

SIOUXLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ASSOCIATION (SRTPA)
Policy Board

Minutes of the Thursday, May 19, 2011 Meeting

10:00 a.m.

SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Simonsen, Chair	Cherokee County
Don Kass	Plymouth County
John Leonard (<i>substitute for John Rexwinkel</i>)	City of Le Mars
John McCall	Monona County
Mark Monson	Woodbury County

MEMBER ABSENT:

Allen Hilker	Ida County
Jim Peck	City of Cherokee

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dakin Schultz	Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT)
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STAFF

Michelle Bostinelos, Transportation Planning Director	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Kellee Van Bruggen, Transportation Planner II	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Eric Sanders, 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 met on Thursday, May 19, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., in the Meisner Conference Room at SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa. Jeff Simonsen, Chair, called the meeting to order 10:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

- I. **Approval of the Agenda** – Chair Jeff Simonsen asked if there were any corrections to the agenda. *John McCall moved to approve the May 19, 2011 agenda as presented, seconded by Mark Monson. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.*

- II. **Approval of the Minutes** – Chair Jeff Simonsen asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of March 17, 2011 Policy Board meeting. *Mark Monson moved to approve the minutes of March 17, 2011 Policy Board meeting as presented, seconded by Don Kass. 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 one focus of this workshop was creation of a Mobility Manager / Volunteer Transportation position. On April 21st Kellee Van Bruggen presented information on the Safe Routes to School program to members of the Ida Grove School District, City Council, and community members. She noted Ida Grove School District has requested a Safe Routes to School application for comprehensive planning. Staff will be working on this application for submittal to Iowa DOT in October. Staff attended a public participation workshop hosted by the Iowa DOT in Cherokee on May 3rd. Iowa DOT officials met with staff on April 13th to conduct a planning review of the SRTPA. Ms. Bostinelos noted one recommendation from the review was for the SRTPA to form a Bike and Pedestrian Roundtable similar to the MPO. Discussion followed.

IV. Transportation Improvement Progress Report – Dakin Schultz with Iowa DOT provided an overview of the micro surfacing and seal coat preventative maintenance treatment being used on U.S. Highway 75.

Mr. Schultz 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. Discussion followed.

Michelle Bostinelos provided the following updates from the SRTPA Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting held yesterday.

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.

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

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.

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.

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 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. 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.

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

Monona County reported construction has started on a BR project bid last year. One of the county's main secondary roads 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.

Siouxland Regional Transit System reported buses have been ordered and should be delivered in September.

V. FY 2012 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) Final – Michelle Bostinelos explained the Transportation Planning Work Program outlines the budget and work activities for next fiscal year. She 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. She noted the TAC recommended approval of the final FY 2012 TPWP as presented.

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. If an adjustment is made, an amendment to the program will be presented for approval.

John McCall moved to accept the recommendation of the TAC and approve the FY 2012 Transportation Planning Work Program as presented, seconded by Don Kass. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.

- VI. **Surface Transportation Program (STP / Transportation Enhancement (TE) 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.

Ms. Bostinelos handed out and reviewed a summary of revised STP and TE targets recommended by the TAC at their meeting held yesterday.

She reported the TAC recommended not adjusting the SUDAS and RPA planning funds for FY 2012, FY 2013, FY 2014 and FY 2015.

Recommended TE funding revision:

- Adjust the City of Galva's project from \$105,000 Federal Aid in FY 2014 to \$96,500 and programming \$8,500 Federal Aid in FY 2015. Ms. Bostinelos noted this would split the project from 1 year to 2 years.

Ms. Bostinelos reported the FY 2012 TE balance is \$22.5, FY 2013 is \$4.5, FY 2014 would be \$0, and FY 2015 would be \$83.5.

Recommended STP funding revisions:

- City of Le Mars, Iowa 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.

*Recommendation - 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. ($\$450,000 * .50 = \$225,000 - \$88,000 = \$137,000$ 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

Recommendation - 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

Recommendation - 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

Recommendation – 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

Recommendation – Reprogram project from FY 2015 to FY 2016.

Ms. Bostinelos noted the FY 2012 STP balance would now be \$272.7; FY 2013 \$194.2; FY 2014 \$0.2; and FY 2015 \$352.2.

Ms. Bostinelos reported a representative from the City of Le Mars is requesting the TAC committee re-evaluate the recommended STP funding revisions one last time before the final TIP is submitted. She explained there was concern that the City's 2012 project was funded at 50% with an additional reduction of \$88,000. Staff is recommending the Policy Board approve TAC recommendations as presented so the draft FY 2012 – 2015 TIP can be submitted showing fiscal constraint to the Iowa DOT by the June 15, 2011 deadline. She noted the TAC has scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, June 29, 2011; and the deadline for submittal of the final approved TIP is July 15, 2011.

Mark Monson moved to accept all recommendations of the Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) and approve the revised Surface Transportation Program (STP) / Transportation Enhancement (TE) allocations as presented, seconded by John McCall. Discussion followed on the TAC reevaluating this scenario one last time before submittal of the final FY 2012 – 2015 TIP. ***Mark Monson amended the motion based on the condition that the TAC will reexamine the scenario presented at their next meeting scheduled for June 29, 2011, seconded by John McCall. No further discussion. Motion carried with all eyes.***

- VII. **FY 2012 – 2015 SRTPA Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Draft** – Michelle Bostinelos reported the Transportation Improvement Program is a five-year listing of federally funded projects.

Ms. Bostinelos reviewed the draft FY 2012 – 2015 Transportation Improvement Program. She noted staff would continue working with TAC members to assure all projects are included and listed correctly. Revised STP and TE targets just approved will be incorporated into the draft document. TAC members will be asked to review a final document before it is submitted to the Iowa DOT by the deadline of July 15, 2011.

- VIII. **Additional Comments** – Michelle Bostinelos noted the next meeting was scheduled for June 16, 2011. She reported since the TAC scheduled their next meeting for June 29, 2011, staff is requesting the Policy Board meet on June 30, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. The main agenda item will be approval of the final FY 2012 – 2015 Transportation Improvement Program. Discussion followed. Members decided if there were conflicts with the June 30th, the meeting would be rescheduled for July 14, 2011.

- IX. **Adjournment** – Chair Jeff Simonsen adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.