

Minutes of the
REGION 9
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

Serving Rural Scott County and all of Muscatine County

Friday, January 29, 2021 – 11:00 a.m.

WEBINAR MEETING

Jeff Sorenson, Chair

Policy Committee Members Present

Diana Broderson	City of Muscatine
Michael Limberg	City of Long Grove
John Maxwell	Scott County Board Supervisor
Scott Sauer	Muscatine County/River Bend Transit
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation
Jeff Sorenson	Muscatine County

Others Present

Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Katelyn Miner	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Public Hearing on the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan for Iowa Region 9. Ms. McCullough reviewed those in attendance. No one from the public was present for this public hearing or the public input meeting that was held on Tuesday, January 26, 2021. Ms. Miner presented to the committee, briefly describing each chapter in the Region 9 LRTP and edits that were made based on feedback. Chapter 1 only had one minor citation edit. Chapter 2 focused on the final list of Future Roadway Priorities Projects. Chapter 3 had edits on the transit section, updating MuscaBus and River Bend Transit verbiage. Chapter 4 had the most feedback, focusing on freight tonnage, weight restrictions, and a follow-up on the Supply Chain & Logistics Program at Eastern Iowa Community College. Chapter 5 had several figures added to represent the total fatalities and severity of crashes with bicyclists and pedestrians in the Region 9 area. Chapter 6 had minor edits to the forecasting revenues and TAP/STBG funds section. All chapters had sidebar information added. Next steps for the Region 9 LRTP were outlined at the end of the presentation. Mr. Sauer motioned to close the public hearing. Ms. Broderson seconded the motion. The motion to close the public hearing was approved. The public hearing started at approximately 11:05 a.m. and ended at approximately 11:20 a.m.
2. Approval of Minutes and Ratification of Actions made at the September 8, 2020 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mr. Sorenson asked if the committee had any questions or comments on the minutes from the September meeting. Mr. Maxwell motioned

to approve and ratify the minutes. Mr. Limberg seconded the motion. The minutes were approved and ratified.

3. Review and Approval of the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan for Iowa Region 9 Chapters. Mr. Sorenson asked the committee if they had any questions or comments regarding the 2045 Region 9 LRTP. Mr. Limberg asked about the future roadway priority projects and if they were included in this plan. Ms. Miner confirmed that they were included in Chapter 2. Mr. Limberg asked for a copy of the presentation to be emailed to him for review. Ms. Broderson motioned to approve the 2045 Region 9 LRTP. Mr. Sauer seconded the motion, and the plan was approved by the committee.
4. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
5. Other Business.
 - a. *STBG and TAP Funding Evaluation Process* – Ms. McCullough presented on the STBG Program and TAP funding evaluation criteria process, with no consideration of revisions from the TTC. The FAST Act continues all prior STBG eligibilities and awards up to 100% with SWAP funds. Awards to transit would remain federalized. TAP funding evaluation criteria was reviewed to determine if it remains relevant. Ms. McCullough asked the committee if they had any questions on this process. The committee had no questions and unanimously agreed to continue with the current evaluation processes already in place, as recommended by the TTC.
 - b. *Upcoming Grants* – Ms. McCullough reviewed and listed upcoming grants. Upcoming grants included RISE – a local development grant with dates of February 1 and September 1; Volkswagen Settlement – for low emission transit buses and off-road vehicles or no emission vehicles; LIFTS – for multimodal freight projects already solicited in late 2020 with awards held in February or March; and ICAP, TAP, CARES Act, and Federal Recreational Trails Grant in the fall.
6. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 11:45 a.m.