

Minutes of the

REGION 9 TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Serving Rural Scott County and all of Muscatine County

Monday, October 30, 2023 – 11:00 a.m.
Muscatine Department of Public Works
1459 Washington Street Muscatine, Iowa
Angie Kersten, Chair

Technical Committee Members Present

Amy Fortenbacher	MuscaBus
Bryan Horesowsky	Muscatine County
Angie Kersten	Scott County
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation
Brian Stineman	City of Muscatine
Randy Zobrist	River Bend Transit

Others Present

Brad Bark	Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce
Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Zach Sutton	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Approval of Minutes of the July 5, 2023 Region 9 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting. Ms. Kersten called the meeting of the Iowa Region 9 Transportation Technical Committee to order at 11:02 a.m. and asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Horesowsky made a motion to approve the Transportation Technical Committee minutes from the July 5, 2023 meeting as written. Mr. Stineman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Consideration of Revisions to the FFY 2024-2027 Region 9 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Sutton briefed the committee on the proposed revisions to the FFY 2024-2027 TIP. The first item was the Scott County bridge project over the Wapsipinicon River, SC-23-02, programmed for FFY 24. This project necessitated a TIP amendment, as Scott County had received an additional source of funding via the Highway Bridge Program. The two other proposed TIP revisions that required an amendment, from River Bend Transit and MuscaBus, were presented to the committee together. Both agencies had been recipients of a shortfall grant from the state of Iowa, for which new buses had been programmed for FFY 2022, but were not funded due to shortages. The grant funded these new buses for FFY 2024 at more money than they were originally programmed for due to inflation. After brief discussion, Mr. Stineman motioned to recommend approval of all three of the TIP amendments to the policy committee, Ms. Kersten seconded, and the amendments were recommended for approval unanimously. The amendments are provided at the end of the minutes for reference.

3. Consideration of the 2023 Bi-State Region Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Evaluation Manual (TAP). A draft copy was sent to Committee members prior to the meeting. Mr. Sutton and Ms. McCullough briefed the committee on the new 2023 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Evaluation Manual and highlighted the changes that had been made from the previous manual, the most notable of which being that non-profits are now eligible to apply for, and receive, TASA funds. A discussion followed, centered around who would have oversight for non-profits that received TASA funds. Ms. McCullough said that non-profits had partnered with local jurisdictions in the past, while Mr. Shea stated that the Iowa DOT encourages local agencies to meet with non-profits who are pursuing TASA funds. In addition to this discussion, the committee also recommended revisions to the manual regarding some word choice as well as adding a TASA funds balance table to the manual. Mr. Horesowsky motioned to recommend approval of the manual as stated with the suggested revisions to the Policy Committee. Ms. Fortenbacher seconded, and the manual was unanimously recommended for approvals recommended to be revised.
4. Consideration of the 2023 Surface Transportation Block Grant Manual (STBG). A draft copy was sent to Committee members prior to the meeting. Ms. McCullough informed the committee of items that had changed in the 2023 STBG Manual. These changes included a return to the pre-2018 STBG evaluation criteria, which is more qualitative in nature, and the evaluation checklist that was used with said criteria. A discussion followed that included clarifications about eligibility for STBG funds. It was emphasized that non-profits were not eligible for STBG funds. Questions were asked regarding the calculations in the historical review table of the document. These calculations will be reviewed in between the technical and policy committee meetings, and adjusted accordingly. The committee also made recommendations for additions to the document. The committee requested that a column be added to the federal functional classification table for all cities in Scott County outside of the MPO. The committee also recommended that a programmed projects table be included in the final draft. Following the discussion, Mr. Stineman motioned to recommend approval of the manual with the suggested revisions to the Policy Committee. Mr. Horesowsky seconded, and the manual was unanimously recommended for approval with the suggested revisions.
5. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
6. Other Business. Mr. Zobrist gave an update on the River Bend bus garage project, with the estimated cost coming in at \$8 million. Ms. Fortenbacher told the committee that the cost of the MuscaBus wash bay had come in at double the initial cost, but that the contractor had stated their intent to honor the bid. Ms. McCullough informed the committee that a Safe Streets for All Traffic Safety Action Plan for the Quad Cities MPO, and Cities of Muscatine and Kewanee was being developed once a consultant was procured, and that an update of the 2015 Freight Plan for the Bi-State Region was being developed with a completion date expected in early 2024.
7. Adjournment. Mr. Horesowsky made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Zobrist seconded. The motion was approved, and the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Region 9 FFY2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program - October 2024 Revisions

SCOTT COUNTY

SC-23-02	On Y68, Over Wapsi River Overflow, S31 T81 R4E	Bridge Replacement	\$3,500,000	\$1,500,000	County Bridge Construction Fund - HBP (FA)	\$500,000	County Bridge Construction Fund - STB			TPMS # 35837	FY2024 CFYP Amendment to update funding sources and project #
				\$1,200,000	HBP (FA)	\$300,000	HBP (SWAP)				Note: 4 sources of funding
TOTAL			\$3,500,000	\$2,700,000		\$800,000				\$0	

CITY OF MUSCATINE													
MTS-24-06	Replace (1) 176" w.b. ADA Light Duty Bus Vehicle # 246	C	1	\$44,362	\$44,362	\$37,708	FTA 5339			\$6,654	LCL	10856	Originally FY2022, Reprogrammed to 2024. Cost estimates from shortfall grant
MTS-24-07	Replace (1) 176" w.b. ADA Light Duty Bus Vehicle # 251	C	1	\$24,032	\$24,032	\$19,226	FHWA CMAQ			\$4,806	LCL	10857	Originally FY2022, Reprogrammed to 2024. Cost estimates from shortfall grant
MTS-24-08	Replace (1) 176" w.b. ADA Light Duty Bus Vehicle # 252	C	1	\$24,032	\$24,032	\$19,226	FHWA CMAQ			\$4,806	LCL		Originally FY2022, Reprogrammed to 2024. Cost estimates from shortfall grant

RIVER BEND TRANSIT													
RBT-24-05	Replace (5) 158" w.b. ADA Light Duty Buses Vehicle #'s 772,773,774,998, 999	C	5	\$149,393	\$746,965	\$634,920	SEC. 5339			\$112,045	LCL	?? Old - New 10805, 10807, 10808, 10812, 10813	Originally FY2022. Reprogrammed to 2024 w/ increased cost estimates per Iowa DOT Instructions
RBT-24-06	Replace (3) 176" w.b. ADA Light Duty Buses Vehicle #'s 745, 747, 901	C	3	\$148,238	\$444,714	\$378,007	SEC. 5339			\$66,707	LCL	?? Old - New 10809, 10810, 10811	Originally FY2022. Reprogrammed to 2024 w/ increased cost estimates per Iowa DOT Instructions
RBT-24-07	Replace (5) 176" w.b. ADA Light Duty Buses Vehicle #'s 440, 441, 442, 443, 444	C	5	\$52,865	\$264,325	\$224,676	SEC. 5339			\$39,649	LCL	?? Old - New 10814, 10815, 10816, 10817, 10818	Originally FY2022. Reprogrammed to 2024 w/ increased cost estimates per Iowa DOT Instructions
TOTAL					\$17,168,727	\$10,668,822		\$1,002,059		\$5,515,279			