

Minutes of the
REGION 9
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Serving Rural Scott County and all of Muscatine County

Monday, June 1, 2026 – 2:30 p.m.
Scott County Secondary Roads
950 Blackhawk Trail Rd, Eldridge, IA
Angie Kersten, Chair

Technical Committee Members Present

Sherli Childers	River Bend Transit
Amy Fortenbacher	City of Muscatine
Bryan Horesowsky	Muscatine County
Jeff Horne	City of Wilton
Hector Torres-Cacho	Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT)

Others Present

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

1. Approval of Minutes of the April 9, 2026 Region 9 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting. Acting as interim chair, Mr. Horesowsky called the meeting of the Iowa Region 9 Transportation Technical Committee to order at 2:33 p.m. Mr. Sutton noted that there had been a revision to the minutes, as Item 5, “Consideration of Opting in to Pavement Collection Data for CY 2027 Using STBG Funds” had been omitted in the initial draft included in the members’ packets. Mr. Horesowsky noted that the names listed in Item 3 “Concurrence with FY2027 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) Activities” in the revised minutes were incorrect. He then asked for a motion to approve the revised minutes, with additional revisions to Item 3. Ms. Childers motioned to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2026 meeting with revisions. Ms. Fortenbacher seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Consideration of 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan for Iowa Region 9. Mr. Sutton, having presented on the full draft of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) at the April 9 meeting, gave the members a quick summary of changes that had been made to the draft, as well as an overview of the public input opportunities offered in the last month. He informed the group that the trails map had been revised, and now showed the ADT/MRT as existing shared roadway trails on New Era Road, and proposed separated trails on IA-22. The other change of note was, based on feedback from the Iowa DOT, Chapter 6 now included a callout of projects that would be located in potentially environmentally-sensitive areas. Based on overlap with wetland areas, the four projects called out in the chapter were the F70 and G28 resurfacing projects in Muscatine County (crossing the Cedar River) and the 115th and Z30 resurfacing projects in Scott County (crossing the Wapsipinicon River). He shared that a memo had been sent out to the state and county resource agencies in the region, requesting feedback on the plan, but no responses had been received so far. Mr. Sutton then highlighted opportunities for public input that had been offered over the last two months. An online public survey allowing the public to provide feedback on the document was created on April 9. A virtual public input session was held on May 14, but no members of the public attended. A notice for the upcoming public hearing on the plan (to be held at the June 11 meeting of

the Policy Committee) was published on the Bi-State website on May 27, was sent to the media on May 28, and was published in the *Quad City Times* and *Muscatine Journal* on June 2. Following the presentation, Mr. Horne motioned to recommend the *2050 Long Range Transportation Plan for Iowa Region 9* for approval to the Region 9 Transportation Policy Committee. Ms. Fortenbacher seconded, and the committee voted unanimously to recommend the LRTP for approval. Following consideration of approval by the Policy Committee, the plan would be taken to the Bi-State Regional Commission on June 24, 2026.

3. Consideration of FFY2027 -2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Iowa Region 9. A draft copy was included in the meeting materials. Mr. Sutton gave a presentation on the draft of the FFY 2027-2030 Region 9 TIP document. The presentation included a brief overview of what a TIP document is, as well as the process of creating and amending the TIP. The presentation also included a table of the projects in the TIP for the next fiscal year (FFY 2027) with a cost greater than \$1 million. He also noted that a series of corrections had been identified in between the draft being sent to the committee and the meeting, and that these revisions would be present in the final draft. These revisions included showing Ms. Childers as River Bend's representative to the TTC, updates to Tables 2 and 6 – as well as the FFY 2027 annual element – to include the \$48,000 in STBG funds programmed for pavement data collection, and updates to the Public Participation Plan. Mr. Horesowsky noted that the funding numbers for project MC-28-02 were incorrect. The funding numbers will be corrected in the final draft. Ms. McCullough told the group that there would be a call for STBG and TAP projects following the adoption of the LRTP and the beginning of the new fiscal year in July. Ms. Childers then motioned to recommend the FFY 2027-2030 Region 9 TIP for approval pending the above revisions. Ms. Fortenbacher seconded, and the committee voted unanimously to recommend the TIP for approval.
4. Consideration of Revisions to the Public Participation Plan. Ms. McCullough informed the group of a substantive proposed revision to the Region 9 Public Participation Plan, by which the advanced notice required for the public to request reasonable accommodation for a meeting would be changed from 24 hours to 72 hours. She noted other minor edits in the wording as it appeared in the appendix of the TIP for their reference. Mr. Horesowsky moved to recommend approval of the revision to the Region 9 Public Participation Plan to the Region 9 Transportation Policy Committee. Mr. Horne seconded, and revision the motion passed unanimously.
5. Consideration of the 2026 Bi-State Region Transit Development Plan (TDP). Mr. Sutton provided an overview of the TDP and discussed what it is. He explained the plan provides information and guidance on future passenger transportation mobility options and human services coordination. The TDP is adopted by committees from three planning areas (Urbanized IL/IA, IL Region 2, and IA Region 9). The plan's goals include convenience, investment, affordability, land use, geographic coverage, and safety. Mr. Sutton then discussed the results of four surveys that were distributed in the spring, one each for human service agencies, transportation providers, existing riders, and the community at large. Survey respondents indicated a need for medical trips both within and outside of the county, a need for public transportation to work and other meetings, and a need for trips to social services. Many of the transportation providers also indicated that federal and state regulations cause a barrier when it comes to the coordination of transportation. Mr. Sutton then reviewed a series of maps related to the Transit Accessibility Analysis. The goal of the Transit Accessibility Analysis is to find areas and populations that are and are not served by existing transit options. The analysis used the variables of population, population density, diversity index, household median income, households below the poverty level, households with 0 vehicles, and the population of 16+ who take

transit to work to identify census block groups where the need for transit is the highest in the city of Muscatine. These areas were predominantly concentrated on downtown Muscatine, but southwest Muscatine also showed a potentially high need for transit. Three other maps were shown: a service area gap analysis, average bus frequency by 5-minute walkshed, and access to residential and commercial land uses by transit. Some barriers that are discussed in the TDP include availability of funding, frequency, medical trips, shelters and access points, disconnections between destinations, and non-standard work hours. Mr. Sutton concluded the presentation and requested comments on the TDP by June 5, and indicated that the document can be found on the Bi-State website. There was a brief discussion regarding providing medical trips across state lines, and Ms. Childers said that River Bend Transit has the ability to take passengers to Rock Island as long as the trip originates in Iowa. Following this discussion, Ms. Fortenbacher motioned to recommend the 2026 TDP for approval to the Policy Committee. Ms. Childers seconded, and the committee voted unanimously to recommend the 2026 TDP for approval.

6. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
7. Other Business. Mr. Torres-Cacho said that the Iowa DOT 5-year program will be presented on June 9 at the DOT Commission meeting. Ms. McCullough reminded the members of the virtual attendance option (any member attending virtually will count towards quorum), but noted she appreciates having members attend in person when possible. Mr. Sutton informed the members that Iowa State Recreational Trails grant applications were due July 1, and that the Federal Recreational Trails applications were due October 1.
8. Adjournment. Mr. Horne made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Ms. Fortenbacher seconded. The motion was approved by consensus, and the meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.