

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

*Serving Rural Scott County and all of Muscatine County*

Thursday, April 23, 2026 – 1:00 p.m.  
Muscatine Public Works  
1459 Washington St, Muscatine, IA  
Mike Limberg, Chair

Technical Committee Members Present

Brad Bark	Mayor of Muscatine
Michael Limberg	Mayor of City of Love Grove
Ross Paustian	Scott County Board of Supervisors
Scott Sauer	River Bend Transit Board
Jeff Sorenson	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 February 19, 2026. Mayor Limberg opened the meeting at 10:02 a.m. and asked for consideration of approval of the minutes. Mr. Sorenson made a motion to approve the Transportation Policy Committee minutes from the February 19, 2026 meeting. Mr. Paustian seconded, and the minutes were approved as written.
2. Consideration to Open Iowa Region 9 2050 Long Range Plan for Public Comment. Mr. Sutton presented on the *Iowa Region 9 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)* giving an overview of the contents of each chapter of the document. He presented on the goals of the LRTP, future road and trail projects in the region, transit, freight, and fiscal projections for 2050. He pointed out that the trail and future roadway project maps would be updated based on feedback from the technical committee, with both the American Discovery and Mississippi River Trails being shown as existing signed routes on New Era Road, and as proposed separated routes on IA-22 on the trail map. On the roadway projects map, he noted that the F58 resurfacing project will be removed from the future projects list and map as the project had recently been completed. There was also discussion about issues with securing medical transportation from Muscatine to Rock Island, with Mr. Sauer indicating that River Bend was looking into potential solutions. The members were informed that a 30-day public comment period would begin the committee's approval. A virtual public input session will be held in May, with another Policy Committee meeting to approve the plan for adoption in June. If approved by the committee, the plan would then be considered for adoption at the June 24 meeting of the Bi-State Regional Commission. Mr. Sorenson motioned to open the *Iowa Region 9 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan* for public comment, Mr. Sauer seconded, and the committee voted unanimously to open the LRTP for public comment.
3. Concurrence with FY2027 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) Activities. Ms. McCullough presented to the committee on the *FY2027 Transportation Planning Work Program for Region 9 (TPWP)*. She first outlined the plan of work for the upcoming fiscal year, highlighting that

the plan of work aligns with the goals of the LRTP, then highlighted some of the accomplishments under the previous FY2026 TPWP, as well as accomplishments planned to be achieved in FY 2027. She concluded by showing the committee the projected planning funds to be used by Bi-State in FFY 2027 for program support and administration, general development and comprehensive planning, and long and short-range transportation planning, totaling \$76,960. The members were asked to review and concur with the planning activities outlined in the program, and to offer any additions or changes for the year ahead. Mr. Sorenson motioned to concur with the activities outlined in the TPWP, Mayor Bark seconded, and the committee voted unanimously to concur with the activities outlined in the FY 2027 TPWP.

4. Consideration of Revisions to the Public Participation Plan. Ms. McCullough informed the group of proposed revisions to the Region 9 Public Participation Plan; the most significant of would alter the advanced notice required for the public to request reasonable accommodation for a meeting from 24 hours to 72 hours. Mr. Sorenson moved to recommend opening the public participation plan for public review, requiring a minimum of 30 days . Mr. Paustian seconded, and public review period was opened.
5. Consideration of Opting in to Pavement Collection Data for CY 2027 Using STBG Funds. Mr. Sutton opened a discussion on whether Region 9 should opt in to additional pavement collection data being offered by the Iowa DOT in 2027 that he had outlined. The Iowa DOT collects pavement data every four years, but offers agencies the opportunity to have data collected every two years, if they cover the costs. Region 9 is due for regular pavement data collection in 2029, and the DOT estimated that the cost of opting in for the region would be \$48,000. This would come off the top of the Region 9 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding. No match is required. Acting on the recommendation from the technical committee, Mr. Sorenson motioned for Region 9 to opt in to the off-cycle pavement data collection. Mr. Sauer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
6. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
7. Other Business. Ms. McCullough informed the group that following discussions with the Iowa DOT, members will have the opportunity to attend meetings via Zoom, and still count towards a quorum. She also discussed how, as per an email that was sent out prior to the meeting, the Corn Belt Ports was requesting letters of support from local governments in support of the launching of the Rural Maritime & Logistics Training & Education Consortium. The members of the group unanimously expressed their approval for issuing a letter of support on behalf of Region 9.
8. Adjournment. Mr. Sauer motioned to adjourn, Mr. Paustian seconded, and the meeting adjourned unanimously at 11:04 a.m.