

Minutes of the
REGION 9
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL AND POLICY COMMITTEES

Thursday, March, 26 2009, 10:00 AM
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
Dyann Roby	City of Muscatine
Tom Sunderbruch	Scott County
Dave Watkins	Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

Technical Committee Members Present

Mark Anderson	City of Wilton
Jon Burgstrum	Scott County
Randy Hill	City of Muscatine
Randy Zobrist	River Bend Transit

Others Present

Chelsey Waterman Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the February 26, 2009 Joint Region 9 Transportation Policy and Transportation Technical Committees' Meeting Minutes. Mr. Sunderbruch motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Burgstrum seconded the motion. The February 26, 2009 meeting minutes were approved as written.
2. Consideration of Adoption of Bi-State Region Transit Development Plan (TDP). Ms. Waterman stated that CD-ROMs containing draft 2009 Transit Development Plans were included in Committee Members' agenda packets for review. Revisions since the 2008 plan was adopted include updated funding targets, additional transit operators as identified, and rural transit route maps which were developed for each of the six counties in the planning area. The county-based transit route maps provide insight as to where transit vehicles are traveling beyond the urban fixed-route systems. Initially, plan development was focused on public transit operators which were receiving federal or state transit funds and whose participation was mandatory. However, over the past year Bi-State has attempted to broaden the scope of the document and obtain information on private and specialized agencies providing transportation. Based on their review, members suggested the employer list in Chapter 2 be revised to reflect the number of employees at Muscatine County, Wilton schools, and IPSCO. Next, members were referred to an email from the Iowa Department of Transportation (IADOT) categorizing the Bi-State TDP as "Tier 1." Based on this designation, IADOT will not require a full plan update on an annual basis in the future. Although only an amended form of the document will be necessary for the Iowa DOT

in 2010, Illinois counties are still required to provide a full update annually. As more guidance is provided, Bi-State will develop a plan to meet both state DOT's requirements for the 2010 update. Mr. Watkins motioned to approve the Transit Development Plan. Mr. Sunderbruch seconded the motion. The Transit Development Plan was approved with revisions.

3. Presentation on the FY2010 Region 9 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP). Members were referred to the draft FY2010 TPWP included in their agenda packets, as well as a Power Point presentation summarizing the draft document. The purpose of the document is to coordinate transportation planning among local governments, develop budgets for transportation planning activities and funds, outline requirements for various agencies toward planning efforts, and establish products, purposes, and general methods for transportation planning activities. Current issues include air quality improvement, passenger rail and intermodal connections, and coordination with human services and specialized transportation providers. A major accomplishment of the FY2009 plan was the completion of the Region 9 Long Range Transportation Plan, as well as annual documents such as the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Transit Development Plan (TDP). Ms. Waterman explained that the document is brought before the Region 9 Technical and Policy Committees for review and will be considered for adoption by the Bi-State Regional Commission.
4. Public Comments. No public comments were received.
5. Other Business. Members discussed roadway projects which were awarded federal stimulus funds from the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and possible spring 2009 letting dates.
6. Adjournment. Mr. Sunderbruch motioned to adjourn. Mr. Hutter seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:35 a.m.