

## Minutes of the

### REGION 9 TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

*Serving Rural Scott County and all of Muscatine County*

Wednesday, July 24, 2024 – 2:30 p.m.

Bi-State Regional Commission  
1504 3rd Avenue, Rock Island, IL  
Mike Limberg, Chair

#### Technical Committee Members Present

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

#### Others Present

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

1. Approval of Minutes of the July 12, 2024 Region 9 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mr. Sorensen made a motion to approve the Transportation Policy Committee minutes from the July 12, 2024 meeting as written. Mr. Beck seconded, and the minutes were approved as written.
2. Consideration of Revision to the FFY 2024-2027 Region 9 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The City of Muscatine requested a revision to M-26-01 (TPMS #52851), involving a change in scope. The proposed amendment changed “Isett Avenue, Cypress St. to HWY 61” to “Isett Avenue, E 5th St. to HWY 61.” The federal funding amount of \$2,002,000 was unchanged by this amendment. After a brief discussion, Mr. Sorensen motioned to approve the amendment. Mr. Beck seconded, and the amendment was unanimously approved.
3. Discussion of Region 9 Long Range Transportation Plan Update and Timeline. Mr. Sutton presented the timeline for the 2050 Region 9 Long Range Transportation Plan Update to the committee. The timeline, which spans from July 2024 to January 2026, lays out the schedule for technical and policy committee meetings, public involvement sessions, and chapter writing. Ms. McCullough discussed the public involvement process, noting the different methods that would be used. These methods include surveys, stakeholder meetings, and kickoff meetings (of which there will be one each held in Scott and Muscatine counties). Ms. McCullough then conducted an exercise with the committee, asking them to identify their top issues related to travel in the region. The top issues identified by the committee included the need for improved safety, with an emphasis on wider shoulders on roadways and separated trails; continuing required road maintenance, with an emphasis on secondary roads; improving rural connectivity; and improving rural transit. Each member was asked to rank their top transportation objectives from a given list. The two objectives ranked highest by the committee were “Improve Safety” and “Support Economic Vitality.” The committee also brainstormed potential public outreach opportunities for the long range plan, such as going through organizations similar to the Muscatine Traffic Club, which was an organization that had met in years past, but no longer

meets. It was also suggested that logistics companies be contacted for their input.

4. Public Comments. None.
5. Other Business. Ms. McCullough highlighted some grant opportunities including Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Programs (NEVI), Local and Regional Project Assistance Grants (RAISE), and Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Planning and Demonstration grants. She also informed the committee that the SS4A stakeholder engagement plan had been reviewed, and that focus group meetings were being planned.
6. Adjournment. Mr. Sorenson motioned to adjourn, Mr. Beck seconded, and the meeting adjourned unanimously at 3:17 p.m.