

Minutes of the
REGION 9
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

Serving Rural Scott County and all of Muscatine County

Wednesday, March 26, 2025 – 2:30 p.m.
Bi-State Regional Commission
1504 3rd Avenue, Rock Island, IL
Mike Limberg, Chair

Technical Committee Members Present

Brad Bark	Mayor of City of Muscatine
Michael Limberg	Mayor of City of Love Grove
Ross Paustian	Scott County Board of Supervisors
Scott Sauer	River Bend Transit Board

Others Present

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

1. Approval of Minutes of the September 25, 2024 Region 9 Technical Committee Meeting. Mayor Limberg called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m. and asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mayor Bark made a motion to approve the Transportation Policy Committee minutes from the September 25, 2024 meeting. Mr. Sauer seconded, and the minutes were approved as written.
2. Consideration of Revisions to the FFY 2025-2028 Region 9 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Four TIP revisions were presented to the committee, three of which were amendments, and one was an administrative modification. The amendments were: Phase 2 of Long Grove’s Multi-Use Path project (LG-24-01) being moved from FFY 2024 into FFY 2025 in the current TIP; a Scott County bridge replacement project (SC-23-03) that would be removed from the current TIP as they are taking part in a statewide application that would fund the replacement of this bridge instead of using HBP funding; and MuscaBus removing a series of projects (MTS-25-02, MTS-25-03, MTS-25-05, MTS-25-06, and MTS-25-07) due to not getting the grant that would have funded these projects, increasing funding to one bus replacement project (MTS-24-05), and adding a new bus replacement project (MTS-25-08). The administrative modification was submitted by River Bend to reflect an increase in federal funds for their vehicle storage garage construction project (RBT-22-04). After a brief discussion, Mayor Bark motioned to approve the TIP revisions. Mr. Sauer seconded, and the revisions were approved unanimously. A copy of these amendments is included at the end of these minutes for reference.
3. Consideration of Iowa Region 9 Candidate Project for Transportation Alternative Set-Aside (TASA a.k.a TAP) Funds. Mr. Sutton informed the committee that one application for TAP/TASA funds had been submitted this funding cycle. This application was submitted by the City of Muscatine originally requesting \$330,000 in funds for the first phase of the Mad Creek Trail project, “a ten-foot-wide multi-use trail extending 0.42 miles from the existing Mississippi River Trail at the mouth of Mad Creek to the north side of 5th Street. The trail will run along the east bank of Mad Creek.” He

informed the committee that the Region 9 Technical Committee had recommended that the project be awarded \$329,600 in TAP/TASA funds (exactly 80% of the original total project cost of \$412,000) in FFY 2027 as a set amount. Mr. Sauer motioned to award the project \$329,600 in FFY 2027 as a set amount. Mr. Paustian second the motion, and the funds were awarded unanimously to the City of Muscatine for Phase I Mad Creek Trail (extending 0.42 miles from the existing Mississippi River Trail at the mouth of Mad Creek to the north side of 5th Street).

4. Discussion of Region 9 Long Range Plan Update and Timeline. Mr. Sutton informed the group of the changes that the Technical Committee suggested be made to the goals section of Chapter 1 of the Long Range Plan. These changes included changing the goal of “Balance” to “Balance Between Economy and Environment” and changing “Preservation” to “Preservation and Resiliency.” There was a discussion regarding the language of some of the goals, and it was agreed that the wording for some of the goals needed to be changed to be more concise. Mr. Sutton then gave a presentation on the Region 9 population data that would be highlighted in Chapter 1 of the plan, which were total population, age distribution by sex, race and ethnicity, language spoken at home, educational attainment, and methods of household transportation. He then informed the group of the results of public input survey, noting that there had been 17 responses so far. The three most commonly identified improvements that respondents would like to see were road maintenance/improvement, increased bus services, and more trail and increased connectivity. There was discussion of aging population and a lack of people under the age of 5, and a drop of post college-age students and how this data reflects a need to focus on retaining young professionals in the region. Mr. Sutton noted that Bi-State staff was hoping to have a draft of the chapter sent to the group by early April.
5. Concurrence with the FY2026 Region 9 Transportation Planning Work Program Activities. A draft copy was sent to the members prior to the meeting. Ms. McCullough gave an overview of the FY26 Region 9 TPWP discussing its purpose, as well as the accomplishments achieved during the last fiscal year. She reported key grant assistances with SS4A, TASA programming, and TSAP. She also reported on trainings and technical assistances the work program has accomplished. There was also a mention of commitment to still pushing for passenger rail. Mayor Bark motioned for approval of the work program activities, Mr. Sauer seconded, and the approval passed unanimously. The FY26 TPWP will be taken to Bi-State Regional Commission in May for approval of the budget and authorization to go into contract with the Iowa Department of Transportation (IA DOT) for the planning funds.
6. Public Comments. None.
7. Other Business. Mr. Sutton also reported on the updated Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and TAP funding targets from IA DOT, reporting that the TAP targets for the out years (FFYs 2026-29) had decreased by about \$25,000, while the STBG targets had decreased by about \$100,000. This decrease means that Region 9 is exceeding fiscal constraints in FFY 2027 by \$116,100 and in FFY 2028 by \$201,100. This is because the maximum amount of funds being programmed for projects in those two fiscal years was based on the previous, higher targets. Mr. Sutton advised that the committee did not need to take action at this moment, however, as the targets could potentially increase again next year. Ms. McCullough reported that a scoring matrix had been developed for the Quad Cities-Muscatine-Kewanee Traffic Safety Action Plan and told the members that a draft of the plan was expected from the consultant next week. Additionally, a public meeting would be held on April 30 for input to the draft plan. There was also a discussion regarding the status of the Muscatine

County Trails plan, with Mr. Sutton and Ms. McCullough informing members that the focus of the plan update would be to fill in the gaps in the American Discovery Trail and Mississippi River Trail in the region. The members were also informed that Bi-State was in the process of scheduling a meeting with representatives from Wilton, Muscatine, and Iowa DOT to discuss a trail connection between Wilton and Muscatine.

8. Adjournment. Mayor Bark motioned to adjourn, Mr. Sauer seconded, and the meeting adjourned unanimously at 3:25 p.m.

TIP REVISION

Long Grove – Amendment

FFY	PROJECT NUMBER	PROJECT LOCATION	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL ESTIMATED COST (\$)	FEDERAL SHARE*		STATE SHARE		LOCAL SHARE		TPMS #	Revision
					DOLLARS (\$)	SOURCE	DOLLARS (\$)	SOURCE	DOLLARS (\$)	SOURCE		
2025	LG-24-01	1st Street Multi-Use Path Phase 2 - 1st St. (Pine St. - N. Corporate Limits at N. Prairie Ball Diamond Park)	Ped/Bike Grade and Pave (DOT Code)	\$561,426	\$336,640	TAP			\$224,786		TPMS # 54883	Moving from FFY 24 to FFY 25

Scott County – Amendment

FFY	PROJECT NUMBER	PROJECT LOCATION	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL ESTIMATED COST (\$)	FEDERAL SHARE*		STATE SHARE		LOCAL SHARE		TPMS #	PROJECT STATUS / NOTES
					DOLLARS (\$)	SOURCE	DOLLARS (\$)	SOURCE	DOLLARS (\$)	SOURCE		
2026	SC-23-03	On Y4E, Over a Tributary to Rock Creek, S3 T80 R1E	Bridge Replacement	\$400,000	\$320,000	HBP(FA)	\$80,000	HBP-SWAP			TPMS #31024	To be removed.

RBT – Administrative Modification

FFY	PROJECT NUMBER	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	COST PER UNIT	ESTIMATED TOTAL COST (\$)	FEDERAL SHARE*		STATE SHARE		LOCAL SHARE		TPMS ID #	PROJECT STATUS / NOTES
					DOLLARS (\$)	SOURCE	DOLLARS (\$)	SOURCE	DOLLARS (\$)	SOURCE		
2025	RBT-22-04	Construct Vehicle Storage Garage	\$8,421,000	\$8,421,000	\$6,736,800	SEC. 5339			\$1,684,200	LCL	11679	Funding increased by 5.5%, Moving from FFY 24 to FFY 25

MuscaBus – Amendment

PROJECT NUMBER	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	COST PER UNIT	ESTIMATED TOTAL COST (\$)	FEDERAL SHARE*		STATE SHARE		LOCAL SHARE		TPMS ID #	PROJECT STATUS / NOTES
				DOLLARS (\$)	SOURCE	DOLLARS (\$)	SOURCE	DOLLARS (\$)	SOURCE		
MTS-25-01	FFY 2025 Transit Operations (includes Admin/Maintenance \$\$)	\$1,280,100	\$1,280,100	\$170,390	SEC. 5311	\$312,646	STA	\$797,064	LCL	9964	Federal Funding Decrease
MTS-25-02	Replace (1) 176" w.b. ADA Light Duty Bus Vehicle # 253 with electric LD bus	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$255,000	SEC. 5339(c)			\$45,000	LCL		To be Removed
MTS-25-03	Expansion Electric LD Bus	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$255,000	SEC. 5339(c)			\$45,000	LCL		To be Removed
MTS-25-05	Garage expansion 120'X40'	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$272,000	SEC. 5339(c)			\$68,000	LCL		To be Removed
MTS-25-06	Charging Stations for electric buses and electrical fees	\$33,750	\$67,500	\$60,750	SEC. 5339(c)			\$6,750	LCL		To be Removed
MTS -25-07	Workforce Development for electric vehicle maintenance	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$44,000	SEC. 5339(c)			\$11,000	LCL		To be Removed
MTS-24-05	Replace (1) 176" w.b. ADA Light Duty Bus Vehicle # 254	\$197,539	\$197,539	\$167,908	SEC. 5339(c)			\$29,631	LCL	10252	Funding Increase
MTS-25-08	Replace (1) 176" w.b. ADA Light Duty Bus Vehicle # 253	\$197,539	\$197,539	\$167,908	SEC. 5339(c)			\$29,631	LCL	11686	Added to FFY 25