

AGENDA

Meeting of the

REGION 9 TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

Serving Rural Scott County and all of Muscatine County

Friday, July 11, 2025 – 11:00 a.m.

Scott County Secondary Roads
950 Blackhawk Trail Rd, Eldridge, IA
Mike Limberg, Chair

1. Public Hearing on Region 9 FFY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (Notice of the public hearing was sent to the media, Regional Transportation Advisory Group-Region 9 Interests and Regional Transit Interests with a fact sheet on the TIP, and directions 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 placed in the Quad City Times and Muscatine Journal newspapers. The notice provided the public a 14-day period for public comment prior to this hearing.) – Mike Limberg and Zach Sutton
2. Approval of Minutes of the March 26, 2025 Region 9 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting (A copy of the meeting minutes is enclosed in Committee members' packets.)
3. Consideration of FFY 2026-2029 Region 9 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (A draft will be sent to the members prior to the meeting.) – Zach Sutton
4. Discussion of Regional Profile and Regional Transit Network Chapters of 2050 Long Range Plan for Iowa Region 9 – Zach Sutton
5. Public Comments
6. Other Business
 - *Region 9 Transportation Planning Work Program:* <https://bistateonline.org/transportation-and-mobility/iowa-region-9-area/other-plans/region-9-tpwp>
 - *2025 Quad Cities-Kewanee-Muscatine Traffic Safety Action Plan:* <https://bistateonline.org/transportation-and-mobility/quad-cities-metro-planning/other-plans/traffic-safety-planning>
 - *Grant Opportunities:*
 - *Iowa State Recreational Trails Program: Applications due July 1*
 - *State TAP: Applications due October 1*
 - *Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program: Applications due October 1*
7. Adjournment

cc: Transportation Technical Committee, Regional Transportation Advisory Group (Region 9 and Combined Interests), Regional Transit Interest and Advisory Group (Region Interests), and Media

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Minutes of the
REGION 9
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

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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

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| 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

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| 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 |
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| | | | | | 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

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| | | | | | 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 |
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| | | | | | 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 |
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| | | | | 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 |