

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

Friday, August 27, 2021 – 1:00 p.m.
Walcott City Hall/Fire Department
Conference Room
128 West Lincoln Street
Walcott, Iowa
Angie Kersten, Chair

Technical Committee Members Present

Amy Fortenbacher	MuscaBus Transit
Jeff Horne	City of Wilton
Angie Kersten	Scott County
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation
Brian Stineman	City of Muscatine
Keith White	Muscatine County
Randy Zobrist	River Bend Transit

Others Present

Alex Anderson	Muscatine County
Rosina Guyer	City of Long Grove
Bryan Horesowsky	Muscatine County
Michael Limberg	City of Long Grove
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Jason McKenzie	V&K, Inc.
Katelyn Miner	Bi-State Regional Commission
Lonnie Robertson	City of Blue Grass
Brad Schutte	City of Blue Grass

1. Approval of Minutes of the June 21, 2021 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting Minutes. Ms. Kersten called the meeting to order, and Mr. White motioned to approve the Transportation Technical Committee meeting minutes as written. Mr. Stineman seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved as written.
2. Consideration of Iowa Region 9 Candidate Projects for Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program, and Transportation Alternatives Program Flex Funds (TAP Flex). Ms. Miner gave a brief presentation on the details of the STBG and TASA candidate projects. Four candidate projects were received requesting STBG funds, including one project from Muscatine County, one from Scott

County, one from the City of Long Grove, and one from the City of Blue Grass. The City of Long Grove and the City of Wilton also submitted TA Set-Aside project applications. In Region 9, there is \$227,213 in TA Set-Aside Program funds and \$3,566,372 in STBG funds and TAP Flex funds available for programming through FY2025. For the final scoring of the TASA applications, the City of Long Grove scored highest and thus, won the TASA funding. However, discussion took place on how to fund both projects partially, and Mr. White motioned to recommend moving TAP Flex funds of \$252,000 from STBG funds to TASA funds and authorizing each project proportionally based on their requested amounts. Mr. Stineman seconded the motion, and the recommendation was approved. Discussion took place on the STBG projects among the Committee. Ms. Kersten motioned to recommend the funding of Scott County's project fully and funding Muscatine County's project with the remaining STBG funds of \$1,514,000. Mr. Stineman seconded the motion, and the recommendation was approved.

3. Overview of Mississippi River Ports of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois Mapping Project. Ms. McCullough detailed the most recent updates of the Mississippi River Ports Mapping Project (MRPEIWI). This included why ports matter, the importance of the Cornbelt Ports, and the current status of the MRPEIWI project.
4. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
5. Other Business. Ms. McCullough briefly mentioned the current grants and their deadlines all coming up on October 1.
6. Adjournment. Ms. Kersten asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Horne so moved, and Mr. Stineman seconded. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 2:15 p.m.