

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

Thursday, March 13, 2025 – 2:30 p.m.
Blue Grass Public Safety Building
606 W. Mayne Street, Blue Grass, IA
Angie Kersten, Chair

Technical Committee Members Present

Bryan Horesowsky	Muscatine County
Jeff Horne	City of Wilton
Angie Kersten	Scott County
Brian Stineman	City of Muscatine
Randy Zobrist	River Bend Transit

Others Present

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

1. Approval of Minutes of the September 18, 2024 Region 9 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting. Ms. Kersten called the meeting of the Iowa Region 9 Transportation Technical Committee to order at 2:33 p.m. and asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Stineman made a motion to approve the Transportation Technical Committee minutes from the September 28, 2024 meeting as written. Mr. Horesowsky seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Discussion of Region 9 Long Range Plan Update and Timeline. Mr. Sutton began by going over the list of goals in the previous Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), and highlighted changes that Bi-State suggested should be made to the goals. These changes were changing the “Balance” goal to “Balance Between Economy & Environment” and changing “Preservation” to “Preservation & Resiliency.” The committee agreed with these changes and also recommended that the phrase “climate changes” be removed from the description of the Preservation & Resiliency Goal and that the description of the Accessibility & and Mobility goal end after the phrase “those with special needs.” 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, and that 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. He told the committee that Bi-State was hoping to have a draft of the chapter sent to the group by early April.
3. Presentation on FY 2026 Region 9 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP). A draft copy was sent to Committee 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 FY25 TPWP. Ms. McCullough concluded by giving a

summary of both the planned work that will be taking place under the FY26 TPWP and the transportation planning funding available for FY26. Technical Committee 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. There were no additions and the committee concurred with what had been presented.

4. Consideration of Revision 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) move from FFY 2024 into FFY 2025 in the current TIP
- Scott County bridge replacement project (SC-23-03) removal from the current TIP to be part of a statewide application that would fund the replacement of this bridge instead of using HBP funding
- MuscaBus request to remove 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). The committee was informed that two of these amendments (Scott County and MuscaBus) had been requested after the agenda had been sent out, and so these two would not be voted on by the technical committee under the Region 9 public participation requirements. While the committee would not be voting on whether or not to recommend these two amendments, the members had no objections and stated their concurrence with the proposed changes. After the committee was informed of those two amendments and the River Bend administrative modification, Mr. Horesowsky motioned to recommend that the Long Grove amendment be approved by the Policy Committee. Mr. Zobrist seconded the motion, and the amendment was unanimously recommended for approval. All of the revisions are provided at the end of the minutes for reference.

5. Consideration of Iowa Region 9 Candidate Project for Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Funds. Mr. Sutton informed the group that one application had been received for Transportation Alternative Set-Aside, also known as Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), funds by the Iowa Department of Transportation. This application was submitted by the City of Muscatine 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.” After a brief discussion in which it was realized that the requested funds of \$330,000 was just over the maximum of 80% of the total project cost that could be awarded. Mr. Stineman motioned to recommend that the project be awarded \$329,600 – which would be exactly 80% of the total project cost of \$412,000 – in Federal Fiscal Year 2027 (the earliest FFY in which adequate TAP funds were available). Mr. Horesowsky seconded, and the committee voted unanimously to recommend that the project be awarded \$329,600 in TAP funds in FFY 2027 as a set amount.

6. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
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 currently, Region 9 is exceeding fiscal constraint 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 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. There was also a discussion regarding the Muscatine County Trails Plan, after which Mr. Sutton and Ms. McCullough said that they would organize a call between Wilton, Muscatine, and IA DOT regarding trail connections in the county. Ms. McCullough gave a brief update on the Traffic Safety Action Plan, highlighting the scoring matrix that had been developed.
8. Adjournment. Mr. Horesowsky made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with Mr. Zobrist seconding. The motion was approved by consensus, and the meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

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

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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	PROJ. TYPE	# OF UNITS	COST PER UNIT	ESTIMATED TOTAL COST (\$)	FEDERAL SHARE*		STATE SHARE		LOCAL SHARE		TPMS ID #	PROJECT STATUS / NOTES
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2025	RBT-22-04	Construct Vehicle Storage Garage	C	1	\$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

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MTS-25-01	FFY 2025 Transit Operations (includes Admin/Maintenance \$\$)	O	1	\$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	C	1	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$255,000	SEC. 5339(c)			\$45,000	LCL		To be Removed
MTS-25-03	Expansion Electric LD Bus	C	1	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$255,000	SEC. 5339(c)			\$45,000	LCL		To be Removed
MTS-25-05	Garage expansion 120'X40'	C	1	\$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	C	2	\$33,750	\$67,500	\$60,750	SEC. 5339 (c)			\$6,750	LCL		To be Removed
MTS -25-07	Workforce Development for electric vehicle maintenance	C	1	\$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	C	1	\$197,539	\$197,539	\$167,908	SEC. 5311 9(c)			\$29,631	LCL	10252	Funding Increase
MTS-25-08	Replace (1) 176" w.b. ADA Light Duty Bus Vehicle # 253	C	1	\$197,539	\$197,539	\$167,908	SEC. 5311 9(c)			\$29,631	LCL		To be added