

Minutes of the
REGION 9
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

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Thursday, November 21, 2019 – 10:30 a.m.

Muscatine City Hall
Lower Level Conference Room
215 Sycamore Street
Muscatine, Iowa
Jeff Sorenson, Chair

Policy Committee Members Present

Diana Broderson	City of Muscatine
John Kosticheck	City of Walcott
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

1. Approval of Minutes of the August 27, 2019 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mr. Sauer moved to approve the Transportation Policy Committee meeting minutes as written, and Mr. Sorenson seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as written.
2. Consideration of Revisions to the FFY2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Ms. Cullison provided a presentation addressing three amendments that were needed in the FFY 2020-2023 TIP along with three administrative modifications. The amendments included adding the City of Muscatine’s project location description and total funding amount for the Business 61 (2nd Street and Park Avenue) project, which only includes the state’s share of the project and costs. A segment along E 2nd Street was left out of the original project in the TIP, and the total estimate cost of the project increased to \$1,833,000 to include the city and state share. The third amendment was a \$203,300 decrease in federal aid for FFY2022 River Bend Transit replacement of ADA Light Duty Buses (176”). The adopted TIP noted that four buses were being replaced when there were only two replacements programmed for FFY2022. Three administrative modifications were made to River Bend Transit’s FY2020, FY2021, and FY2022 Annual Element tables. The number of bus replacements was incorrect in the TIP, and some bus replacement numbers were recorded incorrectly. The administrative modifications addressed these errors within the FFY2020-2023 TIP. Ms. Broderson moved to approve the revisions to the FFY2020-2023

Transportation Improvement Program as presented. Mr. Kosticheck seconded, and the motion carried.

3. Review of Timeline, Public Involvement Outline, and Regional Goals/Priorities for the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan. Ms. Cullison provided a brief overview presentation of the proposed 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) timeline, public involvement process, and the previous plan's Regional Goals/Priorities. The timeline included monthly milestones and potential TTC/TPC meeting months to keep the document development moving forward. The public involvement process included focus groups, public meetings, and other digital/media forms of outreach. Ms. Cullison presented the goals as they appeared in the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan and asked the Committee for their input on the language and the goal categories themselves. Ms. McCullough mentioned to the group that "Equity" could replace the term "Special Needs" within goal #5 that addresses mobility for all. Mr. Sorensen mentioned that we should consider maritime freight and the movement of goods along the Mississippi River corridor; someday the RPA will need to support barge traffic. It was agreed among the Committee's discussion to include water and maritime transportation among the types of transportation listed in the "Modes" goal since barge traffic and commerce could have an effect on roads.
4. Public Comments. There were no public comments.

Other Business. Ms. McCullough explained that the IA DOT has until recently conducted pavement condition testing on all Iowa roadways on a two-year cycle. The IA DOT has shifted the program to a four-year cycle for National Highway System (NHS) routes. An RPA may opt in to cover the costs of collecting data on all roads on the between two-year cycle years of the state's four-year cycle through the use of their local Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds. Iowa Region 9 consists of 562 road miles and would cost approximately \$53,000.

5. Adjournment. Ms. Broderson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sauer seconded the motion, and it carried. The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:10 a.m.