

Minutes of the
REGION 9
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Serving Rural Scott County and all of Muscatine County

Tuesday, November 5, 2019 – 10:30 a.m.

Muscatine City Hall

Lower Level Conference Room

215 Sycamore Street

Muscatine, Iowa

Randy Zobrist, Chair

Technical Committee Members Present

Chris Ball	City of Wilton
Jon Burgstrum	Scott County
Amy Fortenbacher	City of Muscatine Transit Supervisor
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation
Brian Stineman	City of Muscatine
Keith White	Muscatine County
Randy Zobrist	River Bend Transit

Others Present

Tara Cullison	Bi-State Regional Commission
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of Minutes of the June 27, 2019 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting Minutes. Mr. Stineman moved to approve the Transportation Technical Committee meeting minutes as written, and Mr. Ball seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as written by consensus.
2. Consideration of Revisions to the FFY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Ms. Cullison provided a presentation addressing three amendments that were needed in the FFY 2020-2023 TIP along with three administrative modifications. The amendments included adding the City of Muscatine's project location description and total funding amount for the Business 61 (2nd Street and Park Avenue) project, which only includes the state's share of the project and costs. A segment of the project, along E 2nd Street, was left out of the original project in the TIP, and the total estimate cost of the project increased to \$1,833,000 to include the city and state share. The third amendment was a \$203,300 decrease in federal aid for FFY2022 River Bend Transit replacement of ADA Light Duty Buses (176"). The adopted TIP noted that four buses were being replaced, when there were only two replacements programmed for FFY2022. Three administrative modifications were

made to River Bend Transit’s FY2020, FY2021, and FY2022 Annual Element tables. The number of bus replacements were incorrect in the TIP, and some bus replacement numbers were recorded incorrectly. The administrative modifications addressed these errors within the FFY2020-2023 TIP. Mr. Burgstrum moved to recommend approval of the revisions to the Transportation Policy Committee. Mr. Zobrist seconded, and the motion carried.

3. Review of Timeline, Public Involvement Outline, and Regional Goals/Priorities for the 2045 Region 9 Long Range Transportation Plan. Ms. Cullison provided a brief overview presentation of the proposed *2045 Region 9 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)* timeline, public involvement process, and the previous plan’s regional goals/priorities. The timeline included monthly milestones and potential TTC/TPC meeting months to keep the document development moving forward. The public involvement process included focus groups, public meetings, and other digital/media forms of outreach. Ms. Cullison presented the goals as they appeared in the *2040 Region 9 Long Range Transportation Plan* and asked the Committee for their input on the language and the goal categories themselves. Mr. Zobrist asked what effect an expiring transportation act may have on this LRTP. Ms. McCullough noted that all transportation acts are very similar, and she has not heard of substantial changes that could impact the update process or document. Mr. Zobrist stated that he was fond of the broad language describing each of the regional goals, that it allows things to move forward when considering enhancements for the future that we may not be aware of today. Ms. Cullison mentioned that the “Special Needs,” which was listed as a goal, could be changed to reflect language used today for people with disabilities. She suggested “Accessibility & Mobility.” Related to future transportation issues, Ms. McCullough noted that autonomous vehicles and transportation technology can be interlaced within either the preservation or safety/security goals. She also discussed that planning factors regarding resilience, stormwater, and tourism are included in the FAST Act and can be incorporated into the plan during this update process. Mr. Zobrist mention that security in the transit sector has increased tremendously over the years, and we should consider enhancing our security sections within the plan to align, though it is not mandated for small and urban systems at this point in time.
4. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
5. Other Business. Mr. Burgstrum announced his retirement on December 31, 2019. He noted that Ms. Kersten will be stepping up to serve as Scott County Secondary Roads Engineer. Ms. McCullough explained that the IA DOT has until recently conducted pavement condition testing on all Iowa roadways on a two-year cycle. The IA DOT has shifted the program to a four-year cycle for National Highway System (NHS) routes. An RPA may opt in to cover the costs of collecting data on all roads on the between two-year cycle years of the state’s four-year cycle through the use of their local Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds. Iowa Region 9 consists of 562 road miles and would cost approximately \$53,000. Ms. McCullough asked the Committee if there was any interest in pursuing more frequent data collection. Mr. Stineman noted that Muscatine uses the state’s pavement condition data

for its five-year plans, and that four-year cycles are sufficient for that purpose. Mr. White and Mr. Burgstrum agreed. Muscatine and Scott Counties do not need the data more often than four years at this point in time. Ms. Cullison reminded the Committee of the November 19, 2019 EPA Workshop on Diesel Emission Reduction Funding Opportunities being held in Davenport, Iowa. Information was sent electronically prior to the meeting.

6. Adjournment. Mr. Burgstrum motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Zobrist seconded the motioned, and it carried. The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:15 a.m.