

**Minutes of the
REGION 9
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**
Serving Rural Scott County and all of Muscatine County
Wednesday, October 6, 2010, 1:00pm
Muscatine City Hall
215 Sycamore Street
Muscatine, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jon Burgstrum	Scott County
Randy Hill	City of Muscatine
Kristi Korpi	City of Muscatine Transit
Jon Lutz	City of Muscatine
Sam Shea	Iowa DOT
Keith White	Muscatine County
Randy Zobrist	River Bend Transit, Inc.
Joel Laws	City of Wilton

OTHERS PRESENT

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

1. Approval of the June 2, 2010 Region 9 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting Minutes. Introductions of those in attendance were requested. Mr. Hill moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Burgstrum seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with the noted change that the minutes are from June 2, 2010 not April 22, 2010.
2. Consideration of Region 9 STP project evaluations. Ms. McCullough brought up the issue of possibly foregoing rankings in the future when there are sufficient funds to accommodate all the projects. Mr. Shea states that the DOT recommends continuation of rankings. Mr. Burgstrum moved to recommend all four projects to the Region 9 TPC. Mr. Hill seconded and the motion carried.
3. Review and discussion of STP ranking criteria for future project evaluations. Ms. McCullough asked should the evaluation criteria for the STP funds be modified? Should Region 9 keep the old, qualitative criteria or develop a new, more quantitative criteria? Mr. Shea stated that the IADOT likes quantitative criteria. Some things the new criteria could look at are roadway surface condition, roadway type, congestion and air quality. Talks of developing a progress report (steps to go through the process). Some members thought it may not be possible to evaluate road projects and transit on same level, maybe have different criteria for each. Members wanted to keep the criteria simple and not make it more complex. Mr. Shea stated that the IADOT would prefer not to sub-allocate by population. Ms. McCullough stated that Bi-State would look at other templates for ideas.

4. Status Report(s). Ms. McCullough mentioned the Iowa legislation on Smart Planning/workshops held about Smart Planning. Ms. McCullough stated that there are 13 planning criteria for comprehensive plans and that Smart Planning links together comprehensive, transit, and hazard mitigation plans. Ms. McCullough went on to say that Bi-State views comprehensive plans as local-not needing state approval. Ms. McCullough notified the committee that new ozone standards were pushed back from August to late October and possibly till after the November elections. Currently the standard is 75 ppb; the new standard is estimated to be anywhere from 60 ppb to 70 ppb. The region may be affected depending on how low the standard is set. At a level of 60 ppb, only 20 out of 600 monitors will be in attainment throughout the country. Ms. McCullough noted that from December-March the state of Iowa had almost double the number of exceedances from the previous year for PM_{2.5} but has not had any exceedances since March. Ms. McCullough informed the committee that Muscatine has not formally been designated as non-attainment. Ms. McCullough stated that IADOT submitted a Rail Application requesting \$310 million. SAFETEA-LU has been extended until the end of the calendar year. There has been no word on further extension or reauthorization. Mr. Zobrist informed the committee that bus replacement funds may become a competitive process rather than a discretionary process. Ms. McCullough noted that the IADNR submitted an application for a diesel replacement grant that is modeled after their RIDE program. Their intent is to focus on areas with high emission levels, this favors Eastern Iowa.
5. Public Comments. No public comments were received.
6. Other Business. There was no other business.
7. Adjournment. Mr. Zobrist motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.