

SIouxLAND INTERSTATE METROPOLITAN PLANNING COUNCIL
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
Transportation Technical Committee

Minutes of the September 2, 2009 Meeting

1:30 P.M.

SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa

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
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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jim Ferneau	City of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa
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

Ron Schlautman	Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR)
Dakin Schultz	Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT)

GUESTS

Terry Hoffman	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Parks and Recreation
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STAFF

Michelle Bostinelos, Transportation Planning Director	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Eric Sanders, Transportation Planner	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Kellee Van Bruggen, Transportation Planner	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 Technical Committee met at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa. Chris Payer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

- I. **Approval of the Agenda** – Chair Chris Payer asked if there were any corrections to the agenda. ***Jeff Dooley moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Jill Wanderscheid. No further discussion. Motion carried.***
- II. **Approval of the Minutes** – Chair Chris Payer asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of July 9, 2009 Combined Transportation Technical Committee and Policy Board regular meeting. ***Paul Nolan moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Jill Wanderscheid. No further discussion. Motion carried.***
- III. **Review Monthly Correspondence** – Michelle Bostinelos provided an overview of the director's report included in the meeting packet. Staff and the city of Sioux City hosted the U.S. Highway 20 Corridor Association meeting held on July 10th at the Long Lines Recreation Center in Sioux City. Staff attended a series of Lewis and Clark Trail Study public input meetings in July. She noted the consultant for the Lewis and Clark Trail Study will host a public open house on September 25th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Sioux City. The open house will show what was learned from public input meetings and surveys; and different route proposals will be presented. Staff along with the city of Sioux City presented transportation issues within the metropolitan area to the Iowa Department of Transportation Commission on August 11th.

Eric Sanders reported on the progress of the model update for 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan. He explained the majority of data needed for the base year has been gathered and reviewed for accuracy. The Iowa DOT is now simulating this information all together to assure the data is operable and runs smoothly.

Once this is complete staff will calibrate the information and meet with member communities for population projections, future land use and other input needed for the forecast year. Mr. Sanders will be running model scenarios from the old model, and if anyone would like a scenario run they are to contact him.

IV. Transportation Improvement Progress Report – Dakin Schultz with Iowa DOT provided an update on the I-29 Improvement Project and construction currently underway on Riverside Boulevard. Pouring of the new bridge deck will start on September 9th and the target dates for the demolition of the existing bridge is September 25th through 27th. The Iowa DOT will host the next public input meeting for the Statewide Public Transportation Funding Study on September 15th from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in the Gleeson Room of the downtown Sioux City Public Library. The focus of this study is how to address the state's mobility challenge and was requested by the legislature with a deadline of December 1, 2009.

Ron Schlautman with NDOR reported the plan for Nebraska 35 is to have the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) approved in 2010. Two projects are scheduled for release in the Norfolk area pending approval by the Federal Highway Administration.

Chris Payer with the city of Sioux City reported Military Road Phase V is progressing; mainline paving from Rebecca to Myrtle is underway. The roadway between Ross and Myrtle should be open by the end of September. Mainline bridge paving on Outer Drive is scheduled for the middle of October. The environmental assessment for the 23rd Street Bridge is complete and council has approved moving forward with the alignment for final design and property acquisition. The environmental document for the Kings Highway Bridge project is nearing completion and a public meeting was recently held concerning the aesthetics. Realignment of the Bluff Street Bridge is progressing. Third and 5th Street resurfacing in the downtown area is nearing completion.

Jeff Dooley with Dakota Dunes CID reported the additional turn lane and traffic signals on the northbound off ramp at the Dakota Dunes Exit is now complete and operational.

Paul Nolan with the city of South Sioux City reported work on Riverview Drive and West 21st is now complete.

Mark Nahra with Woodbury County reported the Correctionville Road project is underway.

Tom Rohe with Plymouth County reported an October letting is scheduled for the K-22 project and the anticipated start date is July 21, 2010.

Curt Miller with Sioux City Transit reported staff will attend the September 15th public meeting for the Statewide Public Transportation Funding Study. Questionnaires will be circulated for customer satisfaction input. Changes have been completed for the new route system, and new fixed bus stop signage is in the process of being installed. Documentation has been submitted to the Iowa DOT Office of Public Transit to order the remaining two buses.

Curt Miller with Sioux Gateway Airport reported the Terminal Renovation Project is underway with construction in the baggage claim area. Foundation work is being done on the north ramp and should be complete by the end of October. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has advised safety issues for 139 runway need to be addressed. Improvements will include new lighting, markings and paving, a pre-bid meeting date has been set, and the project should be let sometime in September.

V. FY 2010 – 2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Nebraska – Michelle Bostinelos noted the TIP was approved at the combined Transportation Technical Committee and Policy Board meeting held on July 9, 2009. It was then sent to the Iowa DOT, NDOR and SD DOT for approval and inclusion into their respective statewide transportation program. Approval was received from Iowa DOT and SD DOT; however, NDOR indicated they could not approve their portion. She explained federally funded projects in the first year of the TIP must be programmed by the NDOR and two projects did not meet this criteria, the Railroad Crossing upgrades in FY 2010 were not programmed for any funds and the Dakota Avenue overlay shown in FY 2010 needed to be reprogrammed for Highway Safety Improvement Program safety funds and the scope changed. Staff worked with the city of South Sioux City and NDOR to resolve these issues and the Nebraska portion of the TIP presented for approval reflects required modifications. Discussion followed on the importance of communicating with staff to assure all projects are included and listed correctly in the TIP. ***Jill Wanderscheid moved to recommend to the Policy Board the amendment of the 2010 – 2013 TIP to include modifications to the Nebraska projects as resolved with NDOR, the city of South Sioux City and SIMPCO staff, seconded by Jeff Dooley. Motion carried. Ms. Bostinelos noted the amended FY 2010 – 2013 TIP will be sent to the NDOR for approval.***

- VI. **Resolution 2010 – 3 Final Complete Streets Resolution** – Eric Sanders explained a draft resolution establishing a SIMPCO MPO Complete Streets Policy was presented at the July 9, 2009 combined TTC and Policy Board meeting. Members were asked to review the resolution and return comments by August 7, 2009. Staff is requesting approval of a Complete Streets Policy to be implemented as a part of the Surface Transportation Program (STP) application process.

Mr. Sanders presented a PowerPoint presentation addressing questions and comments received concerning the Complete Streets Concept. He discussed how creating a policy would be effective in terms of the Long Range Transportation Plan Chapter Three – Bicycle and Pedestrian, what roads would be affected and low-cost solutions to satisfy the concept. Staff will also be working with the SD DOT and NDOR on implementing the policy as a part of their respective STP application process. Discussion followed on exemptions, project restrictions and concerns about language. Michelle Bostinelos suggested staff rework the present resolution and electronically send a draft to members for review before a recommendation is made to the Policy Board. Discussion followed. ***Mark Nahra moved to return the resolution to staff and recommend the Policy Board does not approve the resolution at this time pending TTC recommended revisions, seconded by Paul Nolan. It was requested upon completion of the draft resolution a copy is sent electronically to TTC members for review and comment. No further discussion. Motion carried.***

- VII. **Amendments to the Public Participation Plan** – Kellee Van Bruggen reported staff is recommending the following amendments to the Public Participation Plan originally adopted on July 10, 2008.

1. **Include the amendment/administrative modification process for the TIP and Long Range Transportation Plan.** *Michelle Bostinelos noted the Iowa DOT, SD DOT and NDOR all agreed that in order to assure consistency in all documents, MPOs need additional definition on the amendment/administrative modification process. Staff will now require member entities to fill out a form when requesting an amendment or administrative modification to the TIP and Long Range Transportation Plan. The form must be submitted to staff 10 days prior to the TTC meeting. This will allow staff time to include revisions on the agenda and publish in the paper for increased public awareness.*

2. **Modify the Long Range Transportation Plan public comment period to state thirty (30) days instead of forty-five (45) days.** *Ms. Bostinelos noted the Long Range Transportation Plan amendment and review process did not change, it is now being specified in the document. Staff proposes the comment period is reduced to a more appropriate time in order to meet situations such American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).*

3. **The Passenger Transportation Development Plan (PTDP) now referred to as the Passenger Transportation Plan (PTP) is a document updated every five (5) years and includes a yearly review.** *Ms. Bostinelos explained the State of Iowa has changed the name of the document and revised the update period.*

The Public Participation Plan requires a 45 day public comment period and a public input meeting which is scheduled for October 20, 2009 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City. Staff will request the TTC recommend and Policy Board approve the proposed amendments at the November 4 and 5, 2009 meetings.

- VIII. **2035 Long Range Transportation Plan Update** – Michelle Bostinelos explained the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) will be an update to the 2030 LRTP. She reviewed the memo included in the meeting packet detailing the proposed plan outline, meeting and review schedule, the recommendation to establish a separate review committee and a public input survey. She explained one to two chapters will be reviewed at each meeting; the Review Committee will be made up of interested parties and transportation stakeholders who will evaluate the document and provide input during development; and the public survey will be as a tool used to gain public input for the development of goals and objectives and the establishment of project priorities. Discussion followed. ***Tom Rohe moved to recommend to the Policy Board approval of the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan outline, the meeting and review schedule, the establishment of a Review Committee and the public input survey, seconded by Jill Wanderscheid. No further discussion. Motion carried.***

- IX. **Additional Comments** – The next meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 5, 2009 at 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City.

- X. **Adjournment** – ***Curt Miller moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mark Nahra. No further discussion. Motion carried.*** The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.