

Minutes of the
REGION 9
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

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Tuesday, July 12, 2022 – 1:30 p.m.
Muscatine City Hall, Conference Room
215 Sycamore Street
Muscatine, Iowa
Jeff Sorensen, Chair

Policy Committee Members Present

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| Michael Limberg | City of Long Grove |
| John Maxwell | Scott County |
| Scott Sauer | Muscatine County/River Bend Transit |
| Sam Shea | Iowa Department of Transportation |
| Jeff Sorensen | Muscatine County |
| Brad Bark | City of Muscatine |

Others Present

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| Jennifer Bizarri | Bi-State Regional Commission |
| Gena McCullough | Bi-State Regional Commission |

1. Public Hearing on Region 9 FFY2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
The public hearing started at 1:36 p.m. An overview of the TIP was presented to the Policy Committee members with no public present. Ms. Bizarri presented on the FY23-26 TIP document updates, which included what a TIP is, federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Flex and TAP funding for FY23-26, the map of projects from the Annual Elements, and the list of unmet needs projects. Total STBG and TAP Flex combined by the end of FY2026 is an estimated \$1,704,202. Total TAP by the end of FY2026 is an estimated \$181,000. Ms. Bizarri concluded the presentation by asking if there were any comments or questions on the TIP draft. There was none. Hearing no comments or questions, Mr. Sorensen asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Maxwell motioned, and Mr. Sauer seconded. The motion carried and it was closed at 1:51 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes of the May 25, 2022 Region 9 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mr. Maxwell motioned to approve the Transportation Policy Committee meeting minutes as written from the May 25, 2022 meeting. Mr. Sauer seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved as written.

3. Consideration of the Region 9 FFY2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Mr. Sorensen asked for a motion to approve the FY23-26 TIP document. Mr. Maxwell made a motion to approve the TIP subject to any changes for the clarification of the language to match the Iowa DOT language and to address the comments. Mayor Bark seconded, and the motion carried.
4. Status of STBG Evaluation Criteria Revisions Discussion. Ms. McCullough explained that it was touched on at the last Technical Committee. The Technical Committee requested a separate meeting on the STBG evaluation process and consideration of revisions. Ms. McCullough said they were leaning toward going back to the former evaluation process, which was more qualitative and ranked projects based on safety, condition, economic, and other criteria. What had been proposed was a more quantitative approach to the current evaluation process. There was mixed input if there could be a separate allocation for small communities. A comment was made that a strictly quantitative process would result in small communities not receiving any funding because the counties have a greater number of miles and would dominate the scoring based on mileage. There is a desire to see the counties partner with the small cities. The Technical Committee is still working on making a recommendation to bring to the Policy Committee.
5. Public Comments There was no public comments.
6. Other Business. Ms. McCullough briefly discussed Iowa DOT Swap memo, Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) deadline of 9/15/22, Iowa Federal Recreation Trails Grants deadline of 10/1/22, Iowa Clean Air Attainment Grants deadline of 10/1/22 and the Iowa Transportation Alternatives Grants deadline of 10/1/22.
7. Adjournment. Mr. Maxwell motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Mayor Limberg seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.