

Minutes of the

**REGION 9
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE**

Serving Rural Scott County and all of Muscatine County

Thursday, November 16, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.
Muscatine Department of Public Works
1459 Washington Street Muscatine, Iowa
Mike Limberg, Chair

Policy Committee Members Present

Brad Bark	Mayor, City of Muscatine
Ken Beck	Scott County Board of Supervisors
Mike Limberg	Mayor, City of Long Grove
Scott Sauer	River Bend Transit Board
Jeff Sorensen	Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

Others Present

Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Zach Sutton	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of Minutes of the July 14, 2023 Region 9 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting.
Mayor Limberg called the meeting of the Iowa Region 9 Transportation Policy Committee to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Sorensen made a motion to approve the Transportation Policy Committee minutes from the July 14, 2023 meeting as written. Mayor Bark seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Consideration of Revisions to the FFY 2024-2027 Region 9 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). – Mr. Sutton briefed the committee on the proposed revisions to the FFY 2024-2027 TIP. The first item was the Scott County bridge project over the Wapsipinicon River, SC-23-02, programmed for FFY 24. This project necessitated a TIP amendment, as Scott County received an additional source of funding via the Highway Bridge Program. The two other proposed TIP revisions that required an amendment, from River Bend Transit and MuscaBus, were presented to the committee together. Both agencies had been recipients of a shortfall grant from the state of Iowa, which funded new buses that had been programmed for FY 2022, but were not funded due to shortages. The grant funded these new buses for FY 2024 at more money than they were originally programmed for due to inflation. After brief discussion regarding the increasing costs of buses, in which Mr. Zobrist informed the committee that River Bend was expecting a delivery of buses soon, Mr. Sorensen motioned to approve all three of the TIP amendments. Mr. Sauer seconded, and the amendments were approved unanimously. The amendments are provided at the end of the minutes for reference.
3. Consideration of the 2023 Bi-State Region Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Evaluation Manual (TAP) (A draft copy will be sent to Committee members prior to the meeting.) – Mr. Sutton and Ms. McCullough briefed the committee on the new 2023 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside

Program Evaluation Manual and highlighted the changes that had been made from the previous manual, the most notable of which being that non-profits are now eligible to apply for, and receive, TASA funds. A discussion followed with concerns being raised by multiple members of the committee regarding this change. It was suggested by Ms. McCullough that, in order to better ensure that entities receiving TASA funds were capable of administering said funds, a programmatic risk assessment form – similar to the one used by the state of Illinois – be added to the manual. Mr. Beck motioned to approve the TASA manual pending the addition of the programmatic risk assessment form. Mr. Sorensen seconded, and the manual was approved, with revisions, unanimously.

4. Consideration of the 2023 Surface Transportation Block Grant Manual (STBG) A draft copy was sent to Committee members prior to the meeting. Ms. McCullough informed the committee of items that had changed in the 2023 STBG Manual. These changes included a return to the pre-2018 STBG evaluation criteria, which is more qualitative in nature, and the evaluation checklist that was used with said criteria. A discussion followed in which it was emphasized that non-profits were not eligible for STBG funds. Mr. Sorensen voiced some disappointment that the Iowa Federal-Aid Swap Policy had been discontinued, which led to further discussion about the pros and cons of the new system. Following this discussion, Mr. Sorensen moved to approve the STBG manual, Mayor Bark seconded, and the manual was unanimously approved.
5. Public Comments. None.
6. Other Business. Ms. McCullough informed the committee that Bi-State's Upper Mississippi River Port (UMRP) website, which includes a map containing information about every terminal in the port statistical area, was now live. The information in the map was not yet complete, she said, as there had been delays in the verification process due to issues with contacting some of the terminals. She then went into more detail about the UMRP project, highlighting the benefits of the creation of the port statistical area, as well as some of the issues the Port Statistical Area has in being an area port vs a point port (more funding and attention tends to be given to the point ports). Ms. McCullough also informed the committee that an updated freight plan for the Bi-State Region was being developed with a completion date expected in early 2024. Mayor Limberg offered the Long Grove city council chamber as a possible future meeting site for the committee.
7. Adjournment. Mr. Beck motioned to adjourn, Mr. Sorensen seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Scott County

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SC-23-02	On Y68, Over Wapsi River Overflow, S31 T81 R4E	Bridge Replacement	\$3,500,000	\$1,500,000	County Bridge Construction Fund - HBP (FA)	\$500,000	County Bridge Construction Fund - STB			TPMS # 35837	FY2024 CFYP Amendment to update funding sources and project #
				\$1,200,000	HBP (FA)	\$300,000	HBP (SWAP)				Note: 4 sources of funding
	TOTAL		\$3,500,000	\$2,700,000		\$800,000		\$0			

City of Muscatine

CITY OF MUSCATINE													
MTS-24-06	Replace (1) 176" w.b. ADA Light Duty Bus Vehicle # 246	C	1	\$44,362	\$44,362	\$37,708	FTA 5339			\$6,654	LCL	10856	Originally FY2022, Reprogrammed to 2024. Cost estimates from shortfall grant
MTS-24-07	Replace (1) 176" w.b. ADA Light Duty Bus Vehicle # 251	C	1	\$24,032	\$24,032	\$19,226	FHWA CMAQ			\$4,806	LCL	10857	Originally FY2022, Reprogrammed to 2024. Cost estimates from shortfall grant
MTS-24-08	Replace (1) 176" w.b. ADA Light Duty Bus Vehicle # 252	C	1	\$24,032	\$24,032	\$19,226	FHWA CMAQ			\$4,806	LCL		Originally FY2022, Reprogrammed to 2024. Cost estimates from shortfall grant

River Bend

RIVER BEND TRANSIT													
RBT-24-05	Replace (5) 158" w.b. ADA Light Duty Buses Vehicle #'s 772,773,774,998, 999	C	5	\$149,393	\$746,965	\$634,920	SEC. 5339			\$112,045	LCL	?? Old - New 10805, 10807, 10808, 10812, 10813	Originally FY2022, Reprogrammed to 2024 w/ increased cost estimates per Iowa DOT Instructions
RBT-24-06	Replace (3) 176" w.b. ADA Light Duty Buses Vehicle #'s 745, 747, 901	C	3	\$148,238	\$444,714	\$378,007	SEC. 5339			\$66,707	LCL	?? Old - New 10809, 10810, 10811	Originally FY2022, Reprogrammed to 2024 w/ increased cost estimates per Iowa DOT Instructions
RBT-24-07	Replace (5) 176" w.b. ADA Light Duty Buses Vehicle #'s 440, 441, 442, 443, 444	C	5	\$52,865	\$264,325	\$224,676	SEC. 5339			\$39,649	LCL	?? Old - New 10814, 10815, 10816, 10817, 10818	Originally FY2022, Reprogrammed to 2024 w/ increased cost estimates per Iowa DOT Instructions
TOTAL					\$17,168,727	\$10,668,822			\$1,002,059	\$5,515,279			