

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

Thursday, July 11, 2019 – 10:30 a.m.

River Bend Transit
Conference Room
7440 Vine Street Court
Davenport, Iowa
Jeff Sorenson, Chair

Policy Committee Members Present

Diana Broderson	Mayor of Muscatine
John Maxwell	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
Rosina Guyer	Clerk/Treasurer of Long Grove
Angie Kersten	Scott County Engineer
Michael Limberg	Mayor of Long Grove
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Dylan Parker	Indiana, Illinois, Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting (IIIFFC)
Brian Stineman	Muscatine Public Works
Brooke Thyne	Indiana, Illinois, Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting (IIIFFC)

1. Public Hearing on Region 9 FFY2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program. The public hearing was opened at 10:40 a.m. with introductions from all attendees. Ms. Cullison presented an overview of the FFY2020-2023 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. Ms. Cullison noted the programming recommendations of STBG, TAP Flex, and Iowa TAP funds from the Region 9 Transportation Technical Committee to the Policy Committee. There were no comments from the public or discussion among the Committee regarding the FFY2020-2023 TIP. Mr. Maxwell motioned to close the public hearing, and Mr. Sauer seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the public meeting was closed at 10:51 a.m.
2. Election of Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) Chair and Vice-Chair. Ms. McCullough noted that during odd years, the Policy Committee Chair and Vice-Chair are chosen with the option to continue serving. Mr. Sorenson and Ms. Broderson were identified as the existing Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively. Both Mr. Sorenson and Ms. Broderson informed the group that they do not mind continuing to serve on the Committee as Officers. Mr. Maxwell motioned to keep Mr. Sorenson as Chair and Ms. Broderson as Vice-Chair. Mr. Sauer seconded the motion, and it carried.

3. Confirmation of the Results for a Small Communities’ Representative for Region 9. Ms. Cullison informed the group that per the Region 9 Transportation Policy and Technical Committees’ Committee and Meeting Procedures within the By-Laws, mayors from the smaller communities are contacted in odd numbered years for interest in serving as a representative or alternate small communities representative on the Policy Committee. Ms. Cullison noted that a response to the solicitation was received from Mayor Michael Limberg of Long Grove to serve as the Small Communities’ Representative or Alternate. Mr. Sorensen stated that the existing Representative, Mr. Kosticheck, has served well over the years, and with his absence, advised to allow him to hold the position and have Mr. Limberg serve as alternate. Mr. Limberg commented that he would like to be more involved in the transportation planning process and would be happy to represent small communities in Region 9 at the Policy Committee level. Mr. Maxwell moved to approve Mr. Kosticheck as the Small Communities Representative, contingent upon Mr. Kosticheck’s agreement to continue serving due to his absence, and approve Mr. Limberg as the new Small Communities Alternate. Ms. Broderson seconded the motion, and it carried.
4. Approval of Minutes of the March 22, 2019 Region 9 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mr. Maxwell moved to approve the Transportation Policy Committee meeting minutes as written, and Mr. Sauer seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as written.
5. Consideration of Revision to the FFY2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program. Ms. Cullison presented the TIP revision process to the group and differences between amendments and administrative modifications. She presented the amendment for consideration of project number M-19-02 (TPMS # 341947) on Grandview Avenue. The City of Muscatine requested the project description be amended to reflect the actual project terminus of Pearl Street rather than the Carver Corner Intersection. The new description shall read similarly to, “Grandview Ave, from Pearl Street, 2.2 miles to U.S. 61.” Ms. Cullison also presented some minor administrative modifications that have been made to the FFY2019-2022 TIP since the last Policy Committee meeting. Ms. Broderson motioned to approve the FFY2019-2022 TIP revision to M-19-02 as presented. Mr. Maxwell seconded the motion, and it carried.
6. Consideration of Iowa Region 9 Candidate Projects for Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program, and Transportation Alternatives Program Flex Funds (TAP Flex) and Recommendation of Results to be Included in the FFY2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Ms. Cullison presented a project description for each of the STBG and TA Set-Aside projects that were applied for this round and to be programmed through FFY2023 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. Cullison shared the recommendations provided by the Region 9 Transportation Technical Committee. The Technical Committee’s recommendations included:
 - STBG It was recommended by the Technical Committee that two of the three applications received be programmed with the full SWAP-STBG funds requested and that the TAP Flex funds would remain STBG. First, the joint Muscatine County-Scott County project was recommended to be awarded the full amount requested of \$4,700,000 in FFY2023. Second, the City of Muscatine was recommended to be awarded the full amount of requested additional funds to the FFY2019 Grandview Ave. project, equaling \$2,000,000 of FFY2020 SWAP-STBG/TAP Flex funds. Lastly, the Technical Committee recommended to not award any SWAP-STBG funds to

the City of Long Grove's 1st Street Revitalization project that included the roadway improvements of the 1st Street Corridor project. Mr. Sorensen noted that the Technical Committee has done well at considering the distribution of the funding through the planning region, considering not all transportation dollars flow through the RPA. Mr. Maxwell motioned to approve the STBG recommendations presented by the Technical Committee as is, and Mr. Sauer seconded the motion. The recommendation was approved as presented by consensus.

- TAP It was recommended by the Technical Committee that the one application that was received, the City of Long Grove' 1st Street Multi-Use Path Revitalization project, be funded using the available funds through FFY2023 and with approval from the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT), draw from Region 9 FFY2024 funds for the remainder of Phase 1 costs. Phase 1 of the project was estimated by the city's consulting engineer to cost \$480,000. TA Set-Aside requires a 20% match, and Long Grove requested \$384,000 (80%) of TA Set-Aside funds. Region 9 has a TA Set-Aside balance of \$345,852 through FFY2023. Mr. Maxwell motioned to approve the TA Set-Aside/TAP recommendation as presented, including the FFY2024 overdraw approval from IDOT contingency, and Mr. Limberg seconded the motion. The recommendation was approved as presented by consensus.

Mr. Maxwell motioned to include the approved SWAP-STBG and TA Set-Aside/TAP recommendations in the FFY2020-2023 as noted by the annual elements. Mr. Limberg seconded the motion, and it carried.

7. Consideration of the Region 9 FFY2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). No additional presentation was made beyond that of the public hearing. There were no additional comments from the Committee. Ms. Cullison noted that some numbers had changed from the TIP draft that was sent to the Committee, but were included and noted as changed in the STBG funding tables during public hearing presentation. Mr. Maxwell motioned to approve the Iowa Region 9 FFY2020-2023 TIP as presented during public hearing, and Mr. Limberg seconded the motion. The FFY2020-2023 TIP was approved as presented.
8. Public Comments. Ms. Thye, of the Indiana, Illinois, Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting, voiced three concerns with the Iowa Federal-Aid Swap Program. First, that Swap disregards federal Davis-Bacon Wage requirements and allows contractors from out-of-state to bid on local projects. Second, the Swap Program disregards the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise requirement of federal projects. Lastly, Swap does not require Buy American for construction materials and could have future implications to the steel plant in Wilton, IA. Ms. Thye urged the Policy Committee to consider opting-out of the Iowa Federal-Aid Swap Program at a future Policy Committee meeting.
9. Other Business. No other business was discussed at this time.
10. Adjournment. Mr. Maxwell moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Limberg seconded the motion, and it carried. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:35 a.m.