

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

Tuesday, April 19, 2022 – 1:30 p.m.
Muscatine City Hall
Lower Conference Room
215 Sycamore Street
Muscatine, Iowa
Angie Kersten, Chair

Technical Committee Members Present

Jeff Horne	City of Wilton
Angie Kersten	Scott County
Brian Stineman	City of Muscatine
Keith White	Muscatine County

Others Present

Jennifer Bizarri	Bi-State Regional Commission
Bryan Horesowsky	Muscatine County
Pat Lynch	City of Muscatine
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Jodi Royal-Goodwin	City of Muscatine

1. Approval of Minutes of the August 27, 2021 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting Minutes. Chair Kersten called the meeting of the Iowa Region 9 Transportation Technical Committee to order. Mr. White made a motion to approve the Transportation Technical Committee minutes from the August 27, 2021 meeting as written. Mr. Horne seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Consideration of Revisions to the FFY2022-2025 Region 9 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Ms. McCullough discussed the requested revision by City of Muscatine’s MuscaBus to the TIP within the FFY2023 Annual Element. A copy of the request was distributed to those present at the meeting. The requested changes to project numbers MTS-23-01 (federal increase of \$64,853), MTS-23-02 (federal decrease of \$561), and MTS-23-04 (federal increase of \$1,411) were all less than 30%; therefore, the changes can be modified administratively. The requested change to project number MTS-23-03 was to amend all shares (federal, state, and local) greater than 30%. The request to the federal share was to increase it from \$91,120 to \$152,667 and change the vehicle type from 158” LDB to 176” LDLFB. A motion was made by Mr. Stineman and seconded by Ms. Kersten to approve the requested revision. The motion passed.
3. Clarification of Funds Awarded September 2021 Based on Infrastructure and Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Targets and Funding Levels’ Revisions for Programmed Surface

Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG), and Transportation Alternatives Program Set-Aside (TASA) Funds. Ms. McCullough presented a summary, which was included in Committee members' packets, of the clarification of funds. She walked through Bi-State staff's understanding of the September 2021 STBG and TASA programming of funds, need for clarification of the programming as a result of new targets based on the passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), and discontinuance of TAP-Flex funds starting in FFY2023. Prior programming recommended funding the Scott County F45 (240th Street) project fully at \$1,800,000. However, Iowa DOT is moving toward reversing the Swap program, and if federalized, the project would only be eligible for 80% or \$1,440,000. The Muscatine County F58 was funded for the remaining amount, but with additional funds, the project could be funded to the amount requested \$1,900,000. In the original programming, TAP-Flex was to be shifted to TAP programming, but with it being discontinued, the IIJA funds would increase TAP funds in a greater amount. The original programming provided 60% of the funds for the Long Grove 1st Street Multi-Use Path (Phase II), and 40% to the Wilton West 5th Street Shared Use Path or \$336,640 (FFY2024) and \$224,426 (FFY2025). This would bring the balance remaining to \$0 through FFY2025. The Technical Committee members concurred with the funding clarification and recommendation.

4. Discussion on STBG Evaluation Criteria Revisions Ms. McCullough discussed the draft criteria that were included in the Committee members' packets. Ms. McCullough briefly described a hybrid qualitative and quantitative evaluation process, explaining that weighting and emphasis could be retooled depending on areas of priority. Technical Committee members wished to better understand the policy issues driving the drafted criteria. The Committee requested that staff review the results of the doodle poll and provide a summary to better understand what collectively was at issue with the current process. There was discussion that the Committee would like to reconsider utilizing the former evaluation process. They requested that a copy of that evaluation manual be sent as meeting follow-up, and asked to table the discussion for mid-May to review the various evaluation tools.
5. Presentation on FY2023 Region 9 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) A draft copy of the FY2023 TPWP was enclosed in Committee members' packets. Due to time, the item was tabled for a subsequent meeting of the Technical Committee.
6. Public Comments. None.
7. Other Business. Committee members were directed to the agenda for a list of items related to upcoming celebrations or awareness of transportation issues, and grant deadlines.
8. Adjournment. The conference room was reserved for another meeting at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Stineman said the next Transportation Technical Committee meeting can be held at the City of Muscatine Public Works office. Ms. Kersten asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting and reconvene the 3rd week in May to further discuss the evaluation criteria and finish the remainder of the meeting. Mr. White made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Stineman seconded. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 2:58 p.m.