

Minutes of the

REGION 9

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Serving Rural Scott County and all of Muscatine County

Thursday, April 22, 2010, 1:00 p.m.

Muscatine City Hall

215 Sycamore Street

Muscatine, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT

Steve Boka	City of Muscatine
Jon Burgstrum	Scott County
Randy Hill	City of Muscatine
Kristi Korpi	City of Muscatine Transit
Sam Shea	Iowa DOT
Jeremy Underwood	Muscatine County
Keith White	Muscatine County
Randy Zobrist	River Bend Transit, Inc.

OTHERS PRESENT

Doug DeLille	Bi-State Regional Commission
Stacy Lentsch	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of the December 18, 2009 Joint Region 9 Transportation Policy and Technical Committees' Meeting Minutes. Mr. Boka moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Burgstrum seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.
2. Presentation on the FY11 Region 9 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP). The Technical Committee was referred to the draft FY11 TPWP included in their agenda packets and provided a handout of a PowerPoint slide presentation on the Region 9 TPWP. The Committee was informed that the TPWP outlines Region 9 activities for FY11. The purpose of the Transportation Planning Work Program is coordinate transportation planning among local governments; conduct continuing, comprehensive planning; develop budgets for transportation activities and funds; outline requirements for various agencies; and establish products, purposes and general methods for transportation planning activities. The TPWP addresses some of the major transportation issues for Region 9 in FY11 and identifies accomplishments in FY10. The Committee was given a summary of Region 9 FY11 transportation planning funding and the TPWP adoption process.
3. Discuss Status of Stimulus Funding and Consider Revisions to the Region 9 FFY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Committee was informed that another round of transportation stimulus funding is not likely this fiscal year. Copies of the Region 9 FFY 2010-2013 TIP Annual Element pages, with proposed revisions highlighted, are included in the agenda packets. Mr. DeLille informed the Committee that the State of Iowa project number IA-10-02 is adding \$927,000 in statewide STP funds, this requires a TIP amendment. Muscatine County is adding project number MC-10-03 and the City of Muscatine is adding project M-10-13. Neither project will be using federal funds; however, both are new TIP projects which require TIP amendments. Mr. DeLille also noted that Scott County project number SC-10-09 was moved from FFY 2013 to FFY 2010 and the amount of HBRRP funds was increased to cover the total project cost. The changes to the Scott County project are considered an administrative modification. Mr. Boka moved to recommend the amendments to the FFY 2010-2013 TIP. Mr. White seconded the motion and the motion carried.

4. Update on Regional Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) Funds. The Committee was informed of the request from the City of Muscatine and Muscatine County for \$70,000 in unspent Region 9 Transportation Enhancement Program funds. The funds will be used to complete the segment of MRT from Weed Park to Wild Cat Den State Park. The Region 9 Transportation Policy Committee was notified of the request and will issue the next Policy Committee meeting on May 5, 2010.
5. Status Reports.
 - *Air Quality*

The Committee was briefed on the status of Ozone Design Value and PM2.5 Design Value. Bi-State Region Clean Air Partnership is preparing for QC in Motion – Alternative Transportation Week and is working with the Muscatine area to gauge interest in Commuter Challenge. Bi-State Regional Commission was awarded an ICAAP grant and SPR request for emission control efforts. The USEPA is conducting a review of the ozone standard, currently 75 ppb, and considering lowering the standard. National research is being conducted on the impacts of fugitive dust.
 - *Iowa Passenger Rail Study*

Iowa and Illinois did not receive funding from the federal High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) discretionary grant program. The ARRA grants were for new and enhanced passenger rail services, including from Chicago to Iowa City via the Quad Cities. However, the Federal Railroad Administration did have very positive comments and encouraged Iowa to apply again in this next round. Iowa DOT with Illinois DOT are preparing to apply for the next round of federal funding for passenger rail.
 - *Transportation Reauthorization*

SAFETEA-LU has been extended through December 2010. Oberstar has proposed a \$500 billion six year reauthorization and says he has a list of 9,500 shovel ready projects to be included in a new jobs bill.
 - *ARRA*

Region 9 received \$2.2 million and let six projects. \$11,298 was unspent and will be placed in the Region 9 STP funds.
 - *Federal Functional Classification (FFC)*

The updates to the Region 9 maps have been made and the changes have been approved by both the Muscatine County and Scott County Boards of Supervisors. Mr. DeLille will forward the e-mail containing the FFC information received from Mr. Shea to the Committee.
6. Public Comments. No public comments were received.
7. Other Business. There was no other business.
8. Adjournment. Ms. Hill motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Zobrist seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.