

SIouxLAND INTERSTATE METROPOLITAN PLANNING COUNCIL (SIMPCO)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

Policy Board
and

Transportation Technical Committee (TTC)

Minutes of the July 7, 2011 Combined Meeting

10:30 A.M.

Sioux City County Club, 4001 Jackson Street, Sioux City, Iowa

POLICY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Tom Padgett, Chair	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Craig Anderson	Plymouth County, Iowa
George W. Boykin (<i>substitute for Mark Monson</i>)	Woodbury County, Iowa
John Fitch	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Ross Jordan	Union County, South Dakota
Dale Petersen (<i>substitute for Sid Seward</i>)	City of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa
Marvin Sorensen	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Transit System

POLICY MEMBERS ABSENT

Ken Beaulieu	Dakota Dunes CID, South Dakota
Lisa Cropley	City of North Sioux City, South Dakota
William McLarty, Vice Chair	City of South Sioux City, Nebraska
Bill Rohde	Dakota County, Nebraska
	City of Dakota City, Nebraska

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Payer, Chair	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Jeff Harcum	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Transit System
Lance Hedquist	City of South Sioux City, Nebraska
Mark Huntley (<i>substitute for Jim Ferneau</i>)	City of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa
Curt Miller	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Airport
Mark Nahra	Woodbury County, Iowa
Jill Wanderscheid	City of Sioux City, Iowa

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL MEMBERS ABSENT

Jeff Dooley	Dakota Dunes CID, South Dakota
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
Tom Rohe	Plymouth County, Iowa

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Dakin Schultz	Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT)
Mike Owen	Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR)
Brad Zumwalt	Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR)

GUESTS

John Backer	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Airport
James W. Jensen	Monona County, Iowa
Leah Kobes	Intern / City of Sioux City, Iowa
Don 'Skip' Meisner	MRRIC / Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council

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
Eric Wilke, Transportation Planning Intern	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Jane Gilbert, Co-Executive Director	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Dwight Lang, Co-Executive Director	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Sharon Burton, Administrative Assistant	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council

The Policy Board and Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) met on Thursday, July 7, 2011 at 10:30 a.m., at the Sioux City Country Club, 4001 Jackson Street, Sioux City, Iowa. Tom Padgett, Policy Board Chair, and Chris Payer, TTC Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

TTC Chair Chris Payer noted a TTC quorum was present. Chair Tom Padgett reported the order of business would be adjusted until a Policy Board quorum was present. Informational agenda items XIII, IV and V were moved forward.

XIII. Missouri River Flows – Don 'Skip' Meisner provided a PowerPoint presentation on the US Army Corps of Engineers Missouri River Main Stem Reservoir System – 2011 Flood Regulation. He reviewed the location of the six reservoirs, Fort Peck, Garrison, Oahe, Big Bend, Fort Randall and Gavins Point and provided an overview of storage capacity, runoff, July 1, 2011, reservoir levels, the 2011 Mainstem System Regulation and the Missouri River Mainstem Reservoir System Master Manual. Discussion followed.

IV. Review Monthly Correspondence – Michelle Bostinelos provided an overview of the director's report included in the meeting packet. She reported Kellee Van Bruggen is working on Safe Routes to School plans for the Sioux City eastside schools and Sergeant Bluff School-Luton schools. Staff is assisting these schools in organizing a Walk to School Day for September or October. Staff attended the MPO quarterly meeting in Ames on May 5th. Ms. Bostinelos attended the Iowa Coordinated Transportation Training workshop in Des Moines May 9th – 12th. She noted the Iowa DOT is encouraging MPOs and RPAs to create a mobility manager position. Details on this position will be presented at a future meeting. Ms. Bostinelos provided a presentation with the Siouxland Chamber of Commerce on I-29 and U.S. Highway 20 at the Iowa DOT Commission meeting held June 14th at the Sioux City Convention Center. Eric Sanders continues to work with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Roundtable on the Bicycle Racks in Front of Businesses project. She noted the group is working with a local business who has offered to sponsor this project. Mr. Sanders is also working on 2010 census data and traffic analysis for discussion at a future meeting. Discussion followed on creation of the mobility manager position.

Policy Board representative Dale Petersen (substitute for Sid Seward, City of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa) entered the meeting at approximately 11:05 a.m.

V. Transportation Improvement Progress Report – Dakin Schultz with Iowa DOT reported the Iowa Transportation Commission has approved the FY 2012-2016 Iowa Transportation Improvement Program. He noted the highway section includes a significant investment in the Interstate Highway System; including I-29 in Sioux City. Mr. Schultz reported mainline paving on Segment 3 of the I-29 Improvement Project (Riverside Boulevard to the Hamilton area) is finished; and work is now underway on the outside reinforced shoulder and barrier. Construction on I-29 southbound between the Systems Interchange and the railroad overhead now has two lanes paved through the area of the long retaining wall. Replacement of the northbound I-29 bridge over Singing Hills Boulevard is on schedule for completion this year. The Iowa 12/Gordon Drive Bridge replacement project is progressing with removal of the bridge nearly finished. Patching and resurfacing on Iowa 376/Lewis Boulevard should start next week; and in August paving will begin from I-29 north (Singing Hills Boulevard) to Glenn Avenue. The Governor's Transportation 2020 Citizens Advisory Commission have been meeting to assess the condition of Iowa's roadway system and evaluate the current and future funding available to best address needs. Public input meeting are anticipated to start in August or September, and one location may be Sioux City. Additional information regarding these meetings will be provided to members. Discussion followed.

Jill Wanderscheid with the City of Sioux City provided an update on area railroad crossing repairs currently underway.

Chris Payer with the City of Sioux City reported the West 19th Street Reconstruction Project is progressing nicely. Work continues on the following projects - Wesley Parkway Reconstruction, West 23rd Street/Perry Creek Bridge and Kings Highway Bridge.

Marvin Sorenson with City of Sioux City / Transit System reported two new buses are pending, one is expected to be delivered in July or August and the other will be built in approximately twelve months. On July 1st Helping Hands Paratransit Services of Le Mars began providing paratransit services. He noted rates for this service did increase per ride. He discussed the estimated 30% decrease expected in the FY 2013 Federal budget and how this will affect the Transit System.

Curt Miller with the City of Sioux City / Airport reported a grant application has been submitted for funding to replace the runway broom. Iowa DOT projects awaiting approval by the Commission are fencing and parking lot improvements. Work has started on updating the Airport Master Plan. Design of the runway replacement should take place within the next three to four years.

Policy Board representative George Boykin (substitute for Mark Monson, Woodbury County, Iowa) entered the meeting at approximately 11:10 a.m.

Mark Nahra with Woodbury County reported work on 180th Bridge southeast of Sioux City is nearing completion.

Craig Anderson with Plymouth County reported overlay on C-38 (eastern edge of Plymouth County adjoining Cherokee County) has started. The bid for the C-60 rebuilding project came in approximately \$800,000 below the engineer's estimate. He noted the Des Moines Register rated Plymouth County fifth in the State for defunct bridges.

Brad Zumwalt with NDOR reported potential projects utilizing TIGER Grant funding is being looked into. Over the past year Nebraska's 2006 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) has been in the process of being updated. In August a summit for stakeholders from across the state will be held to discuss transportation issues and examine the development of LRTP goals and objectives.

Lance Hedquist with City of South Sioux City reported quiet zone construction should start this year; and completion could be early next spring. The signal integration project is finished and will be tested to see if it is working as intended. Roth Industrial Park construction work should be finished by October 1st. Plans for this year include building an industrial road on Commerce Way behind the super Wal-Mart. The City is undergoing a safety study for Dakota Avenue, 29th to 30th.

Policy Board Chair Tom Padgett announced a Policy Board quorum was now present.

- I. **Approval of the Agenda** – TTC Chair Chris Payer asked if there were any corrections to the July 7, 2011 agenda.

Jeff Harcum moved to approve the July 7, 2011 agenda as presented, seconded by Jill Wanderscheid. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.

Policy Board Chair Tom Padgett asked if there were any corrections to the July 7, 2011 agenda.

Craig Anderson moved to approve the July 7, 2011 agenda as presented, seconded by Marvin Sorenson. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.

- II. **Approval of the Minutes** – TTC Chair Chris Payer asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of May 4, 2011 TTC meeting.

Jill Wanderscheid moved to approve the May 4, 2011 TTC minutes as presented, seconded by Mark Nahra. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.

- III. **Approval of the Minutes** – Policy Board Chair Tom Padgett asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of May 5, 2011 Policy Board regular meeting.

Marvin Sorenson moved to approve the May 5, 2011 Policy Board minutes as presented, seconded by Craig Anderson. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.

- VI. **FY 2011 MPO Accomplishments** – Michelle Bostinelos provided an overview of the memo included in the meeting packet outlining FY 2011 staff activities and projects. She reported one of the main accomplishments was the finalization and approval of the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan.

Ms. Bostinelos introduced Eric Wilke who is working until the end of July as an intern in SIMPCO's transportation division. Mr. Wilke is attending the University of Iowa to obtain a master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning. He has been working with Kellee Van Bruggen on the Safe Routes to Schools plans for the eastside schools in Sioux City and the Sergeant Bluff-Luton schools.

- VII. **Resolution 2012–1 Approval of the FY 2012–2015 MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** – This resolution certifies that the Policy Board approves the FY 2012-2015 Transportation Program for submittal to the Iowa Department of Transportation, Nebraska Department of Roads and the South Dakota Department of Transportation for inclusion in their *Statewide Transportation Improvement Program*.

On behalf of the TTC, Jeff Harcum moved to approve Resolution 2012-1 Approval of the FY 2012-2015 MPO Transportation Improvement Program, seconded by Jill Wanderscheid. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.

On behalf of the Policy Board, John Fitch moved to approve Resolution 2012-1 Approval of the FY 2012-2015 MPO Transportation Improvement Program, seconded by Marvin Sorenson. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.

- VIII. **Resolution 2012–2 Self-Certification of the MPO Transportation Planning Process** – 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, Jill Wanderscheid moved to approve Resolution 2012-2 Self-Certification of the MPO Transportation Planning Process, seconded by Curt Miller. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.

On behalf of the Policy Board, Marvin Sorenson moved to approve Resolution 2012-2 Self-Certification of the MPO Transportation Planning Process, seconded by Ross Jordon. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.

- IX. **Resolution 2012–3 Project Development – Sioux City Transit System** – 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 2012–2015 Transportation Improvement Program*.

On behalf of the TTC, Jeff Harcum moved to approve Resolution 2012-3 Project Development – Sioux City Transit System, seconded by Mark Nahra. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.

On behalf of the Policy Board, Craig Anderson moved to approve Resolution 2012-3 Project Development – Sioux City Transit System, seconded by Marvin Sorenson. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.

- X. **Resolution 2012–4 Certification of Compliance: Statement of Financial Capacity Analysis** – This resolution certifies that the *MPO FY 2012–2015 Transportation Improvement Program* has been prepared in accordance with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requirements for financial capacity analysis.

On behalf of the TTC, Jill Wanderscheid moved to approve Resolution 2012-4 Certification of Compliance: Statement of Financial Capacity Analysis, seconded by Jeff Harcum. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.

On behalf of the Policy Board, Marvin Sorenson moved to approve Resolution 2012-4 Certification of Compliance: Statement of Financial Capacity Analysis, seconded by Craig Anderson. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.

- XI. **FY 2012 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) Revision** – Michelle Bostinelos reported on May 23, 2011 notification was received from the Iowa DOT indicating the target for FY 2012 FTA 5303 funds had been reduced from \$52,977 to \$52,330, a decrease of \$647. She noted staff has adjusted the FY 2012 TPWP and is asking the TTC to recommend Policy Board approval of the revised target as presented.

On behalf of the TTC, Jeff Harcum moved to recommend to the Policy Board approval of the FY 2012 TPWP revised target as presented, seconded by Curt Miller. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.

On behalf of the Policy Board, George Boykin moved to accept the recommendation of the TTC and approve the FY 2012 TPWP revised target as presented, seconded by Dale Petersen. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.

- XII. Nomination and Election of TTC Vice-Chairperson** – TTC Chair Chris Payer opened the floor to nominations for Vice-Chairperson.

Chris Payer nominated Mark Nahra as Vice-Chairperson, seconded by Lance Hedquist. There were no further nominations from the floor. Motion carried with all ayes.

- XIV. Additional Comments** – Michelle Bostinelos reported SIMPCO and the city of Sioux City are hosting a U.S. Highway 20 Corridor Association meeting at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow, July 8th, at the Sioux City Museum, 607 4th Street.

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

Transportation Technical Committee
Wednesday, August 31, 2011, 1:30 p.m., 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City

Policy Board
Thursday, September 1, 2011, 1:30 p.m., 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City

- XV. Adjournment** –

On behalf of the Transportation Technical Committee, Jeff Harcum moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jill Wanderscheid. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. Members were served lunch catered by *Sioux City Country Club* and invited to stay for eighteen-hole golf.