

Minutes of the

**REGION 9
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE**

Serving Rural Scott County and all of Muscatine County

Thursday, December 15, 2022 – 1:00 p.m.
River Bend Transit, Board Room
7440 Vine Street Court
Davenport, Iowa
Jeff Sorensen, Chair

Policy Committee Members Present

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| John Maxwell | Scott County |
| Scott Sauer | Muscatine County/River Bend Transit |
| Jeff Sorensen | Muscatine County |

Others Present

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| Jennifer Bizarri | Bi-State Regional Commission |
| Gena McCullough | Bi-State Regional Commission |
| Bryan Schmid | Bi-State Regional Commission |
| Randy Zobrist | River Bend Transit |

1. Approval of Minutes of the July 12, 2022 Region 9 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Mr. Sorensen called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. Mr. Maxwell motioned to approve the Transportation Policy Committee meeting minutes as written from the July 12, 2022 meeting. Mr. Sauer seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved as written.
2. Consideration of Revision to the Region 9 FFY2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program. An amendment was requested by the City of Muscatine to add M-26-01 with \$2,002,000 in Federal RAISE planning grant funds, and removed \$18,000,000 from local funds for Isett Avenue from Cypress to Highway 61. The committee then reviewed an amendment for River Bend Transit to increase Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5339 funding amounts to 158” buses for years 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026 to meet the new federal ceiling 35% increase. On project number RBT-23-02 the federal share was increased to \$234,086 and the local share was increased to \$41,310 to make the estimated total \$275,396. On project number RBT-24-02, the federal share was increased to \$1,446,654 and the local share was increased to \$255,293 to make the estimated total \$1,701,947. On project number RBT-25-02 the federal share was increased to \$1,084,990 and the local share was increased to \$191,470 to make the estimated total \$1,276,460. On project number RBT-26-02 the federal share was increased to \$1,466,654 and the local share was increased to \$255,293 to make the estimated total \$1,701,947. Mr. Sorenson asked about the changes and Mr. Zobrist noted that they resulted from significant cost increases due to a supply chain disruption, and as part of that process the Iowa Department of Transportation used FFY2022

funds to offset the cost increase to minimize the impact to the transit systems statewide. Mr. Sauer motioned to approve the amendments to the FFY2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Maxwell seconded the motion, and the amendment was approved.

River Bend Transit also had administrative modifications to increase funding amounts on 176” buses for years 2023, 2024 and 2025 to meet the new federal ceiling 27% increase that did not need an amendment or approval. On project number RBT-23-03, the federal share was increased to \$696,846 and the local share was increased to \$122,976 to make the estimated total \$819,822.

On project number RBT-24-0,3 the federal share was increased to \$239,251 and the local share was increased to \$42,221 to make the estimated total \$281,472. On project number RBT-25-03 the federal share was increased to \$239,251 and the local share was increased to \$42,221 to make the estimated total \$281,472.

3. Report on Transit Development Plan. Mr. Schmid updated the members with a report of the current status of the Transit Development Plan. The update included topics such as goals for the plan, grey analysis areas, common transit issues, common barriers, and recent updates to the region’s transit systems. The draft of the plan should be submitted to Iowa DOT in February 2023 and Illinois DOT in March 2023. The draft will be provided to the Committee for review before final approval.
4. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
5. Other Business. No other business was discussed.
6. Adjournment. Mr. Maxwell motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Sauer seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.