

SIouxLAND INTERSTATE METROPOLITAN PLANNING COUNCIL
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

Policy Board
and
Transportation Technical Committee

Minutes of the July 8, 2010 Combined Meeting

10:00 A.M.

South Ridge Golf Club, 618 West 29th Street, South Sioux City, Nebraska

POLICY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Monson, Chair	Woodbury County, Iowa
Mike Hobart (<i>substitute for Tom Padgett, Vice Chair</i>)	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Craig Anderson	Plymouth County, Iowa
Sandra Ehrich	City of South Sioux City, Nebraska
John Fitch	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Ross Jordan	Union County, South Dakota
William McLarty	Dakota County, Nebraska
Marvin Sorensen	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Transit System
Walt Wendel (<i>substitute for Sid Seward</i>)	City of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa

POLICY MEMBERS ABSENT

Ken Beaulieu	Dakota Dunes CID, South Dakota
Lesla Cropley	City of North Sioux City, South Dakota
	City of Dakota City, Nebraska

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Payer, Chair	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Joseph Johnson, Vice Chair	City of South Sioux City, Nebraska
Jeff Dooley	Dakota Dunes CID, South Dakota
Mark Huntley (<i>substitute for Jim Ferneau</i>)	City of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa
Jeff Harcum	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Transit System
Curt Miller	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Sioux Gateway Airport
Mark Nahra	Woodbury County, Iowa
Tom Rohe	Plymouth County, Iowa
Jill Wanderscheid	City of Sioux City, Iowa

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL MEMBERS ABSENT

Fred Kellogg	Dakota County, Nebraska
Kory Menken	City of North Sioux City, South Dakota
Bob Peters	City of Dakota City, Nebraska
Raymond Roggow	Union County, South Dakota

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Dakin Schultz	Iowa Department of Transportation
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GUESTS

John Backer	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Sioux Gateway Airport
Dale Petersen	City of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa
Barbara Sloniker	Siouxland Chamber of Commerce
Adrienne Voelker	City of Sioux City, Iowa (<i>summer intern</i>)

STAFF

Michelle Bostinelos, Transportation Planning Director	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Eric Sanders, Transportation Planner II	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Kellee Van Bruggen, Transportation Planner II	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 (TTC) met on Thursday, July 8, 2010 at 10:00 a.m., at the South Ridge Golf Club, 618 West 29th Street, South Sioux City, Nebraska. A Policy Board and TTC quorum was present. Mark Monson, Policy Board Chair, and Chris Payer, TTC Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

- I. **Approval of the Agenda** – TTC Chair Chris Payer asked if there were any corrections to the agenda.
Mark Nahra moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Tom Rohe. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Policy Board Chair Mark Monson asked if there were any corrections to the agenda.

Craig Anderson moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Sandra Ehrich. No further discussion. Motion carried.

- II. **Approval of the Minutes** – TTC Chair Chris Payer asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of May 5, 2010 TTC meeting.
Jill Wanderscheid moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Joe Johnson. No further discussion. Motion carried.

- III. **Approval of the Minutes** – Policy Chair Mark Monson asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of May 6, 2010 Policy Board meeting.
Sandra Ehrich moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Marvin Sorenson. No further discussion. Motion carried.

- IV. **Review Monthly Correspondence** – Michelle Bostinelos provided an overview of the director's report included in the meeting packet. She reported staff continues to work on the 2035 MPO Long Range Transportation Plan; a draft of the plan should be finished by November with approval scheduled for January. Staff continues to work with the Siouxland Chamber of Commerce and the city of Sioux City on a project promoting bicycle racks in front of businesses. Staff attended a Volunteer Transportation Summit on May 20th in Sioux City, and participated in a follow-up meeting last week. Staff continues to attend Lewis and Clark Multi-Use Trail meetings. She noted the next Lewis and Clark Multi-Use Trail public meeting would be held at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center on August 5th. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) conducted a triennial planning review of the MPO on June 8th and 9th. Staff provided a tour of projects in all three states on June 8th; and Federal officials reviewed the MPO planning process at the SIMPCO office on June 9th. Mark Monson reported he attended the review and MPO staff received positive comments. Ms. Bostinelos noted a formal response to the review would be issued.

- V. **Transportation Improvement Progress Report** – Dakin Schultz with Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT) provided an overview of construction currently underway on Segment 3 of the I-29 Improvement Project. Mr. Schultz also reported on the progress of four-lane construction on U.S. Highway 20.

Chris Payer with the city of Sioux City reported working continues on South Martha. Bluff Street Bridge is scheduled to be finished in August. Property acquisition is being finished for the Wesley Parkway and Kings Highway and 23rd Street Bridge projects.

Mark Huntley with the city of Sergeant Bluff reported on signal improvements for South Lewis Boulevard, and installation of new storm sewer pipes on the south side of town.

Joe Johnson with the city of South Sioux City reported on the storm sewer construction currently underway on 33rd and 34th Streets; and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project on 21st and 2nd Streets. Summer construction dates have been received for the Dakota Avenue lighting and signal integration, and the All-American Trail.

Mark Nahra with Woodbury County reported the contractor is finishing up the last of the shoulder work on the Correctionville Road project.

Tom Rohe with Plymouth County reported on the K-22 pavement project. Crushing of the current pavement is finished, and the contractor has scheduled work to begin on the new pavement.

Curt Miller with city of Sioux City / Transit System / Gateway Airport reported four new buses are on order; two delivered in August and two in September. Security cameras will be updated to wireless.

Mr. Miller also provided an update on the renovation underway at Sioux Gateway Airport. Construction has started on the front canopy and main lobby. The baggage area, new restrooms, waiting area and TSA checkpoint at the north end are now open.

VI. FY 2010 MPO Accomplishments – Michelle Bostinelos provided an overview of the memo included in the meeting packet outlining FY 2010 staff activities and projects. Staff attended numerous meetings throughout the area including those held by the Siouxland Chamber Transportation Committee, Tri-State Traffic Management Team, Lewis and Clark Multi-Use Trail Committees and Volunteer Transportation Committee. Staff also organized and hosted meetings for the Bike and Pedestrian Roundtable and Coordinated Transportation Issues Committee. Staff attended training sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration, Iowa Department of Transportation, Nebraska Department of Roads and South Dakota Department of Transportation including sessions on land use and performance measures, low cost safety improvements and road safety, air conformity and regional ITS architecture use and maintenance. Staff attended MPO quarterly directors meetings with the Iowa Department of Transportation in Ames and meetings with the Nebraska Department of Roads, Lincoln MPO and Metropolitan Area Planning Agency (MAPA) MPO. Staff updated documents including the Transportation Planning Work Program, Transportation Improvement Program, Public Participation Plan and bylaws. Staff hosted a bicycle safety booth at the annual Kid's Safety Fair in Sioux City.

VII. FY 2010 – 2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Administrative Modification – Michelle Bostinelos reviewed the proposed administration modification to the FY 2010 – 2013 TIP.

Administrative Modification:

1. Remove and replace PCCP on south bound lane of I-29 north of Exit 4 to the crossover between Exit 15 and 18 in South Dakota needs to be programmed for a total cost of \$15,043 with \$13,545 Federal participation in FY 2010.

Ms. Bostinelos explained this project was originally programmed in FY 2011; and the South Dakota Department of Transportation (SD DOT) is requesting reprogramming to FY 2010.

On behalf of the Transportation Technical Committee, Joe Johnson moved to recommend to the Policy Board approval of the administrative modification to the FY 2010 – 2013 as presented, seconded by Jill Wanderscheid. No further discussion. Motion carried.

On behalf of the Policy Board, Ross Jordan moved to accept the recommendation of the TTC and approve the administrative modification to the FY 2010 – 2013 as presented, seconded by Sandra Ehrich. No further discussion. Motion carried.

VIII. Resolution 2011-1 Approval of the FY 2011 – 2014 MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) –

1. Allocation of additional Iowa Surface Transportation Program funding:

Michelle Bostinelos reported at the May meetings TTC and Policy Board members discussed the updated FY 2011 – 2014 Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Transportation Enhancement (TE) targets received from the Iowa DOT and the allocation of additional funds. The STP balance is \$772,700 and TE balance \$36,600 as of FY 2014. TTC members recommended and the Policy Board approved reopening the Iowa application process for STP funds and rolling the TE balance in FY 2014 to FY 2015. Staff sent Requests For Proposals to Iowa members for additional STP funds on May 12, 2010 with a deadline of June 11, 2010.

Ms. Bostinelos reported four applications were received by the required deadline:

City of Sioux City: Pearl Street Reconstruction, total cost \$840,000, Federal request \$672,000 (80%)

City of Sioux City: Interstate 29 Reconstruction Project, total cost \$250,000,000, Federal request \$700,000 (<1%)

Woodbury County: K-45/Old Highway 75 Project, total cost \$808,500, Federal request \$447,700 (56%)

City of Sergeant Bluff: South Lewis Boulevard Reconstruction at Warrior Road, total cost \$500,000, Federal request \$325,000 (65%)

She noted if members approve the allocation of additional STP funds those projects would be have to also be approved for inclusion into the FY 2011 – 2014 Transportation Improvement Program.

TTC Chair Chris Payer asked members representing the cities of Sioux City, Sergeant Bluff and Woodbury County to discuss their proposed projects.

On behalf of the TTC, Tom Rohe moved to recommend to the Policy Board the allocation of \$325,000 in STP funds to the South Lewis Boulevard Reconstruction at Warrior Road in FY 2012 and \$447,700 to K-45/Old Highway 75 Project in FY 2014. Additional discussion followed. Mark Nahra seconded the motion. Motion carried with 5 yays and 4 nays.

2. Final MPO Transportation Improvement Program FY 2011 – 2014:

On behalf of the TTC, Mark Nahra moved to approve Resolution 2011-1 Approval of the FY 2011 – 2014 Transportation Improvement Program with the inclusion of the abovementioned projects (South Lewis Boulevard Reconstruction at Warrior Roads - \$325,000 in FY 2012 and K-45/Old Highway 75 Project - \$447,700 in FY 2014), seconded by Jill Wanderscheid. No further discussion. Motion carried.

On behalf of the Policy Board, Ross Jordan moved to approve Resolution 2011-1 Approval of the FY 2011 – 2014 Transportation Improvement Program with the addition of STP projects recommended by the TTC (South Lewis Boulevard Reconstruction at Warrior Road - \$325,000 in FY 2012 and K-45/Old Highway 75 Project - \$447,700 in FY 2014). Additional discussion followed. Craig Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 yays and 3 nays.

- IX. **Education on the Self-Certification Process** – Michelle Bostinelos reported each year resolutions assuring self-certifications are presented to TTC and Policy Board members for approval. The Federal Highway Administration has recommended members review and understand the self-certification process before resolutions are approved. She referred to the summary of statutory requirements included in the meeting packet and provided an overview of: *Metropolitan Planning; Statewide Planning; Title VI Civil Rights Act of 1964, Disadvantages Business Enterprises (DBE); Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; Older American Act, Section 324 of 23 U.S.C.; Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Clean Air Act: Air-Pollution Prevention and Control.*

- X. **Resolution 2011-2 Self-Certification of the MPO Transportation Planning Process** – Michelle Bostinelos explained this resolution certifies the transportation planning process in the Sioux City urbanized area is addressing the major issues in the metropolitan planning area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable Federal requirements.

On behalf of the TTC, Joe Johnson moved to approve Resolution 2011-2 Self-Certification of the MPO Transportation Planning Process, seconded by Jill Wanderscheid. No further discussion. Motion carried.

On behalf of the Policy Board, Craig Anderson moved to approve Resolution 2011-2 Self-Certification of the MPO Transportation Planning Process, seconded by Marvin Sorenson. No further discussion. Motion carried.

- XI. **Resolution 2011-3 Project Development – Sioux City Transit System** – Michelle Bostinelos explained this resolution certifies that the city of Sioux City as a recipient of program assistance from the Federal Transit Administration has fulfilled their planning obligation in the development projects contained in the MPO FY 2011 – 2014 Transportation Improvement Program.

On behalf of the TTC, Tom Rohe moved to approve Resolution 2011-3 Project Development – Sioux City Transit System, seconded by Mark Nahra. No further discussion. Motion carried.

On behalf of the Policy Board, Sandra Ehrich moved to approve Resolution 2011-3 Project Development – Sioux City Transit System, seconded by Mike Hobart. No further discussion. Motion carried.

XII. 2035 Draft Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), Draft Chapter 5: Streets and Highways – Eric Sanders provided an informative PowerPoint presentation on Chapter 5 of the 2035 LRTP. The chapter describes the existing transportation system characteristics, the geographic nature of the area, model base and forecast year figures and general traffic trends. Staff utilized a travel demand model and other Graphic Information System (GIS) tools to include an analysis of potential capacity problems and acceptable alternatives. Discussion followed.

XIII. Additional Comments – Michelle Bostinelos reported SIMPCO and the city of Sioux City are hosting a U.S. Highway 20 meeting at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow, July 9th, at the Long Lines Recreation Center in Sioux City.

Michelle Bostinelos reported the next TTC and Policy Board meetings are as scheduled:

Transportation Technical Committee

September 1, 2010, 1:30 p.m., 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City

Policy Board

September 2, 2010, 1:30 p.m., 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City

XIV. Adjournment –

On behalf of the TTC, Joe Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jill Wanderscheid. No further discussion. Motion carried.

On behalf of the Policy Board, Craig Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Marvin Sorenson. No further discussion. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. Members were served lunch catered by *Sneaky's Chicken* and invited to stay for eighteen-hole golf.