

Minutes of the
REGION 9
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL AND POLICY COMMITTEES
Serving Rural Scott County and all of Muscatine County

Friday, April 29, 2011, 10:00 a.m.
Walcott City Hall/Fire Station
128 West Lincoln Street
Walcott, Iowa

Policy Committee Members Present

Joe Hutter	River Bend Transit
Dyann Roby	City of Muscatine
Sam Shea	Iowa DOT
David Watkins	Muscatine County

Technical Committee Members Present

John Burgstrum	Scott County
Randy Hill	City of Muscatine
Kristy Korpi	City of Muscatine Transit
Joel Laws	City of Wilton
Keith White	Muscatine County
Randy Zobrist	River Bend Transit, Inc.

Others Present

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

1. Election of Region 9 Transportation Policy Committee Chair and Vice-Chair. Mr. Watkins nominated Mr. Hutter to be the chairman of the Region 9 Transportation Policy Committee. Ms. Roby seconded the nomination. Hearing no further nominations, the motion to elect Mr. Hutter as the new chair carried with unanimous consent of the Policy Committee. Mr. Watkins nominated Ms. Roby to be the vice-chairman of the Region 9 Transportation Policy Committee. Ms. Roby volunteered for the position and the motion carried with unanimous consent of the Policy Committee.
2. Approval of the December 28, 2010 Region 9 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes (Policy Committee) and Approval of the October 6, 2010 Region 9 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting Minutes (Technical Committee). Mr. Watkins motioned to approve the minutes of the December 28, 2010 Region 9 Transportation Policy Committee meeting. Ms. Roby seconded the motion. The December 28, 2010 Policy Committee meeting minutes were approved as written. Mr. Burgstrum motioned to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2010 Region 9 Technical Committee meeting. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. The October 6, 2010 meeting minutes were approved as written.

3. Consideration of Updates to Bi-State Region Transit Development Plan (TDP). Ms. Waterman directed the Policy and Technical Committees to the agenda packet for a summary of the proposed updates to the Bi-State Region Transit Development Plan (TDP). Both Iowa and Illinois Departments of Transportation are allowing annual updates of the document, with a full update due in 2014. Ms. Waterman highlighted a number of the revisions to the TDP including coordination efforts, public needs, outreach and project updates. For more specific information please refer to the handout provided in the agenda packet. Mr. Zobrist asked if the annual updates will be completed about this time every year. Ms. Waterman responded that yes, they would be. Ms. Korpi recommended the TDP update be sent to the Policy Committee to review. Mr. White seconded the motion and it carried. Ms. Roby motioned to approve the TDP updates. Mr. Watkins seconded the motion and it carried.

4. Presentation on FY12 Region 9 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP). Mr. DeLille noted that Section III of the TPWP was included in the agenda packets. This section outlines the work program and activities for FY2012. The TPWP PowerPoint presentation discusses the TPWP purpose, major transportation issues, FY2011 TPWP accomplishments, summary of Region 9 transportation planning funding for FY12 and steps for adoption of the FY2012 TPWP. Mr. DeLille stated that STP funds will remain at \$5,000. Mr. Zobrist asked where the FTA funding that Bi-State receives comes from. Mr. DeLille answered that it comes from Section 5304. Mr. Zobrist asked if the new census data gives them new projects, or just tweaks what they already have. Mr. DeLille responded that it is not a whole new process and does not know if it will affect funding but they will be incorporating the new data into the process. Mr. Shea added that the census data will not affect funding because of population. Mr. Watkins motioned to approve FY2012 TPWP. Ms. Roby seconded the motion and the motion carried.

5. Status Reports.
 - Air Quality

Ms. Lentsch informed the committees that the current 8-hour ozone standard is 75ppb, and new ozone design standards are still expected to be released in July 2011. If the standard is lowered to 60ppb only 25 of all sites nation-wide would be in compliance. The ozone design value in the ILQC decreased from 62ppb to 57ppb. The IAQC ozone design value remains the same at 63ppb. The PM2.5 threshold is 35 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (micrograms per cubic meter of air). The ILQC also saw a decrease in the PM2.5 design value from 23.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ to 22.7 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. The IAQC PM2.5 design value remained the same at 33 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. The monitor in Muscatine at Garfield School is still above the threshold for fine particulates (P.M. 2.5) at 38 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. If Muscatine falls into non-attainment additional regulations will apply.

 - Iowa Passenger Rail Study

Mr. DeLille directed the committee members to the Chicago-Iowa City passenger rail program fact sheet. He informed the committee that the funding is up in the air, it may be there it may not be there. He stated that there is interest in moving forward with the project. Mr. Shea noted that the DOT wanted \$1.5 million from local governments and they received \$1.2 million. The rail would result in \$3 million in annual operating costs beginning in FY2015. Mr. Hutter added that ongoing costs are key to the whole project. Mr. Watkins added that he hoped Bi-State would lobby for Muscatine and other communities outside the Quad Cities.

Muscatine will be losing their bridge money for next year.

- **Transportation Reauthorization**
SAFETEA-LU has been extended through the fiscal year. A FY2011 appropriation bill has been passed holding funding at FY2010 level and decreasing in the outer years. A new transportation bill is looking more likely after the next election rather than the next fiscal year. Mr. Shea added that technically 2011 targets should have decreased but the way the DOT budgets, allowed the DOT to absorb the loss. Mr. DeLille added that recent STP projects that were programmed out to FY2013 should still be okay.

6. Public Comments. No public comments were received.
7. Other Business. Mr. Shea informed the committees that a new director has been hired for the IADOT. He was formally the Wisconsin rail and transit director.
8. Adjournment. Mr. Watkins motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 11:00 a.m.