

**Minutes of the**  
**REGION 9**  
**TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL AND POLICY COMMITTEES**

Friday, March 28, 2008, 11:00 A.M.  
Muscatine City Hall  
Lower Level Conference Room  
215 Sycamore Street  
Muscatine, Iowa

Policy Committee Members Present

Paul Barnes	City of Blue Grass
Dyann Roby	City of Muscatine
Vic Saldivar	River Bend Transit
Tom Sunderbruch	Scott County
Dave Watkins	Muscatine County

Technical Committee Members Present

Steve Boka	City of Muscatine
Jon Burgstrum	Scott County
Randy Hill	City of Muscatine
Keith L. White	Muscatine County
Randy Zobrist	River Bend Transit

Others Present

Doug DeLille	Bi-State Regional Commission
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Bill Molison	Ament, Inc
Becky Passman	Bi-State Regional Commission
Chelsey Waterman	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the January 25, 2008 combined Region 9 Transportation Policy Committee and Technical Committee Meeting Minutes. Mr. Barnes called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of January 25, 2008 combined Region 9 Transportation Policy and Technical Committee meeting. It was indicated that Ms. Roby's first name should be corrected to read Dyann rather than Dawn as listed under the Policy Committee Members Present. Mr. Watkins made a motion to approve the minutes with the noted correction. Mr. Sunderbruch seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as amended.

2. Consideration of Adoption of Bi-State's Regional Transit Development Plan (TDP). Ms. Waterman provided the committee with a summary of revisions to the draft 2008 Transit Development Plan based on suggestions from the Iowa Department of Transportation, Office of Public Transit. As a general suggestion, the Iowa DOT recommended that Bi-State broaden the scope of the document beyond public transit systems to include more information on specialized transit providers. Specifically, it was suggested that Bi-State provide more information on agencies receiving funds from one of the 62 federal programs identified as indirectly financing transportation services in the development of SAFETEA-LU. Examples of these funding streams would include Health and Human Services, the Department of Labor, and the Department of Veteran's Affairs. Ms. Waterman explained that these agencies have been contacted, but often are lacking an incentive to provide detailed financial and fleet information. Continued efforts will be made to encourage participation and obtain more extensive information from the region's specialized transit providers. To better incorporate these agencies in the body of the document, a spreadsheet containing basic agency information as well as a chart of the 62 federal programs will be added to chapters within the text. Also, several projects have been added or modified to the project tables in Chapter 5 based on the Iowa DOT's comments. Bi-State will be adding an ICAAP grant that was recently awarded to River Bend Transit as well as a proposed Public Infrastructure Grant (PTIG). In addition, urban Job Access and Reverse Commute and New Freedom funds awarded to MetroLINK and River Bend Transit at the February Technical and Policy Committees have been revised or added to the document. Text will also be added to reflect a need for replacement vehicles that has been expressed by several agencies wishing to apply for Illinois Section 5310 funding in FY2009. Mr. Watkins motioned to approve the TDP with the discussed revisions. Mr. Sunderbruch seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. Presentation on FY09 Region 9 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP). Ms. McCullough referred members of the Committees to the draft FY 2009 TPWP included in their agenda packets. The Committees were given an overview of the FY 2009 TPWP. Ms. McCullough presented information on the purpose of the TPWP, major transportation issues covered in the FY 2009 draft, FY 2008 accomplishments, a summary of FY 2009 Region 9 planning funding, and justifications for adopting the FY 2009 TPWP. Comments on the draft FY 2009 Region 9 TPWP will be received through May.
4. Status of Iowa Region 9 Long Range Transportation Plan Update. Ms. McCullough handed out an updated timeline for completion of the Region 9 Long Range Transportation Plan. Bi-State staff is anticipating a draft for review to be ready in April with the final plan being adopted in June.
5. Public Comments. No public comments were received.

6. Other Business. Ms. McCullough presented to the committees a handout containing information on passenger rail service. She pointed out that Route A from the Amtrak Study was the preferred route between Chicago and the Quad Cities. The study includes route alternatives and costs. Route A is the less expensive alternative and mirrors the one proposed in the Passenger Rail Plan. It is estimated it would take about two years to implement the route. The handout also included information on passenger rail service in Iowa.

The Committee was also asked to approve an amendment to the FFY 08 annual element of the Region 9 TIP. The amendment is needed to add an ICAAP project awarded to River Bend Transit to the current annual element. Mr. Sunderbruch motioned to amend the TIP to include the ICAAP project. Mr. Saldivar seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The Committees discussed possible impacts on Region 9 from the recent non-attainment area designation. Ms. McCullough informed the Committees that the air quality issue would probably have more impact on the MPO area rather than the RPA.

The Committees were informed that Certificates of Appreciation were being presented to Mr. Dean, District Planner with the Iowa D.O.T., on behalf of both the Region 9 Policy and Technical Committees.

7. Adjournment. Mr. Saldivar motioned to adjourn. Mr. Watkins seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.