

**Minutes of the**

**REGION 9  
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

*Serving Rural Scott County and all of Muscatine County*

Wednesday, July 5, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

Wilton City Hall  
128 West Lincoln St  
Walcott, Iowa 52773  
Angie Kersten, Chair

Technical Committee Members Present

Kevin Coon	City of Muscatine
Bryan Horesowsky	Muscatine County
Elliott Pennock	Scott County
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation
Brian Stineman	City of Muscatine

Others Present

Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission
Zach Sutton	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of Minutes of the March 8, 2023 Region 9 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting. Mr. Stineman, acting as chair, called the meeting of the Iowa Region 9 Transportation Technical Committee to order. Mr. Horesowsky made a motion to approve the Transportation Technical Committee minutes from the March 8, 2023 meeting as written. Mr. Pennock seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Consideration of 2023 Bi-State Region Transit Development Plan. Mr. Schmid presented on the 2023 *Bi-State Region Transit Development Plan* for consideration for approval. A link to the draft plan was provided with the Committee agenda packet. Mr. Schmid provided a brief update on the status of the TDP, saying that Iowa DOT had responded with comments that would be taken into consideration when making adjustments to the TDP. Questions were asked if concerns were raised during this process. Ms. McCollough responded that there hadn't, but a spatial analysis component had been added. Mr. Horesowsky motioned to approve, Mr. Coon seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
3. Consideration of the FY2024-2027 Region 9 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Ms. McCullough presented the draft FY2024-2027 TIP to the committee for consideration for approval. Ms. McCullough first noted that corrections would be coming from Muscatine County, MuscaBus, and Scott County. The presentation gave background information about what makes up a TIP, as well as details about the TIP process. The presentation also included a handout of the STBG table from the TIP document, as the table had been revised after the draft of the document was sent to the

committee. Mr. Horesowsky brought up that Muscatine County had an addition to make to the Unmet Needs Table, which he would submit following the meeting. Mr. Horesowsky then motioned to approve the document. Mr. Stineman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Great American Rail Trail – Trail Initiative and Other Trail Efforts Ms. McCullough and Mr. Schmid presented on the Great American Rail Trail and upcoming efforts to promote it in the region. Ms. McCullough gave a brief overview of the Rail Trail project, while Mr. Schmid elaborated on the efforts being made to reduce existing gaps in the trail. Mr. Schmid highlighted the influencer tour as one such effort. The tour would be arriving in Davenport on September 26, and then continuing to Ottawa, IL by September 28. Mr. Schmid also highlighted the gaps in the Bi-State region, which include the gaps between Colona and Silvis, and gaps between Davenport and Buffalo and Buffalo and Muscatine. Mr. Stineman inquired about funding options, to which Mr. Schmid and Ms. McCullough responded by detailing additional funding opportunities. These included a small-scale grant program and possibly carbon-reduction funding. Mr. Schmid then brought up future trail possibilities being considered in the Muscatine Trail plan, on which Mr. Stineman elaborated.
5. Public Comments. None.
6. Other Business. Ms. McCollough informed the committee of the Rural Surface Transportation Grant, which is a discretionary program that provides assistance for both large and small projects at varying amounts. Ms. McCullough then elaborated on the types of projects that can receive assistance. Mr. Shea mentioned that, following the meeting, he needed to meet with Mr. Stineman and Mr. Coon about the adjustments to Muscatine’s urban area.
7. Adjournment. Mr. Horesowsky motioned to adjourn. Mr. Pennock seconded, and the meeting adjourned unanimously.