

**Minutes of the**  
**REGION 9**  
**TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

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Wednesday, January 13, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.

WEBINAR MEETING

Randy Zobrist, Chair

Technical Committee Members Present

Christopher Ball	City of Wilton
Amy Fortenbacher	City of Muscatine Transit Supervisor
Angie Kersten	Scott County
Pat Lynch	City of Muscatine
Elliot Pennock	Scott County
Jodi Royal-Goodwin	City of Muscatine
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation
Keith White	Muscatine County
Randy Zobrist	River Bend Transit

Others Present

Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Katelyn Miner	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of Minutes of the November 13, 2020 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting Minutes. Ms. McCullough reviewed those in attendance. Mr. Zobrist called the meeting to order, and Ms. Kersten motioned to approve the Transportation Technical Committee meeting minutes as written. Ms. Fortenbacher seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved as written.
2. Review and Consideration of Approval of the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan for Iowa Region 9. Ms. Miner presented to the committee, briefly describing each finalized chapter and edits that were made based on feedback from the committee. Chapter 1 only had one minor citation edit. Chapter 2 focused on the final list of Future Roadway Priorities Projects. Chapter 3 had edits on the transit section, updating MuscaBus and River Bend Transit verbiage. Chapter 4 had the most feedback, focusing on freight tonnage, weight restrictions, and a follow-up on the Supply Chain & Logistics Program at Eastern Iowa Community College. Chapter 5 had several figures added to represent the total fatalities and severity of crashes with bicyclists and pedestrians in the Region 9 area. Chapter 6 had minor edits to the forecasting revenues and TAP/STBG funds section. All chapters had sidebar information added. Next steps for the Region 9 LRTP were outlined at the end of the

presentation. Following the presentation, Mr. Lynch motioned to recommend approval of the *2045 Long Range Transportation Plan for Iowa Region 9* to the Transportation Policy Committee, and Mr. Zobrist seconded the motion. The LRTP was approved.

3. Review of STBG and TAP Funding Evaluation Process. Ms. McCullough presented on the STBG Program and TAP funding evaluation criteria process for consideration of any revisions. The FAST Act continues all prior STBG eligibilities and awards up to 100% with SWAP funds. Awards to transit would remain federalized. TAP funding evaluation criteria was reviewed to determine if it remains relevant. Ms. McCullough asked the committee for their thoughts and feedback on whether to continue the evaluation process as usual from previous years. Ms. Kersten ask if the funding amounts for the region were up to date through 2023. Ms. McCullough replied that they were not and that she would need to go the most recent project history to update before a solicitation was initiated. The committee unanimously agreed to continue with the current evaluation processes already in place. Ms. McCullough announced that the Region 9 manuals will be updated with the current year and most recent TIP information.
4. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
5. Other Business. Ms. McCullough listed and reviewed upcoming grants including RISE – a local development grant with dates of February 1 and September 1; Volkswagen Settlement – for low emission transit buses and off-road vehicles or no emission vehicles; LIFTS – for multimodal freight projects already solicited in late 2020 with awards held in February or March; and ICAP, TAP, CARES Act, and Federal Recreational Trails Grant in the fall.
6. Adjournment. Mr. Zobrist motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ball seconded the motion, and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:29 pm.