

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

Wednesday, December 19, 2018 – 2:15 p.m.
Scott County Administrative Center
Room 638
Davenport, Iowa

Policy Committee Members Present

Diana Broderson	Mayor of Muscatine
Diane Holst	Scott County Board Supervisor
Scott Sauer	River Bend Transit Board
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation
Jeff Sorenson	Muscatine County Board Supervisor

Others Present

Tara Cullison	Bi-State Regional Commission
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Brooke Thye	Indiana, Illinois, Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting

1. Approval of Minutes of the July 10, 2018 Region 9 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Ms. Holst moved to approve the Region 9 Transportation Policy Committee meeting minutes as written, and Ms. Broderson seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as written.
2. Consideration of the Region 9 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) – Iowa Federal-Aid Swap Program Guidance Manual. Ms. McCullough presented the revised STBG – Federal-Aid Swap Guidance Manual that incorporated the Iowa Federal-Aid Swap Program and the Technical Committee’s discussion from their September and August meetings. One of the larger changes was streamlining the method used in previous years to rank projects from each jurisdiction. Project selection now coincides with established targets based on historical geographic distribution while retaining the core criteria of the current ranking process, where each project still needs to meet enhancements or improvements toward the regional transportation network. Criteria evaluation will be done by Bi-State staff and be brought to the Technical Committee for discussion, rather than using criteria for ranking projects. Ultimately, targets will lead programming discussion and will allow jurisdictions to budget for projects while remaining transparent in the process.

A concern noted in the discussion was that prevailing wage rate requirements do not apply for Federal-Aid Swap Program projects. Mr. Shea informed the Committee that they should speak with their jurisdiction’s attorney before implementing an ordinance to require prevailing wage rates on Swap projects. Mr. Sauer motioned to approve the Region 9 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) – Iowa Federal-Aid Swap Program Guidance Manual. Ms. Broderson seconded, and the motion carried.

3. Consideration of Revisions to FFY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program. Ms. Cullison shared the amendment of TPMS Project #34150 in the City of Muscatine, TIP # M-19-01, on Westside Trail. The revisions include a change in scope and location to the project due to partial completion of the original scope. The new project description will read, “On Westside Trail, from south of intersection of S. Houser St. at Hershey Ave. 1.3 Miles to Muscatine CRD Discovery Park.” Ms. Holst moved to approve the amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Sauer seconded the motion.
4. Presentation on Region 9 Transportation Planning Review. Mr. Shea provided an overview of the Iowa DOT’s feedback from the RPA9 Planning Review in October. The DOT requires a full review for RPA’s every six years and “check-in” every three. This review process was full review. Mr. Shea mentioned the benefit of Bi-State being the planning agency for Region 9 because they are also the planning agency for the Quad Cities MPO, a Transportation Management Association, overseen by the FHWA. Overall, Iowa DOT’s feedback was positive and four recommendations were discussed among the Committee involving Region 9’s funding method documentation, human service group involvement, access to the PPP document, and future coordination with resource agencies for the next long range plan update.
5. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
6. Other Business. No other business was discussed at this time.
7. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned, by consensus, at approximately 3:05 p.m.