

SIouxLAND INTERSTATE METROPOLITAN PLANNING COUNCIL
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Transportation Technical Committee

Minutes of the November 5, 2008 Meeting

1:30 P.M.

SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Payer, Chair	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Paul Nolan, Vice Chair	City of South Sioux City, Nebraska
Jeff Dooley	Dakota Dunes CID, South Dakota
Jim Ferneau	City of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa
Jeff Brown (substitute for Curt Miller)	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Transit System
Bob Peters	City of Dakota City, Nebraska
Elizabeth Smart	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Sioux Gateway Airport / Colonel Bud Day Field
Richard Storm	Woodbury County, Iowa
Jill Wanderscheid	City of Sioux City, Iowa

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kory Menken	City of North Sioux City, South Dakota
Raymond Roggow	Union County, South Dakota
Tom Rohe	Plymouth County, Iowa
Vacant	Dakota County, Nebraska

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Dakin Schultz	Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT)
Kaine McClelland	Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR)
Ron Schlautman	Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR)
Brad Zumwalt	Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR)

GUESTS

Terry Hoffman	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Parks and Recreation
Jason Huddle	Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT)
Adam Shell	Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT)

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 Transportation Technical Committee met on Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at 1:30 p.m., in the Meisner Conference Room, SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa. Chris Payer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

- I. **Approval of the Agenda** – Chair Chris Payer noted a revised agenda is being presented for approval. Michelle Bostinelos reviewed the revisions, and Chair Payer asked if there were any additional deletions or corrections. ***Richard Storm moved to approve the revised agenda as presented, seconded by Bob Peters. By unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.***

- II. **Approval of the Minutes** – Chair Chris Payer asked if there were any deletions or corrections to the minutes of September 3, 2008 regular Transportation Technical Committee meeting. ***Paul Nolan moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Jim Ferneau. By unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.***

III. Review Monthly Correspondence – Michelle Bostinelos gave a brief overview of the director's report included in the meeting packet.

Staff submitted two Safe Routes to School non-infrastructure grant applications to the Iowa DOT. If awarded, funds will be used to complete Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Plans for the Sioux City Community School District east side schools and the Sergeant Bluff schools. A draft Safe Routes to School non-infrastructure application for a similar plan was also submitted to NDOR for the South Sioux City/Dakota City schools, their final application is due in December.

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 at SIMPCO on October 28th. 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 – Chris Payer with the city of Sioux City reported a bid has been awarded for the Outer Drive Connection over the Floyd Channel. The main project in the Outer Drive Connection will be the rail relocation and the expected bid time is February.

Paul Nolan with the city of South Sioux City reported the Dakota Avenue overlay project is now finished and a grand reopening and ribbon cutting was held November 3rd.

Construction is finished on 15th, 16th and 17th streets and they have been reopened.

Paving is underway on the Arbor Acres Bike Trail, between Red Maple Circle and Autumn Olive Lane.

Jeff Dooley with the Dakota Dunes CID reported the South Dakota DOT will be installing traffic signals at the north bound off-ramp of the Exit One Interchange to control traffic coming off from Sioux City. The project will be bid in March 2009 and installation will be in the summer of 2009.

Jim Ferneau with the city of Sergeant Bluff reported the interchange of old 75 and 1st Street is still on schedule to be redone, the expected bid letting is February.

Elizabeth Smart with the city of Sioux City / Sioux City Gateway Airport reported the terminal renovation is now finished and was opened Monday. Work is underway on the north ramp, concrete is being poured, but the project will not be finished until spring.

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 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.

The new four-lane Highway 60 connection from Iowa to Minnesota is expected to open this week, weather permitting.

Terry Hoffman with the city of Sioux City Parks and Recreation Department reported they received a REAP grant for Phase I of the Riverside Trail project.

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. An update of the SIMPCO model was given and discussion following.

Michelle Bostinelos reminded members 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. She discussed economic data and other pertinent information that that will be requested from the members to complete the update.

VI. **Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program** – Michelle Bostinelos explained annually transportation planning staff requests STP and TE applications from the Iowa members of the MPO. Staff is proposing application materials be submitted to Iowa members on November 14, 2008 with a deadline to SIMPCO of December 19, 2008. Discussion followed.

Jill Wanderscheid moved to recommend to the Policy Board staff distribute application materials to Iowa members on November 14, 2008 with a deadline to SIMPCO of December 19, 2008, seconded by Jeff Dooley. By unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

VII. **2030 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendments and Revisions** – Michelle Bostinelos 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. She noted the public comment period will open today. 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. Staff will request a recommendation to the Policy Board for approval at the January 8, 2009 regular meeting.

Ms. Bostinelos reviewed the following amendments and revisions.

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, 6th 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 Bostinelos reviewed the following amendment and revisions.

Amendment:

1. South Sioux City grade and pave, E 17th 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.

Discussion followed on how the heading for this project is worded in the TIP. A suggestion was made to change the heading shown from "Other – As stated in the city's Capital Improvement Program to "Other Funds". ***Jill Wanderscheid moved to recommend to the Policy Board approval of the proposed amendment to the FY 2009 – 2012 Transportation Improvement Program with the suggested heading change, seconded by Paul Nolan. There was no further discussion. 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.

Paul Nolan moved to recommend to the Policy Board approval of the proposed revision to the FY 2009 – 2012 Transportation Improvement Program as presented, seconded by Jill Wanderscheid. 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.

Jeff Dooley moved to recommend to the Policy Board approval of the proposed revision to the FY 2009 -2012 Transportation Improvement Program as presented, seconded by Jill Wanderscheid. By unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

- IX. **Additional Comments** – Michelle Bostinelos reminded members the next meeting will be Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at SIMPCO and noted officer elections will be held. Mark Wyatt from the Iowa Bike Coalition will give a presentation on the 'Complete Streets' concept.
- X. **Adjournment** – ***Jill Wanderscheid moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jeff Dooley. By unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.*** The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.