

SIOUXLAND INTERSTATE METROPOLITAN PLANNING COUNCIL
 METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
 Combined Policy Board and Transportation Technical Committee

Minutes of the July 10, 2008 Meeting

10:30 A.M.

Whispering Creek Golf Course, 6500 Whispering Creek Road, Sioux City, Iowa

POLICY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert J. Giese, Chair	City of South Sioux City, Nebraska
Jim Rixner, Vice Chair	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Craig Anderson	Plymouth County, Iowa
Brent Hoffman	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Ross Jordan	Union County, South Dakota
William Merrill	City of North Sioux City, South Dakota
William McLarty	Dakota County, Nebraska
Mark Monson	Woodbury County, Iowa
Dale Petersen (in absence of Sid Seward)	Sergeant Bluff, Iowa
Marvin Sorensen	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Transit System

POLICY BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Ken Beaulieu	Dakota Dunes CID, South Dakota
Charmaine Cantrell	City of Dakota City, Nebraska

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chris Payer, Chair	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Paul Nolan, Vice Chair	City of South Sioux City, Nebraska
Jeff Dooley	Dakota Dunes CID, South Dakota
Mark Huntley	City of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa
Curt Miller	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Transit System/Sioux Gateway Airport
Bob Peters	City of Dakota City, Nebraska
Jill Wanderscheid	City of Sioux City, Iowa

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABESENT:

Representative	Dakota County, Nebraska
Kory Menken	City of North Sioux City, South Dakota
Raymond Roggow	Union County, South Dakota
Tom Rohe	Plymouth County, Iowa
Elizabeth Smart	Sioux Gateway Airport, Sioux City, Iowa
Richard Storm	Woodbury County, Iowa

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Ron Schlautman	Nebraska Department of Roads
Dakin Schultz	Iowa Department of Transportation

GUESTS

Michael Jackson	Iowa DOT, Office of Systems Management, Ames, Iowa
Dwight Rorholm	Iowa DOT, District 3
Brad Zumwalt	Nebraska Department of Roads
Barbara Sloniker	Siouxland Chamber of Commerce
Allissa Hopkins	KTIV-TV

STAFF

Michelle Bostinelos, Transportation Planning Director	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Kellee Van Bruggen, Transportation Planning	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Eric Sanders, Transportation Planning	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Dwight Lang, Co-Executive Director	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Sharon Burton, Secretary	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council

The Policy Board and Transportation Technical Committee met on Thursday, July 10, 2008 at 10:30 a.m., at Whispering Creek Golf Course, 6500 Whispering Creek Road, Sioux City, Iowa. Policy Board Chair Bob Giese and Transportation Technical Committee Chair Chris Payer called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

- I. **Approval of the Agenda** – Policy Board Chair Bob Giese asked if there were any deletions or corrections to the agenda. *Jim Rixner moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Brent Hoffman. Motion carried.*
- II. **Approval of the Transportation Technical Committee Minutes** – Transportation Technical Committee Chair Chris Payer asked if there were any deletions or corrections to the April 30, 2008 Transportation Technical Committee minutes. *Bob Peters moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Jill Wanderscheid. Motion carried.*
- III. **Approval of the Policy Board Minutes** – Policy Board Chair Bob Giese asked if there were any deletions or corrections to the Policy Board minutes of May 1, 2008. *William McLarty moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Brent Hoffman. Motion carried.*
- IV. **Review Monthly Correspondence** – Michelle Bostinelos gave an overview of staff activities outlined in the director's report. She attended a Welfare Reform Committee meeting on June 9 to help public service agencies become more involved in the Passenger Transportation Development Plan. Discussion followed. Staff organized and held a Bicycle and Pedestrian Roundtable meeting on June 10. The next meeting is being planned for August with a presentation on the Complete the Streets concept. The Safe Routes to School Taskforce Committee helped organize a Bike Safety Rodeo on June 14 at the Long Lines Family Recreation Center in Sioux City. Staff assisted the city of Sergeant Bluff with an Iowa State Recreational Trail Grant and the city of Dakota City with a STP application.
- V. **Transportation Improvement Progress Report** – Dakin Schultz with the Iowa DOT reported four of the six construction stages have now been completed on the Gordon Drive Viaduct project. He noted a similar project is also underway on the Veterans Bridge. The first pour has been done on the PCC overlay project south of Sergeant Bluff. He clarified this construction is typical rehabilitation work and is not related to the I-29 improvement project. A public hearing will be held on August 26, 2008 for U.S. Highway 20, the west portion (east of Merville to Early), at the city hall in Correctionville. In June, the Iowa Transportation Commission approved the FY 2009-2013 Transportation Improvement Program. The new program includes allocation of approximately \$60 million in funding for Highway 20. Construction plans include four-lane paving between Iowa Highway 4 and Sac County road N-14. A Highway 20 Association meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow, July 11, at the Lewis and Clark Interpretative Center. Prior to the meeting a photo exhibit of Highway 20 can be viewed and there will be a panel of citizens who will share their life experiences on living along Highway 20. Discussion followed.

Ron Schlautman with NDOR reported the Environmental Impact Study is being finalized for Highway 35. He noted the new highway program is in the process of being mailed and if anyone would like to receive a copy to contact the NDOR office.

Chris Payer with the city of Sioux City gave an update on the Outer Drive Project. He reported a railroad agreement is close to being finalized. The bridge construction over the Floyd Channel will then be able to be let with construction in the fall. The railroad alignment will be let next spring and is on track for construction in the spring of 2010. Phase 5 of Military Road is underway for design with construction next year. The Kings Highway 23rd Street Bridge project is still in the environmental analysis process, and design on the Bluff Street Bridge is nearly complete with construction planned to correspond with the Wesley Parkway Project. The city is working with the Iowa DOT on utility relocation related to the I-29 reconstruction project. A design contract has been awarded to DGR for the Unity Trail that will connect Lake Forest Park to the new Unity School. Discussion followed.

Curt Miller with Sioux City Transit reported work is continuing with the consultant on the route study. A public hearing will be held later this month so citizens can review route changes. Two new buses will be ordered, FTA funding will be utilized for the purchase of one and the other will be through the Iowa DOT. Jefferson Lines has signed a lease agreement for continued use of the Martin Luther King facility. Mr. Miller announced he would assume duties as interim director of the Sioux Gateway Airport starting Monday. He gave an update on activities currently underway at the airport. The ramp replacement project

has been let and construction should begin in the near future. The first of three phases for the terminal remodeling project started last week. Request For Proposals have been reviewed for a parking lot contract, bidders will be interviewed and an award will be presented for a five-year contract within the next two weeks. Discussion followed.

Paul Nolan with the city of South Sioux City reported Phase 1 (18th to 23rd) of the Dakota Avenue overlay project started July 1. Street improvements utilizing CDBG funding on East 15th, 16th, & 17th are underway. Construction should start this summer on the All-America Bike Trail.

- VI. FY 2008 MPO Accomplishments & Future Challenges** – Michelle Bostinelos gave an overview of the memo included in the meeting packet outlining FY 2008 staff activities and projects. She noted staff continues to study SAFETEA-LU provisions to assure compliance, support Nebraska 35 and Highway 20 projects by attending meetings and public hearings, develop the Safe Routes to School Taskforce Committee and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Roundtable group, work with Iowa DOT on the Lewis and Clark multi-modal trail plan and I-29 reconstruction and update the current transportation model for the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan.

She explained future challenges pertain to funding issues related to the predicted shortfall in the Highway Trust Fund. There is currently a projected \$3.2 billion deficit in FY 2009 which could result in a \$13.5 billion reduction in federal highway funding received by states. Discussion followed.

Ms. Bostinelos noted funding received through Iowa this year for STP and TE projects has been programmed in full up to FY 2012. If funding cuts are implemented, adjustments may need to be made to project funding allocations. A suggestion was made to have the Siouxland Chamber of Commerce present this issue at next year's Siouxland Washington Conference and Steak Dinner.

- VII. Public Participation Plan** – Kellee Van Bruggen reported a draft of the plan has been presented to Policy Board and Transportation Technical Committee members for review and comments. She explained notification was received from the Federal Highway Administration stating in order to be SAFETEA-LU compliant a section will need to be added illustrating how each environmental and cultural agency and other interested parties would like to be contacted concerning future projects. Letters requesting this information were sent to 82 agencies and parties and a total of 52 responses were received. Staff will now be conducting follow-up calls to those not responding. Documentation of responses will be included as an addendum to the Public Participation Plan. Staff held a 45-day public comment period and a public open house on June 18, 2008 from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. No public comments were received. All comments received from members, Iowa DOT, NDOR, SD DOT, Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration have been addressed in the final document presented.

On behalf of the Transportation Technical Committee, Paul Nolan moved for the approval of the Public Participation Plan as presented, seconded by Jill Wanderscheid. Motion carried.

On behalf of the Policy Board Mark Monson moved for the approval of the Public Participation Plan as presented, seconded by Jim Rixner. Motion carried.

- VIII. FY 2008 – 2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Revision** –

- Outer Drive Bridge and Approaches in Sioux City need to be programmed for a total estimated cost of \$4,700,000 with \$3,500,000 Federal participation (Federal Earmark/Bridge Replacement Program) in FY 2008.

Discussion followed on the project being listed twice. Ms. Bostinelos will correct this duplication.

On behalf of the Transportation Technical Committee, Curt Miller moved to approve the proposed revision to the FY 2008 – 2011 TIP, seconded by Paul Nolan. Motion carried.

On behalf of the Policy Board, William Merrill moved to approve the proposed revision to the FY 2008 – 2011 TIP, seconded by Mark Monson. Motion carried.

- IX. MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2009-2012** – Michelle Bostinelos explained the TIP, a four-year listing of federally funded transportation projects, is updated annually. Discussion followed on projects.

Dale Petersen, mayor of Sergeant Bluff, advised the description of STP-U-6890 (604) should be changed from K-45: Sergeant Bluff NCL to 8th Street to **K-45: 8th Street to 1st Street**. Sioux City Transit Manager Curt Miller reported the 5309 funding for seven ADA buses should be reduced by one bus (eliminating vehicle ID #1081), adjusting the FY 2009 programmed amount to \$2,022,000, which is a reduction of the cost of one bus, \$337,000. Mr. Miller also reported the 5307 funding for upgrade of two buses to electric hybrid buses should be changed from vehicle ID #1078 and #1089 to **#1077 and #1079**.

Ms. Bostinelos reported the TIP now includes separate tables illustrating the Iowa City Street Finance Report Operations and Maintenance Expenditures and the Iowa City Street Finance Report Revenues for the cities of Sergeant Bluff and Sioux City. South Dakota indicated they would not be providing this information, they do not feel it is necessary since their area is small. Nebraska is in the process of putting together this information so there will be an amendment presented at a future meeting.

On behalf of the Transportation Technical Committee, Jill Wanderscheid moved to approve the FY 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program, seconded by Paul Nolan. Motion carried.

On behalf of the Policy Board, Jim Rixner moved to approve the FY 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program, seconded by William Merrill. Motion carried.

- X. Resolution 2009-1 Self-Certification of the MPO Transportation Planning Process** – Michelle Bostinelos explained this resolution certifies that the transportation planning process in the Sioux City Metropolitan Planning Area is being carried on in conformance with all applicable Federal requirements.

On behalf of the Transportation Technical Committee, Jeff Dooley moved to approve the 2009-1 Self-Certification Resolution as presented, seconded by Jill Wanderscheid. Motion carried

On behalf of the Policy Board, Brent Hoffman moved to approve the 2009-1 Self Certification Resolution as presented, seconded by Jim Rixner. Motion carried.

- XI. Resolution 2009-2 Project Development – Sioux City Transit System** – Michelle Bostinelos explained this resolution assures the city of Sioux City as recipient of program assistance from the Federal Transit Administration has fulfilled their planning obligation in the development of projects contained in the FY 2009-2012 MPO Transportation Improvement Program.

On behalf of the Transportation Technical Committee, Curt Miller moved to approve the 2009-2 Project Development resolution as presented, seconded by Jill Wanderscheid. Motion carried

On behalf of the Policy Board, Jim Rixner moved to approve the 2009-2 Project Development resolution as presented, seconded by William Merrill. Motion carried.

- XII. Western Iowa ITS** – Michael Jackson from the Iowa DOT Office of Systems Management gave an informative PowerPoint presentation on the Western Iowa Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) project.

- XIII. Additional Comments** – There were no additional comments.

- XIV. Adjournment** – The next Transportation Technical Committee meeting will be held Wednesday, September 3, 2008; and the Policy Board will be held Thursday, September 4, 2008.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m. Attendees were invited to stay for lunch and nine-hole golf.