

SIouxLAND INTERSTATE METROPOLITAN PLANNING COUNCIL  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
Policy Board

Minutes of the November 6, 2008 Meeting

1:30 P.M.

SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert J. Giese, Chair	City of South Sioux City, Nebraska
Jim Rixner, Vice Chair	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Craig Anderson	Plymouth County, Iowa
Ken Beaulieu	Dakota Dunes Community Improvement District (CID), South Dakota
William McLarty	Dakota County, Nebraska
Mark Monson	Woodbury County, Iowa
Sid Seward	City of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa
Marvin Sorensen	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Transit System

MEMBERS ABSENT

Charmaine Cantrell	City of Dakota City, Nebraska
Brent Hoffman	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Ross Jordan	Union County, South Dakota
William Merrill	City of North Sioux City, South Dakota

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Dakin Schultz	Iowa DOT
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GUESTS

Jason Huddle	Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT)
Adam Shell	Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT)
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 Planning	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, Secretary	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council

The Policy Board met on Thursday, November 6, 2008 at 1:30 p.m., at SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa. Robert J. Giese, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

- I. **Approval of the Agenda** – Michelle Bostinelos noted a revised agenda is being presented for approval. She reviewed each of the proposed revisions and Chair Bob Giese asked if there were any additional deletions or corrections. ***Craig Anderson moved to approve the revised agenda as presented, seconded by Marvin Sorensen. By unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.***
- II. **Approval of the Minutes** – Chair Bob Giese asked if there were any deletions or corrections to the minutes of the September 4, 2008 regular meeting. ***Jim Rixner moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mark Monson. By unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.***
- III. **Review Monthly Correspondence** – Michelle Bostinelos gave a brief overview of the directors reported included in the meeting packet.  
Staff submitted a draft non-infrastructure Safe Routes to School grant application to the NDOR. If awarded, funds will be used to complete a Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Plan for South Sioux City/Dakota City schools; their final application is due in December. Two similar applications were submitted to the Iowa DOT for Sioux City Community School District East Side schools and Sergeant Bluff schools. Notification of awards for the Iowa applications should be received in January or February 2009.  
Staff has been participating in the city of Sioux City's Rail Study Technical Advisory Group.  
Ms. Bostinelos attended the Iowa DOT and CTRE Low Cost Safety and Traffic Studies Workshop on October 22nd in Ames.

A very successful Coordinated Transportation Issues Committee (CTIC) meeting was held on October 28th at SIMPCO. Approximately thirty representatives from area public transit and health and human service agencies attended to help analyze area transportation needs and services. During this meeting Siouxland Regional Transit System (SRTS) and Sioux City Transit System (SCTS) provided a transit training session in which respective buses were available to tour with staff available to answer questions regarding services. Staff attended the American Planning Association (APA) Iowa Conference held in Sioux City October 29-31.

**IV. Transportation Improvement Progress Report** – Dakin Schultz with the Iowa DOT reported the Gordon Drive Viaduct and Veterans Bridge should be open next week, weather permitting.

I-29 rehabilitation work south of Sioux City is nearing completion, with shoulder paving currently underway. The new four-lane Highway 60 connection from Iowa to Minnesota opened this morning. The Minnesota DOT plans for the remainder of Minnesota Highway 60 to be four-lane to I-90 by 2015.

The Iowa DOT Transportation Commission met in October and approved an amendment to the 2009-2013 Statewide Transportation Program. Approximately \$48 million of additional revenues generated by TIME 21 have been programmed for US Highway 20. Construction of the four-lane highway will reach US. 71 at Early by 2013.

Jill Wandersheid with the city of Sioux City reported Phase II of the Transit Avenue Reconstruction Project is complete and traffic will be reopened tomorrow. Work on Cunningham Drive, Harbor Drive and Jackson Street is nearing completion and traffic should be reopened next week.

Ms. Wandersheid reported the terminal renovation at Sioux City Gateway Airport is now finished and was opened Monday. Barbara Sloniker with the Siouxland Chamber of Commerce noted a ribbon cutting ceremony is in the process of being scheduled.

Sid Seward with the city of Sergeant Bluff reported bid letting for the interchange construction on 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Lewis Boulevard will be in February.

Bob Giese with the city of South Sioux City reported the Dakota Avenue overlay project is now finished and open to traffic.

Mark Monson with Woodbury County reported applications for county engineer have been reviewed and interviews will be scheduled.

Marvin Sorenson with Sioux City Transit System reported work continues on fine-tuning the route study that was presented at the last meeting.

**V. Guest Speaker; Adam Shell Iowa Department of Transportation** – Mr. Shell provided an informational PowerPoint presentation on what transportation modeling is, the responsibilities of the MPO, how each community plays into the travel modeling process and its relationship to the Long Range Transportation Plan. Mr. Shell stressed forecasting and modeling is an important tool in deciding projects for the Long Range Transportation Plan. An update of the SIMPCO model was given and discussion following.

Michelle Bostinelos noted the Long Range Transportation Plan is required to be updated every five years. The 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan was approved in September of 2006, and the 2035 update will be due in September of 2011, but our goal is to have it completed by December 2010.

Discussion followed on availability of periodic traffic counts and Automatic Traffic Reports (ATR).

**VI. Surface Transportation (STP) and Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program** – Michelle Bostinelos explained annually transportation planning staff solicits STP and TE applications from the Iowa members of the MPO. She reported the Transportation Technical Committee recommends having staff distribute applications to Iowa MPO members on November 14, 2008 with a deadline due to SIMPCO by December 19, 2008. *Jim Rixner moved to accept the recommendation of the Transportation Technical Committee and have staff distribute STP and TE applications to Iowa MPO members on November 14, 2008 with a deadline due to SIMPCO by December 19, 2008, seconded by Mark Monson. By unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.*

**VII. 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendments and Revisions** – Michelle Bostinelos handed out Chapters 6, 7 and 8 and reviewed each of the proposed amendments and revisions. She explained since amendments to the Long Range Transportation Plan require a 45-day comment period, staff is presenting the following proposed amendments and revisions for information purposes only. The public comment period opened yesterday and a public open house will be held on Thursday, December 18, 2008 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at SIMPCO. The proposed amendments and revisions will be posted on the website and in local newspapers; and notification will be sent to the environmental and cultural agencies and other interested parties as listed in the public participation plan.

Amendments:

1. Iowa DOT I-29 interchange replacement located at county road D-51 over I-29 9.2 miles north of Monona County line needs to be programmed at a total estimated cost of \$8,500,000 with \$7,650,000 Federal participation (IM) in FY 2011 – 2020 to Chapter Eight: Financial Summary and Conclusion.
2. Sioux City Rail Study needs to be programmed at a total estimated cost of \$600,000 with \$480,000 in FY 2011 – 2020 to Chapter Eight: Financial Summary and Conclusion.
3. Interstate 29 trail construction/reconstruction at a total estimated cost of \$6,865,000 with \$3,613,400 Federal participation (TE) over the course of the plan to Chapter Eight: Financial Summary and Conclusion.
4. Environmental Assessment maps need to be amended to the Chapter Seven: Management Systems, Other Initiatives, and Environmental Impacts.

Revisions:

1. Chapter Eight: Financial Summary and Conclusion needs to be revised to indicate a 4% inflation rate on all projects.
2. South Bridge Interchange in Sioux City needs to be programmed at a total estimated cost of \$9,500,000 with \$1,983,000 Federal participation (STP) in FY 2011.
3. Sioux City Trail projects need to be moved from programmed to illustrative which includes: Buckwalter Trail, Gordon Drive Viaduct Trail, North Hamilton Boulevard, 6<sup>th</sup> Street Trail, WITCC Trail, Outer Drive Trail, Edgewater Park Connector, Casselman Street Connector, Energy/Greenway Trail, Milwaukee Trail Connector, Singing Hills/Milwaukee Trail Connector, Christy Road Connector, Morningside College Connector, Riverfront South Trail, Cunningham Drive, Stone Park Boulevard Trail, Floyd Boulevard North Trail, Bacon Creek/Highway 75 Connector, Perry Creek Greenway Trail, Big Sioux River Trail.

**VIII. FY 2009 – 2012 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments and Revisions –**

Michelle reviewed the proposed amendment and revisions. She noted the TTC recommends approval of the proposed amendment and all revisions as presented.

Amendment:

1. South Sioux City grade and pave, E 17<sup>th</sup> Street from Autumn Olive Lane to Riverview Drive southerly to Foundry Street needs to be programmed for a total estimated cost of \$1,225,000 with \$980,000 targeted Federal participation (Illustrative) in FY 2009.

***Jim Rixner moved to accept the Transportation Technical Committee recommendation and approve the proposed amendment as presented, seconded by Ken Beaulieu. By unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.***

Revisions:

1. Sioux City Transit System weather coverings within the Martin Luther King, Jr. Transportation Center needs to be programmed at a total estimated cost of \$14,000 with \$11,200 Federal participation (Intercity Bus Program) in FY 2009.

***Marvin Sorenson moved to accept the Transportation Technical Committee recommendation and approve the proposed revision as presented, seconded by Ken Beaulieu. By unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.***

2. South Sioux City's Dakota Ave project, (9th St to 29th St), CN 31852, STPAA-5305(6), Milling Overlay. Advanced Construction Conversion on this existing project of \$160,000 additional Federal STP funds to help cover higher actual costs of the project in FY 2009.

***Jim Rixner moved to accept the Transportation Technical Committee recommendation and approve the proposed revision as presented, seconded by Ken Beaulieu. By unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.***

**IX. Additional Comments –** The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 8, 2009, SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa. Elections of officers will be held. Mr. Giese asked Vice Chair Jim Rixner to conduct the meeting. Mr. Giese has been elected to serve in the Nebraska Senate and will no longer be serving on the Policy Board.

**X. Adjournment –** The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.