

SIUXLAND INTERSTATE METROPOLITAN PLANNING COUNCIL
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
Transportation Technical Committee

Minutes of the March 3, 2010 Meeting

1:30 P.M.

SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Payer, Chair	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Joseph Johnson, Vice Chair	City of South Sioux City, Nebraska
John Backer (<i>substitute for Curt Miller</i>)	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Sioux Gateway Airport
Jeff Dooley	Dakota Dunes CID, South Dakota
Jim Ferneau	City of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa
Jeff Harcum	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Transit System
Scott Logan (<i>substitute for Jill Wanderscheid</i>)	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Mark Nahra	Woodbury County, Iowa
Bob Peters	City of Dakota City, Nebraska

MEMBERS ABSENT

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

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Ron Schlautman	Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR)
Dakin Schultz	Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT)

GUESTS

Terry Hoffman	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Mark Monson	Woodbury County, 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 Transportation Technical Committee met on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at 1:30 p.m., at SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa. A quorum was present. Chris Payer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

- I. **Approval of the Agenda** – Chair Chris Payer asked if there were any corrections to the agenda. ***Bob Peters moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Jeff Harcum. No further discussion. Motion carried.***
- II. **Approval of the Minutes** – Chair Chris Payer asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of January 6, 2010 Transportation Technical Committee regular meeting. ***Jeff Dooley moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Bob Peters. 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 is working with an Iowa State University (ISU) planning class on a bike and pedestrian connectivity project. The class conducted an online survey through Survey Monkey and will present the results at the ISU Design West Center in Sioux City on April 8th at 1:00 p.m. Ms. Bostinelos and Eric Sanders have been meeting with the cities and counties to discuss the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) projects to consider while developing the plan. Staff continues to attend Tri-State Traffic Management meetings. One focus of this group is the number of winter traffic accidents resulting from blowing and drifting snow south of Sloan on I-29. Staff has been attending Southbridge Economic Development Council (SEDCO) meetings. Staff

completed the process of amending the 2030 LRTP and FY 2010 – 2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include possible Iowa stimulus II projects. She noted a 30-day public comment period and public input meeting was held and no public comments were received. Kellee Van Bruggen, Dwight Lang and Ms. Bostinelos attended a NDOR meeting held for MPOs in Nebraska. Discussions included current MPO issues, the new transportation bill and future funding.

Eric Sanders provided an update on the progress of the transportation model for the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan. He has been working on the network setting up the basic framework to run model scenarios. Once all the cities have responded with information regarding predicted future development, population and employment, it will be inserted into the model and scenarios of future years will be run.

IV. Transportation Improvement Progress Report – Members provided an overview on the status of current and future projects.

Dakin Schultz with Iowa DOT reported a 30-day extension has been signed for the Highway Trust Fund. The legislature is discussing a long-term extension until December 31st. At this time it does not seem likely that the second round of stimulus funding will be approved.

The Iowa DOT is reviewing the condition of I-29 south of Sloan and issues with blowing and drifting snow.

The letting for Segment 3 of the I-29 Reconstruction Project, southbound including trail work and the retaining wall mainline, is scheduled this month and work should begin this spring. Discussion followed.

V. FY 2011 – 2014 Passenger Transportation Plan (PTP) Annual Update – Michelle Bostinelos reported the PTP, which was previously referred to as the Passenger Transportation Development Plan (PTDP), is prepared every five years and updated annually for both the MPO and Siouxland Regional Transportation Planning Association (SRTPA). The goal of the plan is to improve transportation services for persons with disabilities, older adults and individuals with lower incomes by coordinating transportation resources provided through federal programs. She noted federal funding tied to transit projects must be identified in the PTP.

Ms. Bostinelos provided an overview of the PTP annual update. She reported the plan provides a review of last year's coordination efforts including the status of previously recommended projects, newly developed projects and other developments regarding coordination or needs. She noted the Sioux City area is being considered for a pilot volunteer transportation program by Audino & Associates. A volunteer transportation summit to discuss how to develop and operate a volunteer program has tentatively been scheduled for May 20, 2010 in Sioux City.

Ms. Bostinelos reported the PTP was submitted to the Iowa DOT and a few minor comments were received. Staff has addressed these comments; and is now requesting members review the update presented and return comments by April 2, 2010. The final document will be presented at the May 5, 2010 meeting for recommendation to the Policy Board for approval.

VI. FY 2013 Surface Transportation Program (STP) / Transportation Enhancement (TE) Balance and Applications – Kellee Van Bruggen reported on an annual basis the MPO solicits projects for the Iowa DOT STP program. Staff sent Requests for Proposals to Iowa members on November 13, 2009 with a deadline of December 18, 2009. Four applications were received totaling \$16,311,000. Since the Iowa DOT has not provided the STP target amount for FY 2014, MPOs have been advised to use their FY 2013 targets knowing this number may need to be adjusted. The FY 2013 target was \$1,919,700 and with an unused balance from previous years of \$78,600, the estimated total STP balance is \$1,998,300. If contributions of \$8,200 to the Statewide Urban Design and Specifications (SUDAS) and \$9,400 to the Pavement Management System Implementation were continued in FY 2014, the estimated remaining STP balance would total \$1,980,700.

The following STP applications were presented:

City of Sioux City: 18th Street Overpass, total cost \$13,945,000, Federal request \$11,156,000 (80%)

City of Sioux City: Hamilton Boulevard Reconstruction, total cost \$3,600,000, Federal request \$2,880,000 (80%)

City of Sioux City: Riverside Boulevard/War Eagle Drive Improvement Project, total cost \$475,000, Federal request \$275,000 (58%)

City of Sioux City: Interstate 29 Reconstruction Project, total cost \$250,000,000, Federal request \$2,000,000 (0.8%)

Chris Payer with the city of Sioux City reported the city's two project priorities are the Riverside Boulevard/War Eagle Drive Improvement Project and the Interstate 29 Reconstruction Project. Mr. Payer recommended allocations of \$275,000 to the Riverside/War Eagle Drive Improvement Project with the balance of \$1,705,700 dedicated to the Interstate 29 Reconstruction Project. Discussion followed on not using STP funds for aesthetics but instead targeting money to hard construction items such as street and utility work.

Jim Ferneau moved to recommend to the Policy Board the following allocation of STP funds for FY 2014: \$8,200 to Statewide Urban Design and Specifications (SUDAS), \$9,400 to Pavement Management System Implementation, \$275,000 to the Riverside/War Eagle Drive Improvement Project, and the balance of \$1,705,700 to the Interstate 29 Reconstruction with the caveat that funding for this project will be used for infrastructure related to streets and utilities, seconded by Scott Logan. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Kellee Van Bruggen reported Requests for Proposals for the Iowa DOT STP Transportation Enhancement (TE) program were also sent to Iowa members on November 13, 2009 with a deadline of December 18, 2009. Staff received one TE request totaling \$184,800. The FY 2013 target was \$144,891 but due to a negative balance from past years the estimated available balance for FY 2014 is \$90,800.

The following TE application was presented:

City of Sioux City: Riverfront Trail Interstate 29 Reconstruction, total cost \$231,000, Federal request \$184,800 (80%)

Scott Logan moved to recommend to the Policy Board an allocation of \$90,800 in TE funding to the Riverfront Trail Interstate 29 Reconstruction for FY 2014, seconded by Bob Peters. No further discussion. 8 yabs and 1 nay. Motion carried.

Ms. Van Bruggen reported the selected STP and TE projects would be presented to the Policy Board for final approval. All projects approved by the Policy Board will be included in the FY 2011 – 2014 Transportation Improvement Program.

- VII. **Final Revisions to the MPO TTC Bylaws** – Michelle Bostinelos reported proposed revisions to the bylaws were presented at the January 6, 2010 meeting. Members were asked to review the revisions and return comments by February 5, 2010. She noted no comments were received.

Ms. Bostinelos reported the most significant change to the bylaws is the quorum requirements. The bylaws previously defined a quorum as *those designated voting members or alternates in attendance*; the definition of the proposed revision is *simple majority of TTC voting members*. Also included in the new bylaws is the option to conduct a meeting by electronic means only in circumstances where such a meeting in person is impossible or impractical.

Joe Johnson moved to recommend to the Policy Board approval of all final revisions to the MPO TTC Bylaws, seconded by Bob Peters. No further discussion. Motion carried.

- VIII. **FY 2010 – 2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment** – Michelle Bostinelos reviewed the proposed amendment.

1. Two 30' heavy duty low floor expansion buses for Sioux City Transit System for a total estimated cost of \$360,000 with \$298,800 federal participation (5309/Stimulus II) in FY 2010.

Jim Ferneau moved to recommend to the Policy Board approval of the proposed amendment to the FY 2010 – 2013 TIP as presented, seconded by Jeff Dooley. No further discussion. Motion carried.

- IX. **Draft MPO Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) FY 2011** – Kellee Van Bruggen reported the TPWP is a federally required document prepared annually. It details transportation planning activities staff will undertake during the fiscal year including the task object, previous work, project description, future projects and budget information.

Ms. Van Bruggen provided an overview of the draft FY 2011 TPWP. She reported the estimated total funding for FY 2011 is \$368,172 with \$72,779 local match. Because the current transportation bill expired on September 30, 2009 and all States are operating under a patchwork of continuing resolutions, the FY 2011 TPWP financial summary is subject to change based on future transportation planning funds.

Ms. Van Bruggen asked members to review the FY 2011 TPWP and return comments by April 8, 2010. The final document will be presented at the May 5, 2010 meeting for recommendation to the Policy Board for approval. Upon final approval it will be submitted to the Iowa DOT, South Dakota DOT and NDOR.

- X. **2035 Long Range Transportation Plan – Draft Chapter 4: Transit** – Michelle Bostinelos explained Chapter 4 of the 2035 LRTP examines the current transit system within the MPO planning area and predicts future transit needs and projects. She provided an overview of the chapter noting descriptions of Sioux City Transit's new fixed routes, a map illustrating transit stops and routes, and the 2010 fare structure are included. Operating expenses and revenues were based on FY 2009 numbers.

Members were asked to review Chapter 4 and return comments by April 2, 2010. She noted staff plans to host a stakeholder's review committee meeting next month for additional review and comments.

- XI. **Additional Comments** – Michelle Bostinelos noted the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 5, 2010, 1:30 p.m., 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City.

Chair Chris Payer announced Ron Schlautman with NDOR is retiring and this will be his last MPO meeting. He thanked Mr. Schlautman for his years of service on the MPO TTC.

- XII. **Adjournment** – *Joseph Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mark Nahra. No further discussion. Motion carried.* The meeting adjourned at 2:25 P.M.