

AGENDA

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

*****Tuesday, July 9, 2013, 1:00 P.M. CORRECTION*****

Scott County Administrative Center, Board Room
600 West Fourth Street
Davenport, Iowa

1. Public Hearing on Iowa Region 9 FFY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program. (Notice of the public hearing was sent to the Regional Transportation Advisory Group and Regional Transit Advisory Group-Region 9 Interests with a fact sheet on the TIP and directions to an online copy for comment – see back of page. Public notices were published in the *Quad City Times* and the *Muscatine Journal* newspapers at least 14 days prior to the public hearing. Presentation on the FFY 2014-2017 TIP will be part of the public hearing.)
2. Approval of the March 27, 2013 Region 9 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes. (A copy of the meeting minutes are enclosed in Committee members' packets.)
3. Consideration of the Region 9 Public Participation Plan Revisions. (A copy of the Region 9 Public Participation Plan revisions are included in Committee members' packets. They were presented as part of the FY2014 Region 9 Transportation Planning Work Program update in March. A memorandum accompanies the agenda packet that was sent to the Regional Transportation Advisory Group on June 17, 2013 to solicit public comments on the revisions.) – Gena McCullough
4. Consideration of the Region 9 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Project Selection Process. (The draft document is enclosed in Committee members' packets.) – Gena McCullough
5. Consideration of FFY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program. (The draft document is enclosed in Committee members' packets.) – Brandon Melton
6. Public Comments.
7. Other Business.
8. Adjournment.

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cc: Regional Transportation Advisory and Regional Transit Interest Groups (Combined & Region 9 Interests) and Media

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP): General Information

WHAT IS A TIP?

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): The document for Iowa Region 9, serving rural Scott County and all of Muscatine County, listing transportation projects to be funded under federal transportation programs for a four-year period. To be eligible for federal transportation funding, a project must be included in the TIP.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS?

The state, county and city in Region 9 has the opportunity to develop and review a list of projects each year that have been programmed and/or identified to receive federal transportation dollars. Projects must be derived from the *Iowa Region 9 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan*. Bi-State Regional Commission compiles the list of projects by federal fiscal year for a four-year period. The document is reviewed and recommended for approval to the Region 9 Transportation Policy Committee by the Region 9 Transportation Technical Committee. The TIP allows projects to move forward from planning and programming to engineering and construction. The first year of the TIP identifies projects that are being readied for implementation. The process is generally initiated in March and completed by June when the document is considered for adoption by the Policy Committee. As it is approved locally, it is then incorporated in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITIES?

Public comment opportunities for the TIP can occur at various levels. As communities prepare their community comprehensive plans and conduct capital improvement programming, there are opportunities for citizens to comment on individual projects proposed by the respective jurisdiction.

For Region 9, public comment opportunities are provided in the development of the Long Range Transportation Plan, which is updated on a five-year cycle. Additionally, the Region 9 area receives a local share of Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds for which communities/counties can compete based on an evaluation system rating transportation projects. Input opportunities are available during the respective project ranking process.

The following is one opportunity for public comment on the transportation planning process:

Public Hearing

Iowa Region 9 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

A public hearing, as part of the Region 9 Transportation Policy Committee, is set for 1:00 PM on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 in the Board Room of the Scott County Administration Building, 600 West Fourth Street, Davenport, Iowa. Its purpose is to receive comments on the FFY 2014-2017 Iowa Region 9 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for rural Scott County and all of Muscatine County. Comments will be accepted through July 9, 2013. A draft of the Region 9 TIP document is available at www.bistateonline.org or by contacting Gena McCullough at 309/793-6300. Persons requiring special material or presentation format should contact Ms. McCullough by July 2, 2013.

WHERE CAN I FIND A COPY OF THE TIP?

A full draft copy of the Transportation Improvement Program can be found at:

www.bistateonline.org/ser/tra/tip.shtml - Iowa Region 9 (FFY 2013-2016) - Rural Scott County and Muscatine