

Minutes of the
REGION 9
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL AND POLICY COMMITTEES

Thursday, February 26, 2009, 10:00 A.M.
Blue Grass City Hall
114 North Mississippi Street
Blue Grass, Iowa

Policy Committee Members Present

Paul Barnes	City of Blue Grass
Joe Hutter	River Bend Transit
Dick O'Brien	City of Muscatine
Wayne Shoultz	Muscatine County
Tom Sunderbruch	Scott County

Technical Committee Members Present

Ann Harrison	City of Muscatine
Randy Hill	City of Muscatine
Russ Stutt	Scott County
Keith White	Muscatine County
Randy Zobrist	River Bend Transit

Others Present

Doug DeLille	Bi-State Regional Commission
Jon Lutz	City of Muscatine
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Sam Shea	Iowa DOT

1. Approval of the June 13, 2008 Joint Region 9 Transportation Policy and Technical Committees' Meeting Minutes (Policy Committee) and Approval of the October 16, 2008 Region 9 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting Minutes (Technical Committee). Mr. Sunderbruch motioned to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2008 Joint Region 9 Policy and Technical Committees' meeting. Mr. Shoultz seconded the motion. The June 13, 2008 meeting minutes were approved as written. Mr. Zobrist motioned to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2008 Region 9 Technical Committee meeting. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. The October 16, 2008 meeting minutes were approved as written.
2. Consideration of Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP) Projects. Members were informed of the two ICAAP projects, one for River Bend Transit and one for Muscatine Transit. A Resolution of Support and Concurrence on Consistency with Transportation Planning was distributed and discussed. Both River Bend Transit and Muscatine Transit are requesting the Policy Committee's support for their respective projects which enhance efforts to improve the air quality in Region 9 through emission reductions. Mr. Shoultz

motioned to approve the Resolutions of Support for the two ICAAP projects. Mr. Sunderbruch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. Discussion of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and Consideration of Region 9 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments for ARRA and other Transportation/ Transit Projects. Ms. McCullough stated that \$360 million from the ARRA was approved for the State of Iowa. The amount targeted for Region 9 is \$2.2 million. The communities in Region 9 were contacted and asked if they had any projects that would meet the requirements of the ARRA federal-aid funds. The Act stipulates that fifty percent of the \$360 million needs to be obligated or under contract within 120 days. Committee members were referred to a list of projects that would meet the requirements of the ARRA. Ms. McCullough reviewed the projects submitted and the recommendation for distribution of ARRA funds based on the Region 9 target. The table illustrates these projects and funding levels.

Iowa Region 9 American Recovery & Reinvestment Projects-Approved 2/26/09							
Sponsor	Title	Description	Total Cost	Federal Share	FM/Local Share	MPO/RPA	Trail/Enhancement
Muscatine County	HMA Overlay/Widening 155ths St.(F70)	HMA Overlay/Widening and Cold in Place Recycling on 155th St. (F70)from Moscow Rd. (X54) to low a 38.	\$1,611,000	\$733,544	\$877,456	RPA	No
Muscatine City	Clay St. Concrete Replacement	0.633-miles of concrete replacement.	\$1,139,400	\$733,544	\$405,856	RPA	No
Scott County	F-33 Bridge Replacement	Replace Bridge northeast of Donahue over Mud Creek tributary.	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0	RPA	No
Scott County	Y-48 Bridge Replacement	Replace Bridge at Y48/Maysville Rd. Over Mud Creek.	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0	RPA	No
Scott County	Y-40 Box Culvert Replacement	Y-40 1.5-miles south of Dixon.	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$0	RPA	No
Scott County	Utica Ridge Rd. Box Culvert Extension	Extend box culvert on Utica Ridge Rd. at branch of Lost Grove Creek.	\$100,000	\$83,544	\$16,456	RPA	No

Muscatine County, Scott County, and the City of Muscatine would each receive one-third or \$733,544 of the federal funds. Muscatine County will apply \$733,544 of ARRA funds towards one project totaling \$1,611,000 using \$877,456 in Farm to Market funding to match the federal dollars. The City of Muscatine will use \$733,544 of ARRA funds towards a \$1,139,400 project with the balance of \$405,856 coming from local sources. Scott County will complete four projects with \$733,544 of ARRA funds using \$16,456 in Farm to Market funding to match one of the projects. Two of the Scott County projects were in the out years of the current Region 9 FFY 2009-2012 TIP and can be moved up to FFY 2009 with administrative modifications. All the other projects are considered TIP amendments and require Policy Committee approval to add the projects into the FFY 2009 annual element. Mr. Sunderbruch motioned to approve amending the projects as stated and accepting the recommendations of projects for stimulus funds. Mr. Shultz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Discussion of the 2035 Region 9 Long Range Transportation Plan. Ms. McCullough referred the Committees to the full final draft of the Long Range Plan included in their agenda packets. The Committees were also provided a presentation handout outlining the contents, goals, future transportation needs, financial feasibility and schedule for final adoption of the plan. She summarized the Long Range Transportation Plan process and mentioned that SAFETEA-LU requires projects included in the plan to be in year of expenditure dollars and that the document needs to address safety and security. Ms. McCullough explained the cost projection and other information included in the Conclusion Chapter. The crash data has been updated from 2001 to 2008 and the text in the plan will need to be modified to reflect the updated data. There was discussion regarding the bridge inspection schedules and weight restrictions on rural roads. The rural road system was not designed to support and has not kept up with advancements in agriculture. The consensus among the Committees was to complete the minor revisions as discussed and prepare the plan for the required public review. The goal is to have the Policy Committee adopt the document in May.
5. Public Comments. No public comments were received.
6. Other Business. It was determined that a joint Region 9 Policy and Technical Committee meeting be held in March, the Technical Committee would meet in April, and another joint Policy and Technical Committee meeting be held in May.
7. Adjournment. Mr. Sunderbruch motioned to adjourn. Mr. Shultz seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.