

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

Minutes of the May 6, 2010 Meeting

1:30 P.M.

SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Monson, Chair	Woodbury County, Iowa
Tom Padgett, Vice Chair	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Craig Anderson	Plymouth County, Iowa
Ken Beaulieu	Dakota Dunes CID, South Dakota
Sandra Ehrich	City of South Sioux City, Nebraska
John Fitch	City of Sioux City, Iowa
William McLarty	Dakota County, Nebraska
Marvin Sorensen	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Transit System
Sid Seward	City of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ross Jordan	Union County, South Dakota
William Merrill	City of North Sioux City, South Dakota
	City of Dakota City, Nebraska

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Dakin Schultz	Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT)
Tracey Troutner	Federal Highway Administration - Iowa

GUESTS

Chris Payer	City of Sioux City, Iowa
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 II	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Kellee Van Bruggen, Transportation Planner II	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, May 6, 2010 at 1:30 p.m., at SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa. A quorum was present. Mark Monson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

- I. **Approval of the Agenda** – Chair Mark Monson asked if there were any corrections to the agenda. *William McLarty moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Craig Anderson. No further discussion. Motion carried.*
- II. **Approval of the Minutes** – Chair Mark Monson asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of March 4, 2010 Policy Board regular meeting. *Craig Anderson moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Sid Seward. 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 worked with Iowa State University (ISU) planning students on a bike and pedestrian connectivity plan within the metro area. She presented the final plan and reported recommendations included connecting north (Larsen Park) and south (Chautauqua Park) portions of the riverfront trail along I-29; connecting trails between South Dakota and Iowa via bridges from Sioux City to Dakota Dunes and/or North Sioux City; ensuring one or more good connections exist between downtown Sioux City and the riverfront trail during the reconstruction of I-29; creating a link from the Morningside neighborhood to the riverfront trail; and developing a connection between Sergeant Bluff and Sioux City. Discussion followed. Members will be emailed a copy for further review.

Ms. Bostinelos attended Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) training on land use and performance measures March 31st – April 1st in Ames. Staff attended a Regional Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Architecture Use and Maintenance Workshop April 14th – 16th in Omaha. She noted staff would be organizing a group of stakeholders to update the MPO's current ITS plan. Staff organized and held a Transit Training Day on April 26th for health and human service providers. Sioux City Transit and Siouxland Regional Transit provided bus tours and staff members answered questions on operations, fare structures and programs available.

- IV. **Transportation Improvement Progress Report** – Dakin Schultz with Iowa DOT provided an update on U.S. Highway 20. He reported paving from Iowa 4 east to Moorland is underway and one grading project has been let in Sac County. The Commission will meet in May and following this meeting the draft five-year plan should be released. Discussion followed on the draft program including continued progress on U.S. Highway 20 (Merville to U.S. 71).

Chris Payer with city of Sioux City provided an update on Bluff Street, Kings Highway and 23rd Street bridge projects. He reported finishing work is complete on Outer Drive and a dedication ceremony is being planned.

Sid Seward with the city of Sergeant Bluff reported rail crossing improvements will be done at the intersection of South Lewis Boulevard and 8th Street.

Mark Monson with Woodbury County reported the roads for the Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI) route are being inspected for safety.

Craig Anderson with Plymouth County reported work is underway on the K22 pavement project. He noted construction was started at the north end and will move south to accommodate access for area residents to Sioux City.

Marvin Sorensen with Sioux City Transit reported the annual meeting of the Iowa Public Transit Association (IPTA) will be held June 23-25, 2010 at the Clarion Hotel and Convention Center in Sioux City. In conjunction with the annual meeting Iowa transit drivers are invited to participate in a bus rodeo on June 26th at Western Iowa Tech Community College. A public hearing will be held on May 19, 2010 for consideration of the proposed transit fare increase to be implemented on July 1, 2010. Four buses will be provided during RAGBRAI for transportation to campsites. The bike racks have been installed on buses and are being utilized by riders.

Michelle Bostinelos provided an overview of the following progress reports given at the Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) meeting:

City of Dakota City thanked SIMPCO and the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) for their assistance in the reclassification of Pine Street and 20th Street as urban collector roads. The change in classification allows the route to be considered for federal and state funding, not otherwise available for local streets.

City of South Sioux City reported progress continues on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project on 21st and 2nd Streets and the utility project on 23rd and 24th Streets. Projects scheduled to begin this summer are Dakota Avenue lighting and signal integration, and the All American Trail.

Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) reported the tentative start date for patching and resurfacing on I-129 is May 10th. NDOR is preparing a memo outlining the operational independent segments of the Nebraska 35 expansion. Once completed NDOR will break-up the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to address environmental impacts within the corridor segments and public meetings will be conducted.

City of Sioux City / Sioux Gateway Airport reported the terminal's baggage claim area is now open to the public and the north area has new restrooms, waiting area and TSA checkpoint. The next phase of renovations will be in the main lobby.

- V. **I-29 Reconstruction Project** – Dakin Schultz gave an informative PowerPoint presentation on the I-29 Reconstruction Project. He reviewed the design of the three project segments, provided an update of current progress and discussed the tentative timeline on future construction. Discussion followed.

- VI. **FY 2011 Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) and Policy Board Meeting Dates, Times and Locations** – Michelle Bostinelos reviewed the proposed meeting dates, times and locations for both the TTC and Policy Board. She noted the TTC has reviewed and approved their schedule.

Ken Beaulieu moved to approve the proposed meeting dates, times and locations for FY 2011 Policy Board meetings, seconded by Sandra Ehrich. No further discussion. Motion carried.

- VII. **FY 2011 MPO Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP)** – Michelle Bostinelos reported a draft of the FY 2011 TPWP was presented to TTC and Policy Board members for review in March. This document outlines transportation planning activities and budget information for the next fiscal year. She reported the following additions have been made since the document was last presented: a listing of the total budget and total hours now follow each work element and a table outlining types of revisions and the approving agency has been included under Amendments and Reviews. She noted since all three states are uncertain of transportation planning funding, the FY 2011 financial summary may be subject to change.

She reported the TTC recommended approval of the FY 2011 TPWP as presented.

Ken Beaulieu moved to accept the recommendation of the TTC and approve the FY 2011 Transportation Planning Work Program as presented, seconded by Sandy Ehrich. No further discussion. Motion carried.

- VIII. **FY 2011 – 2014 Passenger Transportation Plan (PTP)** – Michelle Bostinelos reported a draft of the FY 2011 – 2014 was presented to TTC and Policy Board members for review in March. The goal of this plan is coordinate transportation services to help improve the mobility of the elderly, people with disabilities and low-income individuals. She noted the plan outlines activities of the Coordinated Transportation Issues Committee (CTIC) and projects Sioux City Transit and Siouxland Regional Transit will be working on. Projects identified in the PTP will be included in the Transportation Improvement Program.

She reported the TTC recommended approval of the FY 2011 – 2014 PTP as presented.

Marvin Sorensen moved to accept the recommendation of the TTC and approve the FY 2011 – 2014 Passenger Transportation Plan as presented, seconded by Sid Seward. No further discussion. Motion carried.

- IX. **FY 2010 – 2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments** – Michelle Bostinelos reviewed each of the proposed amendments to the FY 2010 – 2013 TIP.

Amendments

1. Remove new Interchange project on I-29 near mile post 140 (Southbridge) and de-obligate a total of \$1,983,000 in STP funds from FY 2011.

Ms. Bostinelos reported the City of Sioux City felt the I-29 New Interchange project was not moving forward and funding could be used for other projects. She noted the TTC supported approval of the amendment as presented.

Craig Anderson moved to accept the recommendation of the TTC and approve the amendment to the FY 2010 – 2013 Transportation Improvement Program as presented, seconded by Tom Padgett. No further discussion. Motion carried.

2. West 19th Street in Sioux City needs to be programmed for a total estimated cost of \$1,500,000 with \$1,200,000 federal participation (STP) in FY 2011.

Ms. Bostinelos reported this amendment would capture a portion of the funds de-obligated in amendment number one. She noted the TTC supported approval of the amendment as presented.

Marvin Sorensen moved to accept the recommendation of the TTC and approve the amendment to the FY 2010 – 2013 Transportation Improvement Program as presented, seconded by Sandy Ehrich. No further discussion. Motion carried.

3. Villa Avenue in Sioux City needs to be programmed for a total estimated cost of \$808,750 with \$647,000 federal participation (STP) in FY 2011.

Ms. Bostinelos reported, as with amendment number two, this proposed amendment would capture a portion of the funds de-obligated in amendment number one. She noted the TTC supported approval of the amendment as presented.

Marvin Sorensen moved to accept the recommendation of the TTC and approve the amendment to the FY 2010 – 2013 Transportation Improvement Program as presented, seconded by Tom Padgett. No further discussion. Motion carried.

4. Martin Luther King, Jr. Transportation Center Repair and Maintenance needs to be programmed for a total estimated cost of \$15,500 with \$12,400 state participation (Public Transit Infrastructure Grant Program) in FY 2010.

Ms. Bostinelos reported the TTC supported approval of the amendment as presented.

Craig Anderson moved to accept the recommendation of the TTC and approve the amendment to the FY 2010 – 2013 Transportation Improvement Program as presented, seconded by Marvin Sorenson. No further discussion. Motion carried.

- X. **Iowa Surface Transportation Program (STP) / Transportation Enhancement (TE) balance** – Michelle Bostinelos reported the Iowa DOT has updated the FY 2011 – 2014 STP and TE targets. She reported a STP balance of \$772,700 and TE balance of \$36,600 as of FY 2014. The TTC has recommended SIMPCO staff reopen the application process for the STP balance by sending Requests For Proposals to Iowa members on May 12, 2010 with a deadline of June 11, 2010. Requests would be reviewed and allocated at the combined TTC and Policy Board meeting scheduled for July 8, 2010. The TTC has recommended rolling the TE balance in FY 2014 to FY 2015.

Tom Padgett moved to accept the recommendation of the TTC and reopen the Iowa application process for the STP balance by having staff send Requests For Proposals to Iowa members on May 12, 2010 with a deadline of June 11, 2010, and to roll the TE balance in FY 2014 to FY 2015, seconded by Ken Beaulieu. No further discussion. Motion carried.

- XI. **FY 2011 – 2014 Draft MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** – Michelle Bostinelos reported staff is working with the TTC to assure projects are correctly shown in the FY 2011 – 2014 TIP. She noted the document presented today will be adjusted to include the project amendments approved under agenda item IX; and upon approving additional Iowa STP projects as discussed under agenda item X. A public input meeting for the FY 2011 – 2014 TIP will be held on Tuesday, June 22, 2010 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at SIMPCO. The final draft will be approved at the combined TTC and Policy Board meeting scheduled for July 8, 2010.

- XII. **2035 Draft Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Chapter 6 and 7** – Michelle Bostinelos provided an overview of chapters 6 and 7 of the 2035 LRTP. *Chapter 6 Intermodal* outlines information related to truck, rail, barge and air facilities in the planning area. It addresses the present state of these modes of transportation and provides goals to maintain and develop an efficient, safe and secure intermodal system. *Chapter 7 Management Systems, Other Initiatives, and Environmental Impact* provides an overview of the three statewide management systems and environmental initiatives used in the transportation planning process. She asked members to review each chapter and to return comments to staff.

Ms. Bostinelos reported *Chapter 5 Streets and Highways* includes the transportation model and will be presented at the combined TTC and Policy Board meeting scheduled for July 8, 2010.

- XIII. **Additional Comments** – Michelle Bostinelos reported the combined TTC and Policy Board annual meeting and golf outing will be held on Thursday, July 8, 2010. The location and time will be announced.
- XIV. **Adjournment** – ***Sandy Ehrich moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ken Beaulieu. No further discussion. Motion carried.*** The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.