

SIOUXLAND INTERSTATE METROPOLITAN PLANNING COUNCIL
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Policy Board

Minutes of the March 6, 2008 Meeting

1:30 P.M.

North Sioux City, City Council Chambers, 504 River Drive, North Sioux City, South Dakota

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert J. Giese, Chairperson	City of South Sioux City, Nebraska
Aaron Rochester (substitute for Jim Rixner, Vice Chairperson)	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Craig Anderson	Plymouth County, Iowa
Brent Hoffman	City of Sioux City, Iowa
William McLarty	Dakota County, Nebraska
William Merrill	City of North Sioux City, South Dakota
Marvin Sorensen	Sioux City Transit System, Sioux City, Iowa

MEMBERS ABSENT

Charmain Cantrell	City of Dakota City, Nebraska
Ross Jordan	Union County, South Dakota
Mark Monson	Woodbury County, Iowa
Sid Seward	City of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Dakin Schultz	Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT)
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GUESTS

Chris Payer	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Engineering
Terry Hoffman	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Parks and Recreation
Jill Wanderscheid	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Engineering
Larry Obermeyer	Siouxland Historical Railroad Association
Edward M. Sibley	Siouxland Historical Railroad Association
Kyle Hueser	WITCC
Kerry M. Vondral	WITCC

STAFF

Michelle Bostinelos, Transportation Planning Director	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Kellee Boone, Transportation Planner	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Eric Sanders, Transportation Planner	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Jane Gilbert, Co-Executive Director	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Kristi Quinn, Community Dev. Director/Trans. Planning	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Lacey Kirchmeier, Community Dev./Trans. Planner	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Sharon Burton, Secretary	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council

The Policy Board met on Thursday, March 6, 2008 at 1:30 p.m., at the North Sioux City, City Council Chambers, 504 River Drive, North Sioux City, South Dakota. Robert Giese, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

- I. **Approval of the Agenda** – Chair Robert Giese asked if there were any deletions or corrections to the agenda. *William Merrill moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Craig Anderson. Motion carried.*
- II. **Approval of the Minutes** – Chair Robert Giese asked if there were any deletions or corrections to the minutes of January 10, 2008 Policy Board regular meeting. *William McLarty moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Brent Hoffman. Motion carried.*
- III. **Review Monthly Correspondence** – Michelle Bostinelos gave an overview of the director's report included in the meeting packet. On February 12, she attended the Western Iowa ITS Project meeting in Sioux City and traveled to Wayne, Nebraska to testify at the NE 35 Public Hearing. She attended the Reilly and Noble Transportation Tour on February 29 at the Sioux City Public Library. A joint presentation on the Tri-State Traffic Management Team will be given by Ms. Bostinelos and the Iowa DOT District 3 Traffic Technician at

the Iowa DOT Safety Conscious Planning Forum held on March 10 and 11.

- IV. **Transportation Improvement Progress Report** – Dakin Schultz with Iowa DOT reported the draft EIS for the I-29 reconstruction project has been submitted to the Federal Highway Association for review and signature. The Transportation Commission is planning a tour of the area on August 11 followed by a public input meeting in Sioux City on August 12.

Chris Payer with the city of Sioux City reported contracts will be awarded for Military Road Phase 5 and for bridge projects on Kings Highway, 23rd Street, Bluff Street and Outer Drive. Street and rail crossing reconstruction is in the process of being programmed and the most significant impact will be the downtown area with Pierce and Nebraska closed for two weeks.

- V. **2012 STP Enhancement (TE) Balance and Applications** – Michelle Bostinelos reported staff sent requests for proposals for the Iowa DOT Transportation Enhancement program on November 16, 2007 with a deadline to SIMPCO of December 21, 2007. A summary of applications along with staff's scoring of projects was presented at the January meeting. Three applications equaling \$1,716,082 were received. The Iowa DOT has indicated the FY 2012 TE target is \$143,400. With balances being carried in FY 2010 of \$441,400 and \$143,400 in FY 2011 this brings the total TE balance for FY 2012 to \$728,200.

Ms. Bostinelos reported the TTC recommendation was to program the remainder of funds from FY 2010 (\$441,400), FY 2011 (\$143,400), and FY 2012 (\$143,400) to the Riverfront Trail Interstate I-29 Reconstruction.

Ms. Bostinelos invited applicants in attendance to give a brief overview of their project applications.

Larry Obermeyer with Siouxland Historical Railroad Association gave an overview of the *Milwaukee Railroad Historic District Phase VI* application. He reported this project focuses on rebuilding the Sand Drying House and Carpenter/Car shop buildings. It would contribute to the long-term preservation and restoration of the Milwaukee Railroad Shops Historic District. This project would have a significant impact on the Riverside Area, and it would be a long-term investment project that develops economic relations with the area's small businesses. Total project costs are \$362,633 and \$290,106 or 80% is being requested. This project fits into an overall Vision Iowa Projects application which has been invited to the 2nd round.

Terry Hoffman, Sioux City Parks and Recreation Manager, discussed the *Riverfront Trail Interstate 29 Reconstruction* application. This project involves relocating two portions of the Riverfront Trail that will be displaced due to the widening of I-29 to six lanes. The city is hoping trail reconstruction can be facilitated at the same time as the Interstate reconstruction as to maximize mobilization and minimize destruction of trail surface endings. Significance of the project pertains to the volume of trail usage as it is the main spine of the community trail system. Total project costs are \$1,600,000 and \$1,280,000 or 80% is being requested.

Kyle Hueser, Director of Facilities with Western Iowa Tech Community College (WITCC), reviewed the *Loess Hills Arboretum and Nature Center Trail Connectivity* proposal. He reported this project involves completion of Phase 3 of the walking trail that is in position. This phase will provide connectivity throughout the WITCC campus and with Sioux City, and beautify the Arboretum trail with tree planting and landscaping. Total project costs are \$183,712.50 and \$145,976 or 79% is being requested.

Discussion followed.

Brent Hoffman moved to approve the TTC recommendation of programming the remainder of funds from FY 2010 (\$441,400), FY 2011 (\$143,400), and FY 2012 (\$143,400) to the Riverfront Trail Interstate I-29 Reconstruction, William McLarty seconded. Motion carried.

- VI. **2012 STP Balance and Applications** – Michelle Bostinelos reported staff sent requests for proposals for the Iowa DOT Surface Transportation Program (STP) on November 16, 2007 with a deadline to SIMPCO on December 21, 2007. A total of six requests totaling \$49,800,532 were received. Notification was received from Iowa DOT indicating the STP target amount for FY 2012 is \$1,864,800. This funding along with the FY 2011 balance of \$23,400 brings the total STP balance to \$1,888,200. She noted the TTC did recommend approval of \$8,200 in contributions to the Statewide Urban Design and Specifications (SUDAS) and \$9,000 to the Pavement Management System Implementation in FY 2012. This brings the total STP FY 2012 balance to \$1,871,000. She reported the TTC recommendation is to program this remaining balance to the *Reconstruction Project Segment 2* submitted by the Iowa DOT. Discussion followed.

Ms. Bostinelos invited applicants to give a brief project presentation.

Chris Payer with the city of Sioux City reviewed the five applications submitted, *18th Street Overpass* (total project costs of \$13,945,000 with a request of \$11,156,000 – 80%), *West 19th Street Reconstruction* (total project costs of \$4,000,000 with a request of \$3,200,000 – 80%), *Hoeven Connection of North/South Street* (total project costs of \$5,678,665 with a request of \$4,542,932 – 80%), *Interstate 29 Southbridge Interchange* (total project costs of \$6,418,000 with a request of \$5,134,400 – 80%) and *Interstate 29 Infrastructure Relocation* (total project costs of \$29,709,000 with a request of \$23,767,200 – 80%). He reported of the five applications submitted the *Interstate 29 Infrastructure Relocation* is considered the number one priority. This project ties into the needs for city funds to relocate area utilities prior to the I-29 reconstruction project.

Dakin Schultz discussed the *Interstate 29 Reconstruction Project Segment 2* submitted by the Iowa DOT. He explained this project would be for the reconstruction and expansion of I-29 from Bacon Creek to Hamilton Boulevard. Total project costs are \$250,000,000 with a request of \$2,000,000 or 0.008%. This funding would aid the city with project responsibilities toward the downtown segment, providing them with more flexibility.

Discussion followed.

Brent Hoffman moved to approve the TTC recommendations of contributing \$8,200 to SUDAS and \$9,000 to the Pavement Management System Implementation and program the remaining balance of \$1,871,000 in FY 2012 to the Interstate 29 Reconstruction Project Segment 2 submitted by Iowa DOT, seconded Aaron Rochester. Motion carried.

VII. FY 2008 – 2012 Passenger Transportation Development Plan (PTDP) – Michelle Bostinelos explained the PTDP is a coordination effort between area health and human service agencies and public transit to address mobility issues of the lower income population, people with disabilities and the elderly. The Coordinated Transportation Issues Committee (CTIC) was formed to provide guidance in preparing this plan, and staff has been meeting with them for approximately two years. One key part of the plan is all transit projects have to be listed in order to receive federal funding. She noted a draft copy of the PTDP was presented at the January 10, 2008 meeting and members were asked to review and return comments. A few comments were received from Sioux City Transit and Iowa DOT, and staff has addressed these. She noted the TTC recommended the approval of the FY 2008 – 2012 PTDP. ***William Merrill moved to accept the recommendation of the TTC and approve the FY 2008 – 2012 Passenger Transportation Development Plan, seconded by Brent Hoffman. Motion carried.*** The final approved FY 2008 – 2012 PTDP will be posted on the SIMPCO website.

VIII. FY 2008 – 2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments – Michelle Bostinelos reviewed each of the proposed amendments. She noted the TIP is a four year listing of projects scheduled to receive Federal transportation funding. The TTC reviewed the amendments presented and recommends the approval of all three.

1. Exit 1 on Interstate 29 in South Dakota needs to be programmed at a total estimated cost of \$515,000 with \$409,000 Federal participation (IM) in FY 2009. ***William Merrill moved to accept the recommendation of the TTC and approve the amendment as presented, William McLarty seconded. Motion carried.***
2. Depot Renovation in Dakota City needs to be programmed at a total estimated cost of \$149,000 with \$120,000 Federal participation (TE) in FY 2008. ***William McLarty moved to accept the recommendation of the TTC and approve the amendment as presented, Aaron Rochester seconded. Motion carried.***
3. Arbor Acres Trail in South Sioux City needs to be programmed at a total estimated cost of \$168,205 with \$134,564 Federal participation (RTP) in FY 2008. ***William McLarty moved to accept the recommendation of the TTC and approve the amendment as presented, Brent Hoffman seconded. Motion carried.***

- IX. **Draft MPO Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) FY 2009** – Michelle Bostinelos explained the TPWP is an outline of MPO transportation planning activities staff will be working on in FY 2009. Planning activities are broken down into six work elements with a percentage of staff time allocated to each. Total financing of the work program is \$357,185 with a local match of \$70,583. Members were asked to review the TPWP presented, returning comments by April 6, 2008. A final draft will be presented for approval at the May 1, 2008 meeting. Upon approval it will be submitted to the Iowa DOT, SDDOT and NDOR.
- X. **Additional Comments** – The next meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2008 at the Meisner Conference Room, SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City. Staff will present for approval a schedule of meeting dates and location for next year.
- XI. **Adjournment** – *William Merrill moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Brent Hoffman. Motion carried.* The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.