

Minutes of the
REGION 9
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
Serving Rural Scott County and all of Muscatine County

Thursday, June 27, 2019 – 1:30 p.m.

River Bend Transit
Conference Room
7440 Vine Street Court
Davenport, Iowa
Randy Zobrist, Chair

Technical Committee Members Present

Chris Ball	City of Wilton
Angie Kersten	Scott County
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation
Brian Stineman	City of Muscatine
Keith White	Muscatine County

Others Present

Tara Cullison	Bi-State Regional Commission
Ryan Drew	Operating Engineers Local 150
Rosina Guyer	City of Long Grove
Michael Limberg	City of Long Grove
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Jason McKenzie	Veenstra & Kimm, Inc.
Pamela Peterson	City of Long Grove
Brooke Thye	Indiana, Illinois, Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting (IIFC)

1. Approval of Minutes of the March 19, 2019 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting Minutes. Mr. Stineman moved to approve the Transportation Technical Committee meeting minutes as written, and Ms. Kersten seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as written by consensus.
2. Consideration of Revision to the FFY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program. Ms. Cullison presented the TIP revision process to the group and differences between amendments and administrative modifications. She presented the amendment for consideration of project number M-19-02 (TPMS # 341947) on Grandview Avenue. The City of Muscatine requested the project description be amended to reflect the actual project terminus of Pearl Street rather than the Carver Corner Intersection. The new description shall read similarly to, “Grandview Ave, from Pearl Street, 2.2 miles to U.S. 61.” Ms. Cullison also presented some minor administrative modifications that have been made to the

FFY2019-2022 TIP since the last Technical/Policy Committee meeting. Mr. Stineman motioned to recommend approval of the FFY2019-2022 TIP revision of project #M-19-02, as presented, to the Policy Committee. Ms. Kersten seconded the motion, and it carried.

3. Consideration of Iowa Region 9 Candidate Projects for Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program, and Transportation Alternatives Program Flex Funds (TAP Flex) and Recommendation of Results to be Included in the FFY2020-2023 Transportation Improvement (TIP). Ms. Cullison presented a project description for each of the STBG-SWAP and TAP/TA Set-Aside projects that were applied for this round and to be programmed through FFY2023 in the Region 9 area. The presentation included a comparison of the amount of funds being requested versus the amount of funds available for both programs. Per the most recently adopted STBG-SWAP Manual, general discussion among the Technical Committee is to replace ranking applications, aided by eligibility and criteria considerations completed by the Bi-State Regional Commission. Applications received were discussed as follows:

STBG-SWAP Ms. Cullison provided the Technical Committee with descriptions and cost estimates of each of the three STBG applications received. They can be found the table below:

<u>1. Muscatine County & Scott County – F58 Project:</u> Pavement rehabilitation and widening from Durant to Walcott.	Total Project Cost: \$5,100,000
	STBG-SWAP Funds Requested: \$4,700,000
<u>2. Long Grove – 14st Street Revitalization Project:</u> Pavement resurfacing and multi-modal, “Complete Streets”, roadway construction through downtown.	Total Project Cost: \$3,528,774
	STBG-SWAP Funds Requested: \$2,823,019
<u>3. Muscatine – Grandview Avenue Corridor Project:</u> Requesting an increase in funding for Grandview Avenue that is currently listed in the FFY2019 Annual Element.	Total Project Cost: \$9,000,000 (updated costs: \$9,500,000*)
	Additional STBG Funds Requested: \$1,500,000 (updated request: \$2,000,000*)
	FY2019 STBG-SWAP Funds Received: \$1,550,000

* Initially, a formal request for \$1,500,000 in STBG-SWAP funds was submitted by the City of Muscatine. After the submission date had passed, a secondary request was submitted by the city (\$2,000,000) due to increased costs of the overall project.

Ms. Kersten noted that the F58 corridor gets numerous complaints regarding road condition, slowing commuters down. Mr. Stineman stated that the Grandview Ave project that is currently underway cannot be completed without the additional STBG-SWAP funds. Mr. White added that Region 9 was only able to award Grandview Avenue \$1.5 million in the previous programming cycle, where it was discussed that once more funding became available, another \$1.5 million would be awarded. With only \$6,721,831 STBG-SWAP funds available to program and \$9,523,019 STBG-SWAP funds requested by the three applications, it was decided that F58 and Grandview Ave were a higher priority routes for the region at this time. Ms. Kersten made a motion to recommend the STBG-SWAP/TAP Flex funds, through FFY2023, be awarded to the joint Muscatine County-Scott County F58 project in full (\$4,700,000/ FFY2023) and the Muscatine Grandview Ave project at the full request (\$2,000,000/FFY2020), and that the recommendations be included in the FFY2020-2023 TIP. Mr. Stineman seconded the motion, and it carried.

TAP (TA Set-Aside) Ms. Cullison informed the group that only one application was received for the available TA Set-Aside funds through FFY2023 (\$345,852). The project description and cost estimate can be found in the table below:

<u>1. Long Grove – 1st Street Sidewalk Revitalization:</u> Reconstruction of sidewalks along 1 st Street corridor through downtown to improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.	Total Project Cost: \$1,197,432
	TAP Funds Requested: \$957,945
Project was phased after the application submission date to better reflect available funding. Phase 1 = Grove Rd to Pine St Phase 2 = Pine St to northern corporate boundary	Phase 1 Total Project Cost: \$480,000 (2021 dollars)
	Phase 1 TAP Funds Requested: \$384,000 (2021 dollars)

Mr. Ball made a motion to recommend approval from the Policy Committee to award Phase 1 of the Long Grove – 1st Street Sidewalk Revitalization project, in full in FFY2023, contingent on IDOT approval to draw from the Region 9 FFY2024 TAP funds for the amount that exceeds the available funds through FFY2023 (\$38,148), and that the award be included in the FFY2020-2023 TIP. Ms. Kersten seconded the motion, and it carried.

4. Consideration of the Region 9 FFY2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Ms. Cullison presented an overview of the FFY2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). She identified the TIP’s general guidelines, federal and state funded projects, and their fund sources as displayed in the FFY2020-2023 TIP. Ms. Cullison also noted that the projects recommended to Policy in the previous agenda item, STBG-SWAP/TAP Flex

and TAP funded projects, were to be included in the Draft TIP submitted to IDOT contingent upon Policy Committee approval. Ms. Cullison also informed the Technical Committee that the Public Hearing for the FFY2020-2023 TIP was scheduled for July 11, 2019, and a notice would be published in the *QC Times* and *Muscatine Journal* on June 27, 2019. The draft TIP was also available on the Bi-State Regional Commission's website, and a notice of document update and public hearing was distributed to the Region 9 Transportation Interest and Advisory Group. Mr. Stineman made a motion to recommend approval of the FFY2020-2023 TIP to the Policy Committee with the project updates. Mr. Ball seconded the motion, and it carried.

5. Public Comments. Mr. Limberg, Mayor of Long Grove, thanked the Technical Committee for recommending award of the TAP funds. He noted that traffic along the 1st Street corridor is a lot, and though the SWAP-STBG/TAP Flex portion of the project was not recommended for award, he is happy Long Grove did not get lost in the regional discussion. He also mentioned that the City of Long Grove is growing, and this project will help improve quality of life for existing and future residents.
6. Other Business. No other business was discussed at this time.
7. Adjournment. Mr. Ball motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Kersten seconded the motion, and it carried. The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:40 p.m.