

Minutes of the

REGION 9 TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

Serving Rural Scott County and all of Muscatine County

Friday, July 12, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.
Long Grove City Hall
119 S 1st Street, Long Grove, IA
Mike Limberg, Chair

Technical Committee Members Present

Mike Limberg	Mayor, City of Long Grove
Ross Paustian	Scott County Board of Supervisors
Scott Sauer	River Bend Transit Board
Sam Shea	Iowa DOT
Jeff Sorensen	Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

Others Present

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

1. Public Hearing on Region 9 FFY2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mayor Limberg called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. In advance of the meeting, notice of the public hearing was sent to the media, Regional Transportation Advisory Group- Region 9 Interests and Regional Transit Interests, and directions were given to the online draft at <https://bistateonline.org/transportation-and-mobility/iowa-region-9-area/tip-and-funding-projects-region-9> for comment. Public notice was also placed in the Quad City Times and Muscatine Journal newspapers. No public comments were received. Mr. Sauer motioned to close the public hearing, Mr. Sorensen seconded, and the hearing was closed unanimously.
2. Approval of Minutes of the March 27, 2024 Region 9 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mr. Sauer made a motion to approve the Transportation Policy Committee minutes from the March 27, 2024 meeting as written. Mr. Sorensen seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.
3. Discussion of Iowa Region 9 Candidate Projects for Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Funds and Consideration of Programming in the FFY2025-2028 TIP. A summary of the technical committee's rankings of the STBG projects was included in the agenda packet. Mr. Sutton gave a presentation to the committee on the status of STBG funds and the candidate projects for said funds. Mr. Sutton first informed the committee that the combined requests for STBG funds by the City of Muscatine, Scott County, and Muscatine County totaled \$10,900,000, and that there was \$5,968,667 in available STBG funds to be programmed through FFY28. Mr. Sutton then gave a brief summary of the projects submitted for STBG funds. These projects and funding requested are as follows:
 - City of Muscatine – Carver Corner Roundabout, \$2,560,000
 - Scott County – Y52 Resurfacing, \$2,240,000
 - Muscatine County – N Mulberry Rd. (x54) and 155th St. Resurfacing, \$4,000,000
 - Muscatine County – F58 Reconstruction, \$2,100,000 (additional funding request, originally awarded \$1,900,000 in 2021)

Mr. Sutton then showed the policy committee a summary of how the technical committee had scored and ranked the projects, and what they recommended the funding awarded should be for each project. The technical committee's funding recommendations, as set amounts, were:

- City of Muscatine, Carver Corner Roundabout – \$2,560,000 in FFY26
- Muscatine County, F58 Reconstruction – \$1,572,826 in FFY27
- Scott County, Y52 Resurfacing – \$1,836,000 in FFY28

He also told the committee of the technical policy's initial recommendation, in which Muscatine County's additional funding request would have been fully funded at \$2,100,000 with Scott County receiving the remainder of the STBG funds. This, he explained, had to be altered as there would not be enough funding available in FFY27 to fully fund Muscatine County's request, with the request exceeding the available funds by \$527,174, and Muscatine County could not move the project to FFY28 due to having multiple funding sources and sharing the project (and therefore, project timelines) with Cedar County and the City of Durant. Mr. Sutton also noted that in the summary that had been sent to the committee, the programming years for the Scott County and Muscatine County projects had been transposed. Muscatine County's project should be listed as being programmed for FFY27 (rather than FFY28), and Scott County's project should be FFY28 (instead of FFY27). After a brief discussion, Mayor Limberg asked for a motion to award STBG funds as recommended by the technical committee. Mr. Sorensen motioned, Mr. Sauer seconded, and the policy committee voted unanimously to award the funding as recommended.

4. Consideration of the FFY 2025-2028 Region 9 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A draft copy was sent to Committee members prior to the meeting. Ms. McCullough gave a presentation on the addendum to the 2015 Bi-State Region Freight Plan. The presentation was based on information provided to Bi-State by the contracted consultant, CPCS. Ms. McCullough gave the committee an overview of the freight network in the Bi-State Region, including mileage and traffic data, as well as providing the performance measures and goals of the freight plans. The presentation also included an overview of the flow of commodities, in terms of value and volume, through the region. There was a brief discussion amongst the committee members regarding concerns related to truck parking in the region once Ms. McCullough had finished.
5. Presentation on FY2025 Region 9 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP). A draft copy was sent to Committee members prior to the meeting. Ms. McCullough gave an overview of the FY2025 Region 9 TPWP, discussing its purpose as well as the accomplishments achieved during the FY2024 TPWP. Ms. McCullough concluded by giving a summary of both the planned work that will be taking place under the FY2025 TPWP and the transportation planning funding available for FY2025. Ms. McCullough informed the committee that funding had been secured for the Bi-State Region Safe Streets for All Traffic Safety Action Plan with consultant work beginning in March, and no TASA applications from the member governments were received in the recent solicitation. There was then a discussion regarding what projects would be eligible for TASA funding, and, prompted by a question asked by Mayor Bark, what funding sources could be used to fund a tourism-focused trolley bus system in the city of Muscatine. Depending on whether the trolley service would be a fixed route and service the public, there are Federal Transit Administration funding sources available. If it is to be a private service, there are fewer options available.
6. Public Comments. None.
7. Other Business. Mr. Shea informed the committee that the Iowa DOT Commission would be meeting on April 9 in Cedar Rapids. Mr. Sutton mentioned that the STBG evaluation process was underway and would hopefully be completed by May.

8. Adjournment. Mr. Sorenson motioned to adjourn, Mr. Paustian seconded, and the meeting adjourned unanimously at 3:22 p.m.

STBG Summary – Technical Committee Recommendation 5/22/24

Ranking

City	Project Location	Description	Points	Total Cost Estimate
City of Muscatine	Intersection of Hershey Ave and Green St (Carver Corner)	Reconstruction: Roundabout	272	\$3,200,000
Scott County	Y52 from Hwy 130 to 1 st Ave	Resurfacing	207	\$2,800,000
Muscatine County	N Mulberry RD (X54) and 155 th St from Muscatine City Limits to just east of Moscow Rd	Resurfacing	164	\$5,000,000

Additional Funding Request

City	Project Location	Description	Points	Total Cost Estimate
Muscatine County	F58 from Wilton city limits to Cedar County Line	Reconstruction	Not Re-scored	\$2,100,000

Funding Recommendation

City	Project Location	Original Cost Est.	Recommended	FFY Programmed
City of Muscatine	Intersection of Hershey Ave and Green St (Carver Corner)	\$3,200,000	\$2,560,000	2026
Muscatine County	F58 from Wilton city limits to Cedar County Line	\$2,100,000	\$1,572,826	2027
Scott County	Y52 from Hwy 130 to 1 st Ave	\$2,800,000	\$1,836,000	2028

City of Muscatine project recommended funding at 80% based on original estimates submitted, Muscatine County additional funding request recommended funding at maximum amount available in FY 27 and Scott County project recommended funding at maximum funding available in FY 28.

Fiscal Constraint

FFY	2024	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28
STBG Target		\$1,777,580	\$1,811,000	\$1,846,000	\$1,846,000
Total Available for Programming		\$4,205,667	\$6,006,826	\$3,482,826	\$1,846,000
Total STBG Programmed		(\$9,841)	(\$4,370,000)	(\$3,482,826)	(\$1,846,000)
STBG Balance	\$2,428,087	\$4,195,826	\$1,636,826	\$0	\$0

*Recommended programming.