

Minutes of the
REGION 9
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
Serving Rural Scott County and all of Muscatine County

Friday, November 13, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.

WEBINAR MEETING

Randy Zobrist, Chair

Technical Committee Members Present

Amy Fortenbacher	City of Muscatine Transit Supervisor
Angie Kersten	Scott County
Pat Lynch	City of Muscatine
Elliot Pennock	Scott County
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation
Brian Stineman	City of Muscatine
Keith White	Muscatine County
Randy Zobrist	River Bend Transit

Others Present

Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Brandon Melton	Bi-State Regional Commission
Katelyn Miner	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of Minutes of the August 11, 2020 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting Minutes. Ms. McCullough reviewed those in attendance and provided an introduction of Ms. Miner as a new planner at Bi-State Regional Commission assigned to working with Region 9. Mr. Zobrist called the meeting to order and moved to approve the Transportation Technical Committee meeting minutes as written. Ms. Kersten seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved as written by consensus.
2. Discuss Priority Roadway Projects for the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan. Ms. Miner brought up the list of roadway projects on screen for everyone to reference and asked about two specific projects listed: 1) The City of Durant project was listed but was not in the Region 9 planning area; and 2) The City of Wilton project listed was similar to a project listed under Muscatine County. The first project was discussed and ultimately removed from the list as it did not pertain to Region 9. The 2nd project was discussed and clarified as an ‘in-town’ project. The Chapter 2 Maps 2.11 and 2.12 were brought up for discussion with the list of priority projects. Mr. White noted that Highway 6 was labelled incorrectly in Wilton and needed to be changed. The last item of discussion brought up by Ms. Miner was the year timeline for each project. The previous 2040 plan had roadway priority projects mapped based on long-term or short-term years. It was discussed that terms or years should not be

included with the Future Roadway Priority Projects list or maps. The committee agreed to keep the projects mapped in blue and asked Ms. Miner to resend the projects list for updating.

3. Review Draft Chapters for the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan. Going in numerical order of Chapters 2, 4, 5, and 6, Ms. Miner brought up Chapter 2 on roadways on screen and discussed the chapter in detail, asking for questions, comments, or feedback on the chapter. There were no questions or comments for Chapter 2 at this time. Mr. Melton outlined the changes made in the Chapter 4 on freight and stated that it will not be ready for review by the committee until next week, and to provide comments to him on any changes for the chapter once received. Ms. Miner shared Chapter 5 on trails and discussed the chapter in detail, noting specific changes and asking for questions, comments, or feedback from the committee on the chapter. There were no questions or comments for Chapter 5 at this time. Ms. McCullough outlined what was left to do in the concluding chapter, specifically fiscal constraints and that the chapter is nearing the final stages of completion. It will be sent out as soon as it is ready for review. Ms. McCullough then discussed the plan as a whole, noting that the committee will receive a full draft in December, with the anticipation of adoption of the entire plan in January.
4. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
5. Other Business.
 - a. Mississippi River Port of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois Status – Ms. McCullough reported the port area received a statistical area designation in October 2020, and Illinois Statewide Planning and Research funds were secured to map terminals in order to increase marketing and recognition of the port statistical area.
 - b. Iowa’s DOT Cooperative Process for Non-Metropolitan Local Officials Draft Review – Ms. McCullough introduced the call for review from the DOT and explained the cooperative process with non-MPOs. She detailed the need to meet federal requirements to reach outside of MPOs about projects, and that Region 9 may comment formally as a group or individually to the Iowa DOT. Mr. Zobrist asked about a deadline. Ms. McCullough replied that the deadline for comments was by the end of the year.
6. Adjournment. Mr. Zobrist asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Lynch motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Kersten seconded, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:55 a.m.