

**Minutes of the**  
**REGION 9**  
**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE**

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Wednesday, September 15, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.  
WEBINAR MEETING  
Jeff Sorensen, Chair

Policy Committee Members Present

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

Others Present

Alex Anderson	Muscatine County
Bryan Horesowsky	Muscatine County
Jeff Horne	City of Wilton
Angie Kersten	Scott County
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Jason McKenzie	City of Long Grove
Katelyn Miner	Bi-State Regional Commission
Elliot Pennock	Scott County
Ann Schmidt	City of Blue Grass
Brian Stineman	City of Muscatine
Keith White	Muscatine County

1. Approval of Minutes of the July 9, 2021 Region 9 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mayor Broderson motioned to approve the Transportation Policy Committee meeting minutes as written. Mr. Sauer seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.
2. 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). Ms. Miner gave a brief presentation on the details of the STBG and TASA candidate projects. Ms. McCullough gave a brief overview of the FFC mileage per jurisdiction. Four candidate projects were received requesting STBG funds, including one project from Muscatine County, one from Scott County, one from the City of Long Grove, and one from the City of Blue Grass. The City of Long Grove and the City of Wilton also submitted TA Set-Aside project applications. In Region 9, there is \$227,213 in TA Set-Aside Program funds and \$3,566,372 in STBG funds and TAP Flex

funds available for programming through FY2025. Technical Committee (TTC) recommendations for the TASA projects were to move TAP Flex funds of \$252,000 from STBG funds to TASA funds and authorize each project proportionally based on their requested amounts. TTC recommendations for the STBG projects were to fund Scott County's project fully and fund Muscatine County's project partially with the remaining STBG funds of \$1,514,000. An alternate recommendation was made by Mayor Limberg prior to the meeting to be brought up for discussion. The alternate recommendation was to keep TAP Flex funds with STBG, partially award Muscatine County's, Scott County's, and Long Groves STBG projects, and give all TASA funds to the City of Wilton for their TASA project. Discussion took place on both recommendations. Mr. Sauer motioned to approve the recommendation of the TTC, and Mayor Broderson seconded. The motion carried in a 3-2 vote. Mr. Sorenson mentioned that there should be another discussion at the next meeting looking at equity and the current STBG/TASA policy process to discuss if it is still working for the region. Ms. McCullough said that Bi-State would look into this and bring options forward to the Committee at the next meeting.

3. Overview of Mississippi River Ports of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois Mapping Project. Ms. McCullough detailed the most recent updates of the Mississippi River Ports Mapping Project (MRPEIWI). This included why ports matter, the importance of the Cornbelt Ports, and the current status of the MRPEIWI project.
4. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
5. Other Business. Ms. McCullough briefly mentioned the current grants and their deadlines all coming up on October 1.
6. Adjournment. Mr. Scott motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Maxwell seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m.