

SIUXLAND INTERSTATE METROPOLITAN PLANNING COUNCIL
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
Policy Board

Minutes of the September 3, 2009 Meeting

1:30 P.M.

SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Rixner, Chair	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Sandra Enrich, Vice Chair	City of South Sioux City, Nebraska
Craig Anderson	Plymouth County, Iowa
Brent Hoffman	City of Sioux City, Iowa
William Merrill	City of North Sioux City, South Dakota
Mark Monson	Woodbury County, Iowa
Sid Seward	City of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa
Jeannie Tice (<i>substitute for Marvin Sorenson</i>)	Woodbury County, Iowa

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ken Beaulieu	Dakota Dunes CID, South Dakota
Ross Jordan	Union County, South Dakota
William McLarty	Dakota County, Nebraska
	City of Dakota City, Nebraska

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Dakin Schultz	Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT)
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GUESTS

Barbara Sloniker	Siouxland Chamber of Commerce
Jill Wanderscheid	City of Sioux City, Iowa

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 Policy Board met at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 3, 2009 at SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa. Jim Rixner, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

- I. **Approval of the Agenda** – Chair Jim Rixner asked if there were any corrections to the agenda. ***Craig Anderson moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Mark Monson. No further discussion. Motion carried.***

- II. **Approval of the Minutes** – Chair Jim Rixner asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of July 9, 2009 Combined Transportation Technical Committee and Policy Board regular meeting. ***Craig Anderson moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Sid Seward. No further discussion. Brent Hoffman abstained due to absence. 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 meetings held throughout the area in July. The consultant for the Lewis and Clark Trail Study will host an open house on September 25th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Sioux City. The open house will show what has been learned from public input meetings and surveys; and different route proposals will be presented. She noted more public surveys were returned from the Sioux City area than any other area along the corridor. Staff along with the city of Sioux City presented metropolitan transportation issues to the Iowa Department of Transportation Commission on August 11th.

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 next public meeting for the Statewide Public Transportation Funding Study will be held 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. A public meeting will be held on September 10th to discuss the relocation of Iowa 31 in Correctionville. The Port Neal Bridge is closed and may remain closed during the winter due to damage from a semi-truck collision.

Jill Wanderscheid with the city of Sioux City reported Phase 1 of the Regional Rail Study will be presented to the city council in September. After presentation to the council, it will be available on the city's website.

Sid Seward with the city of Sergeant Bluff reported the intersection of Lewis Blvd and 1st street is now complete and the traffic lights are in operation. Construction south to the recreation complex is underway.

Bill Merrill with the city of North Sioux City provided an update of work underway from Lakeshore to Bruno Drive.

Sandra Enrich with the city of South Sioux City provided an update on several American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) projects.

Craig Anderson with Plymouth County reported bid letting for K-22 will be in October.

Mark Monson with Woodbury County reported work is underway on several bridges as well as ARRA projects.

V. **FY 2010 – 2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Nebraska** – Michelle Bostinelos reported the FY 2010 – 2013 TIP was approved at the combined Transportation Technical Committee and Policy Board meeting held on July 9, 2009. Upon approval it was submitted to the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT), South Dakota Department of Transportation (SD DOT) and Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) 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 of the TIP. 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. She noted the TTC recommended approval of the FY 2010 – 2013 TIP as presented. She discussed the importance of having the entire TIP approved in order to keep projects moving forward. If all three states do not approve the TIP by October, all projects listed in the TIP are threatened to be frozen. Discussion followed. ***Sandra Ehrich moved to accept the recommendation of the TTC and approve the FY 2010 – 2013 TIP with the modifications to the Nebraska portion, seconded by Mark Monson. No further discussion. Motion carried.***

VI. **Resolution 2010 – 3 Final Complete Streets Resolution** – Eric Sanders reported upon review of the Complete Streets Resolution the TTC expressed some concerns with the language and content. He explained they do endorse the idea, but are concerned with flexibility and restraints. Discussion followed on TTC comments and suggested changes. The TTC recommended the Policy Board table Resolution 2010 – 3 until the November meeting. Staff will rewrite the resolution and send a draft electronically to TTC members for review and comments before it is presented to the Policy Board for final approval in November. ***Craig Anderson moved to accept the recommendation of the TTC and table Resolution 2010 – 3 until the November meeting, seconded by Mark Monson. Discussion followed. 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.** *Ms. Van Bruggen noted 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 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. Van Bruggen 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. Van Bruggen explained the State of Iowa has changed the name of the document and 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 approved on September 7, 2006. She reported the TTC recommended approval of the proposed plan outline, meeting and review schedule, the recommendation to establish a separate review committee and the public input survey. Discussion followed. Ms. Bostinelos noted the survey will be sent to TTC and Policy Board members, various interested parties, stakeholders and the general public. Members will also be encouraged to distribute it to groups or individuals. It was suggested a definition of what comprises the metropolitan area and a map illustrating this area are included with the survey. Ms. Bostinelos explained the bylaws state in order to establish a separate review committee approval must be received from the Policy Board. ***Mark Monson moved to accept the recommendation of the TTC and approve the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan outline, meeting and review schedule, establishment of a Review Committee and public input survey, seconded by Craig Anderson. No further discussion. Motion carried.***

IX. **Additional Comments** – The next meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 6, 2009 at 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City.

Discussion followed on status of Southbridge project. Jill Wanderscheid provided an update of meetings with Woodbury County and city of Sioux City officials. She noted the process has been positive with good cooperation and discussion. Because discussions on ongoing, the Iowa DOT has not made a decision.

X. **Adjournment** – ***Craig Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by William Merrill. No further discussion. Motion carried.*** The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.