, it was requested that the PowerPoint presentations from the TIP and the complete streets efforts be distributed to the Committee via e-mail.
7. Adjournment. Mr. Sorenson moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Holst seconded the motion, and it carried. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:45 p.m.