

SIOUXLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ASSOCIATION
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Minutes of the Wednesday, May 18, 2011 Meeting

3:00 p.m.
SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dave Carney, Chair	Monona County
Dave Shanahan, Vice Chair	Cherokee County
Sandra Langel	Siouxland Regional Transit System (SRTS)
Scott Langel	City of Le Mars
John Meis	City of Cherokee
Patrick Mouw	Ida County
Mark Nahra	Woodbury County
Tom Rohe	Plymouth County

NON-VOTING MEMBERS:

Dakin Schultz	Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT)
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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 Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) met on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, at 3:00 p.m., in the Meisner Conference Room at SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa. Dave Carney, Chair, called the meeting to order 3:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

- I. **Approval of the Agenda** – Chair Dave Carney asked if there were any corrections to the agenda. Mr. Carney suggested due to time constraints tabling agenda item 6.1. *Discussion on STP allocation based on population guidelines.* Discussion followed.
Dave Shanahan moved to approve the May 18, 2011 agenda, tabling agenda item 6.1., seconded by Patrick Mouw. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.
- II. **Approval of the Minutes** – Chair Dave Carney asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the March 16, 2011 meeting.
John Meis moved to approve the minutes of March 16, 2011 as presented, seconded by Tom Rohe. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.
- III. **Review Monthly Correspondence** – Michelle Bostinelos provided an overview of the director's report included in the meeting packet. Ms. Bostinelos attended the Iowa Coordinated Transportation Training Workshop May 9–12 in Des Moines. She noted this workshop focused on the Passenger Transportation Plan, continued transportation coordination and creation of a Mobility Manager / Volunteer Transportation position. Iowa DOT officials met with staff on April 13th to conduct a planning review of the SRTPA. She noted the review went very well; and staff will be working on recommendations. Kellee Van Bruggen presented the Safe Routes to School program to the Ida Grove School District/City Council and community members on April 21st. Ida Grove School District is interested in having SIMPCO assist with a Safe Routes to School application for comprehensive planning.

IV. Transportation Improvement Progress Report – Dakin Schultz with Iowa DOT reported last week the Iowa Transportation Commission issued the draft five-year program. He noted four corridor projects designated for economic development purposes in the five-year program were moved back. Three projects were in eastern Iowa and one in our area, U.S. Highway 20 in Woodbury County – eleven miles of grading east of Merville to the west side of Correctionville has been reprogrammed from 2015 to 2016.

Mr. Schultz reminded members the Iowa Transportation Commission is scheduled to approve the final five-year program at their meeting in Sioux City on Tuesday, June 14. A brief business meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. with public input to immediately follow. On Monday, June 13th, the Commission will tour regional transportation projects including U.S. Highway 20 near Correctionville, I-29, and U.S. Highway 75.

Mr. Schultz discussed micro surfacing and seal coat preventative maintenance treatment being used on U.S. Highway 75.

John Meis with City of Cherokee reported the bid for the 11th Street project came in yesterday and was slightly higher than anticipated. Survey work is underway for two 2012 TE projects, Lake Street and Spring Lake Park Trail.

Scott Langel with City of Le Mars reported the 12th Street and Lincoln Lake projects have been bid. Pre-construction work for 12th Street is done. The curb and gutter section is finished, but the remainder of the project won't start for at least two months. Pre-construction for Lincoln Lake will take place tomorrow.

Sandra Langel with Siouxland Regional Transit System reported buses have been ordered and should be delivered in September. This will be Ms. Langel's last meeting. She will be retiring on June 24th.

Mark Nahra with Woodbury County reported the 180th Street BR project is coming along well. The deck should be poured next Wednesday or Thursday. A BR project on county road D-38, east of Anthon was just let. Preparations are underway for the pre-construction meeting and construction is expected to start the first week in June. The Board of Supervisors just approved plans for two additional BR projects which have been scheduled for August lettings.

Dave Carney with Monona County reported construction has started on a BR project bid last year. He noted one of the county's secondary road facilities is located in Mapleton. As a result of the recent storm three of seven buildings were totaled and there was a significant loss in equipment. Discussion followed.

Patrick Mouw with Ida County reported work will begin this summer on a BR project let in April.

Tom Rohe with Plymouth County reported the C-38 concrete overlay project (over the Cherokee County line going west) that was let in April is scheduled to start June 9th. C-38 will be closed down the first week of June for removal work and Knife River has indicated paving will start when paving on I-29 is finished, approximately August. He noted 50% in STP funds are being used for this project. The letting for 4.7 miles of reconstruction on C-60 is planned for June. Funds used for this project include \$600,000 STP and \$500,000 Traffic Safety. Construction started April 1st on two BR projects let in March.

Dave Shanahan with Cherokee County reported four bridge projects are scheduled for this year – one BRS, two BROS, and one local.

V. FY 2012 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) Final – Michelle Bostinelos reported the draft FY 2012 TPWP was presented to Policy Board and TAC members for review and comments at their March meetings. No comments were received. A draft was also submitted to the Iowa DOT for review and staff has addressed all comments received.

Ms. Bostinelos reported total financing for the FY 2012 TPWP is \$108,498 with a local match of \$21,700. She noted Iowa DOT has indicated there could be an adjustment in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding. Staff is requesting a recommendation to the Policy Board for approval of the FY 2012 TPWP as presented with the acknowledgement that the program may be amended.

Mark Nahra moved to approve the FY 2012 Transportation Planning Work Program as presented with the acknowledgement that the program may be amended, seconded by Scott Langel. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.

VI. **Surface Transportation Program (STP) / Transportation Enhancement (TE) Revised Targets –**

1. **(Removed from agenda) - Discussion on STP allocation based on population guidelines**

2. **Adjusted balance based on revised targets** – Michelle Bostinelos reported notification was received from the Iowa DOT in April regarding revised FY 2012 – 2015 STP and TE funding targets. She explained due to continuing discussion in Washington D.C. regarding the federal deficit and shortfall in the Highway Trust Fund, the Iowa DOT has adjusted targets for FY 2013 – 2015. In order to meet federal requirements for fiscal constraint, staff is recommending a decrease of approximately 22% to projects in fiscal years 2013, 2014 and 2015.

Members reviewed and discussed FY 2013 – 2015 TE funding awards. Ms. Bostinelos noted the City of Hinton's original application was for FY 2015, but the project was awarded for FY 2012.

Scott Langel moved to adjust the City of Galva's TE project from \$105,000 Federal Aid in FY 2014 to \$96,500 and program \$8,500 Federal Aid for FY 2015, seconded by Mark Nahra. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.

FY 2012 balance is \$22.5, FY 2013 is \$4.5, FY 2014 would be \$0, and FY 2015 would be \$83.5.

Mark Nahra moved not to adjust the SUDAS and RPA planning funds for FY 2012, FY 2013, FY 2014 and FY 2015, seconded by Scott Langel. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.

Members reviewed FY 2013 – 2015 STP funding awards. Discussion followed on reducing Federal Aid to 50% and possibly reprogramming projects to a later year. Members noted if funding is restored project allocations would be revisited.

Mark Nahra moved to recommended to the Policy Board the following adjustments to STP funding awards, seconded by John Meis. No further discussion. Motion carried with 6 ayes and 2 nays by Scott Langel and Dave Shanahan.

- City of Le Mars , Highway 3 (widening/turn lanes) Total \$450,000, Federal Aid \$140,000 in FY 2012
*Project total was \$450,000 with \$315,000 Federal Aid.
Fund project at 50% with an additional reduction of \$88,000 which is related to the additional funding awarded at the Policy Board Meeting of October 14, 2010 for 12 Street SE 8th Ave. E. to 12th Ave. E. ($\$450,000 \times .50 = \$225,000 - \$88,000 = \$137,000$ which was rounded up to \$140,000)*
- SRTS, 1 176" LD Bus with surveillance cameras, Total \$81,250, Federal Aid \$40,500 in FY 2013
Reduce Federal Aid from \$65,000 (80%) to \$40,500 (49.85%)
- Monona County, E-34 (HMA overlay), Total cost \$4,550,000, Federal Aid \$1,655,000 in FY 2014 and \$620,000 in FY 2015
Reallocate Total Federal Aid of \$2,275,000 originally programmed for FY 2014 between FY 2014 and FY 2015
- Cherokee County, C-38 (7" unbounded concrete overlay), Total cost \$3,950,000, Federal Aid \$600,000 in FY 2016
Reprogram project from FY 2015 to FY 2016
- Woodbury County, D-54 (HMA resurfacing/rehab), Total Cost \$900,000, Federal Aid \$720,000 in FY 2016
Reprogram project from FY 2015 to FY 2016

FY 2012 balance is now \$272.7; FY 2013 \$194.2; FY 2014 \$0.2; and FY 2015 \$352.2.

- VII. **FY 2012 – 2015 SRTPA Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Draft** – Michelle Bostinelos asked members to review the draft FY 2012 – 2015 TIP to assure all projects are included and listed correctly. She noted the revised STP and TE targets just approved will be incorporated into the document.

Staff will email members a final draft for review and comments before it is submitted to the Iowa DOT by the June 15, 2011 deadline. Discussion followed.

- VIII. **Additional Comments** – Michelle Bostinelos reported the next meeting was scheduled for June 15, 2011. However, since the draft FY 2012 – 2015 Transportation Improvement Program is due to Iowa DOT that day, she is recommending moving the meeting date to either June 29, 2011 or July 13, 2011.

Agenda items will include approval of the final FY 2012 – 2015 Transportation Improvement Program and possibly approval of an amendment to the FY 2012 Transportation Planning Work Program. Discussion followed as to whether holding a conference call meeting would be appropriate.

Members elected to hold the next meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 29, 2011 at the SIMPCO office, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa.

- IX. **Adjournment** – *Dave Shanahan moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tom Rohe. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.* The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.