

SIouxLAND INTERSTATE METROPOLITAN PLANNING COUNCIL
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Transportation Technical Committee

Minutes of the March 5, 2008 Meeting

1:30 P.M.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Payer, Chairperson	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Engineering
Paul Nolan, Vice Chairperson	City of South Sioux City, Nebraska
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 Field Day
Jill Wanderscheid	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Engineering

MEMBERS ABSENT

(Vacancy)	Dakota County, Nebraska
Jeff Dooley	Dakota Dunes CID, South Dakota
Kory Menken	City of North Sioux City, South Dakota
Raymond Roggow	Union County, South Dakota
Tom Rohe	Plymouth County, Iowa
Sid Seward	City of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa
Richard Storm	Woodbury County, Iowa

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Kaine McClelland	Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR)
Jim Miller	Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) Roadway Design
Ron Schlautman	Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR)
Dakin Schultz	Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT)

GUESTS

Jeff Harcum	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Transit System
Terry Hoffman	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Parks and Recreation
Larry Obermeyer	Siouxland Historical Railroad Association
Odell Oyand	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
Dwight Lang, Co-Executive Director	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Kristi Quinn, Community Dev. Director/Trans. Planner	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 Transportation Technical Committee met on Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at 1:30 p.m., at the North Sioux City, City Council Chambers, 504 River Drive, North Sioux City, South Dakota. Chris Payer, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

- I. **Approval of the Agenda** – Chair Chris Payer asked if there were any deletions or corrections to the agenda. *Jill Wanderscheid moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Curt Miller. Motion carried.*
- II. **Approval of the Minutes** – Chair Chris Payer asked if there were any deletions or corrections to the minutes of January 9, 2008 Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) regular meeting. *Bob Peters moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Jill Wanderscheid. Motion carried.*

III. **Review Monthly Correspondence** – Michelle Bostinelos gave an overview of the director's report included in the meeting packet. On February 12, Ms. Bostinelos attended the Western Iowa ITS Project meeting held in Sioux City; and traveled to Wayne to attend and 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 the Iowa DOT reported there will be a Western Iowa ITS Project meeting on March 25 at the Sioux City Convention Center. The draft EIS for the I-29 reconstruction project has been submitted to the Federal Highway Association for review and signature.

Ron Schlautman with NDOR reported an open house was held on the Highway 35 Expressway Corridor in Hubbard on February 11 and in Hoskins and Wayne on February 12.

Curt Miller with Sioux City Transit reported three new buses will be purchased this year. A phone survey is currently being conducted for the route study.

Chris Payer with the city of Sioux City reported bridge public meetings continue to be scheduled for environmental impact studies. The West 23rd Bridge Replacement Public Meeting will be held at the city council chambers on Thursday, March 6, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. 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. A consultant has been selected for the Military Road Phase 4 project.

V. **2012 STP Enhancement (TE) Balance and Applications** – Michelle Bostinelos reported staff sent requests for proposals for the Iowa DOT Transportation Enhancement (TE) program on November 16, 2007 with a deadline to SIMPCO of December 21, 2007. Staff received three applications totaling \$1,716,082. Notification was received from the Iowa DOT indicating 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. Chris Payer noted at the TTC January 9, 2008 meeting a motion was approved to recommend to the Policy Board reopening the TE application process. A motion to approve that recommendation was not made at the January 10, 2008 Policy Board meeting.

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

Larry Obermeyer with Siouxland Historical Railroad Association gave an overview of the *Milwaukee Railroad Historic District Phase VI* application. 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 31.5 acre Milwaukee Railroad Shops Historic District. Total project costs are \$362,633 and \$290,106 or 80% is being requested. This project fits into an overall Vision Iowa Project application which has been invited to the 2nd round.

Terry Hoffman, Parks and Recreation Manager, with the city of Sioux City 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. Total project costs are \$1,600,000 and \$1,280,000 or 80% is being requested. He noted this trail is the main spine of the community trail system and, if not reconnected, continuity would be lost.

Kyle Hueser, Director of Facilities, with Western Iowa Tech Community College (WITCC) reviewed the *Loess Hills Arboretum and Nature Center Trail Connectivity* proposal. This project involves completion of phase 3 of the walking trail that is in position. This phase of the project will provide trail 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.

Curt Miller moved to recommend to the Policy Board funding of \$441,400 from 2010, \$143,400 from FY 2011 and \$143,400 from FY 2012 is programmed to the Riverfront Trail Interstate 29 Reconstruction project, seconded by Jill Wanderscheid. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Ms. Bostinelos explained the approved motion is a recommendation; the final decision will be made by the Policy Board at their meeting tomorrow. She noted applicants are welcome to attend this meeting and make presentations.

- 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 STP target amounts 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. Ms. Bostinelos asked members if they wanted to continue in FY 2012 with contributions of \$8,200 to the Statewide Urban Design and Specifications (SUDAS) and \$9,000 to the Pavement Management System Implementation. Discussion followed. **Jill Wanderscheid moved to recommend to the Policy Board the continued contribution of \$8,200 to SUDAS and \$9,000 to the Pavement Management System Implementation, seconded by Paul Nolan. Motion carried.**

Ms. Bostinelos noted this brings the total STP FY 2012 balance to \$1,871,000. She invited applicants to give a brief project presentation.

Chris Payer with the city of Sioux City reviewed the five applications submitted by the city, *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 discussed how funding this portion of the I-29 reconstruction and expansion would aid the city with responsibilities toward the downtown reconstruction segment, providing them with more flexibility. Total project costs are \$250,000,000 with a request of \$2,000,000 or 0.008%.

Jill Wanderscheid moved to recommend to the Policy Board the 1,871,000 balance in FY 2012 STP funds is programmed to the Interstate 29 Reconstruction Project Segment 2 submitted by the Iowa DOT, seconded by Curt Miller. Motion carried.

- VII. **FY 2008 – 2012 Passenger Transportation Development Plan (PTDP)** – Michelle Bostinelos reported a draft copy of this document was distributed at the January 9, 2008 meeting. Members were asked to review and return comments. She reported a few comments were received from Sioux City Transit and the Iowa DOT, and staff has addressed these. The purpose of this plan is to coordinate health and human service agencies with public transit, addressing the transportation needs of the lower income population, people with disabilities and the elderly. She noted all transit projects that are going to be a part of the TIP also need to be included in the PTDP. Federal transportation dollars can not be received unless they are included in the PTDP. The final approved FY 2008 – 2012 PTDP will be posted on the SIMPCO website. **Curt Miller moved to recommend to the Policy Board the approval of the FY 2008 – 2012 PTDP as presented, seconded by Paul Nolan. Motion carried.**

- VIII. **FY 2008 – 2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments** – Michelle Bostinelos reviewed each of the proposed amendments.

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. **Jill Wanderscheid moved to recommend to the Policy Board the approval of this amendment as presented, Curt Miller 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. **Paul Nolan moved to recommend to the Policy Board the approval of this amendment as presented, seconded by Jill Wanderscheid. 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. **Jill Wanderscheid moved to recommend to the Policy Board the approval of this amendment as presented, seconded by Curt Miller. Motion carried.**

- IX. **Draft MPO Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) FY 2009** – Michelle Bostinelos presented the FY 2009 TPWP, giving a brief overview of the work elements and financing of projects. She reported an estimated total budget of \$357,185 with a local match of \$70,583. Members were asked to review and return comments by April 5, 2008. The final document will be presented at the April 30, 2008 meeting for recommendation to the Policy Board for approval. Upon Policy Board approval it will be submitted to the Iowa DOT, SDDOT and NDOR.
- X. **Additional Comments** – The next meeting is scheduled for April 30, 2008 at the Meisner Conference Room, SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City.
- XI. **Adjournment** – *Jill Wanderscheid moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bob Peters. Motion carried.* The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.