

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

Wednesday, July 6, 2022 – 1:00 p.m.
Muscatine Public Works Office
Conference Room
1459 Washington 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
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of Minutes of the April 19, 2022 Region 9 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting.
Ms. Kersten called the meeting of the Iowa Region 9 Transportation Technical Committee to order. Mr. Stineman made a motion to approve the Transportation Technical Committee minutes from the April 19, 2022 meeting as written. Mr. White seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Recommendation of the Region 9 FFY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
Ms. Bizarri presented the FFY2023-2026 TIP document. She explained what TIP, STBG, and TAP funding was for FY2023-2026, the list of projects from the Annual Elements, and the list of unmet needs projects. Total STBG and TAP Flex combined balance by the end of FY2026 is an estimated \$1,704,202. Ms. Bizarri concluded the presentation by asking the committee if there were any comments or questions on the TIP draft. There were none. Hearing no comments or questions, Mr. White motioned to recommend the FY2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program to the Policy Committee for approval contingent on receiving on public comments by the end of day July 11th as part of the public comment period. Mr. Stineman seconded the motion, and the recommendation was approved. It was noted that staff would be sending out STBG and TAP awards letters to confirm funding amounts toward selected projects.
3. Presentation on FY2023 Region 9 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) Ms. McCullough presented on the draft FY2023 TPWP to the committee. The presentation outlined the Plan of Work from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, accomplishments from the FY2022 TPWP, and the Summary of Funding for FY2023. As in prior years, the intent is to use \$10,000 from the Region 9 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program to supplement the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds for regional transportation planning. The total effort amounts to \$67,333. The work program was taken to the Bi-State Regional Commission

in May for approval of the budget and ability to enter into contract with the Iowa Department of Transportation. The Technical and Policy Committee members are encouraged to review the activities that are covered by the planning funds and provide input. Ms. McCullough will send the SS4A checklist as follow-up to an inquiry about the grant program.

4. Discussion on STBG Evaluation Criteria Revisions Ms. Bizarri reviewed survey information from both the Technical and Policy Committees on the evaluation criteria. A handout summarizing the input was distributed. There was mixed input related to quantitative or hybrid options. There was consensus on the evaluation criteria that it should be fair and consider geographic equity. The discussion also included consideration of a set-aside for small communities but not through a point basis. There were comments about reverting to the original criteria. Ms. McCullough said we will schedule a separate meeting on August 3, 2022 to discuss STBG criteria revisions.
5. Public Comments. None.
6. 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.
7. Adjournment. Mr. Stineman said the next Transportation Technical Committee meeting can be held at the City of Muscatine Public Works office on August 3, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. Ms. Kersten asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. White made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Stineman seconded. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 2:15 p.m.