

Minutes of the

REGION 9

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Serving Rural Scott County and all of Muscatine County

Wednesday, May 30, 2007, 10:00 A.M.

River Bend Transit
7440 Vine Street Court
Davenport, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Anderson	City of Wilton
Steve Boka	City of Muscatine
Jon Burgstrom	Scott County
Fred Dean	Iowa Department of Transportation
Eric Furnas	Muscatine County
Ann Harrison	Muscatine Transit
Randy Hill	City of Muscatine
Keith White	Muscatine County
Randy Zobrist	River Bend Transit, Inc.

OTHERS PRESENT

Doug DeLille	Bi-State Regional Commission
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the March 29, 2007 Joint Region 9 Transportation Technical and Policy Committee Meeting Minutes. Mr. Zobrist called the meeting to order. He asked for approval of March 29, 2007 Joint Region 9 Transportation Technical and Policy Committee minutes. Mr. Hill moved for approval of the minutes as revised. Ms. Harrison seconded the motion, and it carried.
2. Consideration of FFY08-11 Region 9 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Committee was referred to the agenda packets containing a copy of the final draft of the FFY08-11 Region 9 TIP. A listing of Annual Elements is posted on the Bi-State website. Annual Elements include continuing support of Iowa's Statewide Urban Design and Specifications (SUDAS) program and pavement management system using Iowa Region 9 Surface Transportation Program funds. Mr. DeLille presented to the Committee a brief overview of the TIP document. He reviewed text updates to the four-year TIP and noted an average annual increase of 3% was factored for maintenance costs. Also, a map will be added identifying the general location of infrastructure projects listed in the FFY 08 annual element. Updated annual element pages were distributed to the Committee containing the most recent administrative revisions. Based on current funding targets, at the end of FFY 2011, Region 9 will have an estimated \$2.8 million STP balance and an \$89,800 Transportation Enhancement balance. It was noted a correction needed to be made to the dollar amounts listed for both Pavement Management and SUDAS. Mr. White motioned to

recommend the FFY08-11 Region 9 TIP with the discussed revisions to the Transportation Policy Committee for approval. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

3. Presentation on Complete Streets Concept. Mr. DeLille provided handouts to the Committee containing information from an A.P.A. audio conference and from various websites promoting the Complete Streets concept. He provided the Committee with a broad definition of what is considered to be a Complete Street. A number of communities were identified within proximity to the Region 9 planning area that currently have or are considering adopting a Complete Street policy. Complete Streets is supported by a variety of national organizations and associations. The concept is growing in popularity and support. Bi-State will continue to monitor the status of Complete Streets and will keep the Policy Committee aware of any new developments or need for action. Mr. Hill noted a concern with Complete Streets is that one size doesn't fit all regions, communities, and/or projects; any Complete Streets policies must recognize design needs to be well established and the requirements need to be flexible.
4. Status of the Iowa Region 9 Long Range Plan Update. Ms. McCullough informed the Committee that Bi-State staff is preparing the draft chapters for the document. The final guidance for the Plan was not distributed until March of 2007. The guidance requests more visuals, more data and analysis, and separation of security and safety. The Transit Development Plan (TDP) process and the changes in plan guidance pushed back the schedule for development of the Region 9 Long Range Transportation Plan. The revised timeframe anticipates a full draft in the fall with the final document completed by the end of the year. The Multi-Purpose Trails and Pedestrian Accommodations chapter is underway, and a draft will be presented at the next Technical Committee meeting.
5. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
6. Other Business. The Committee members were invited to the Region 9/Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Transportation Planning Review, which will take place at 1:00 p.m. on July 17, 2007, immediately following the Region 9 Transportation Policy Committee meeting. Box lunches will be available to purchase for those interested.
7. Adjournment. Ms. Harrison motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Furnas seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.