

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

Minutes of the May 5, 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
Jim Ferneau	City of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa
Jeff Harcum	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Transit System
Curt Miller	City of Sioux City / Sioux Gateway Airport
Mark Nahra	Woodbury County, Iowa
Bob Peters	City of Dakota City, Nebraska
Tom Rohe	Plymouth County, Iowa
Jill Wanderscheid	City of Sioux City, Iowa

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jeff Dooley	Dakota Dunes CID, South Dakota
Fred Kellogg	Dakota County, Nebraska
Kory Menken	City of North Sioux City, South Dakota
Raymond Roggow	Union County, South Dakota

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

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

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 Thursday, May 5, 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 1:30 p.m.

- I. **Approval of the Agenda** – Chair Chris Payer asked if there were any corrections to the agenda.
Joe Johnson moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Jill Wanderscheid. No further discussion. Motion carried.

- II. **Approval of the Minutes** – Chair Chris Payer asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of March 3, 2010 Transportation Technical regular meeting.
Bob Peters moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Joe Johnson. 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** – Brad Zumwalt with 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. He noted NDOR is in the process of updating their Long Range Transportation Plan; and a public input survey has been posted on their website at <http://www.dor.state.ne.us/lrtp/vision2032/index.htm>

Chris Payer with City of Sioux City provided updates on Bluff Street, Kings Highway and 23rd Street bridge projects. He reported finishing work is complete on Outer Drive and a dedication ceremony has been scheduled for May 22nd.

Jill Wanderscheid with the City of Sioux City reported the installation of medians at the Pearl Street crossing is now finished. She will be attending the North America's SuperCorridor Coalition (NASCO) Conference June 15-17 in Des Moines.

Jim Ferneau with the City of Sergeant Bluff reported rail-crossing improvements are being planned at the intersection of South Lewis Boulevard and 8th Street. This project will not impact South Lewis Boulevard, but the 8th Street rail crossing will be closed for approximately one month.

Tom Rohe with Plymouth County provided an update on the K22 pavement project. Crushing of the current pavement and subgrade work should be finished by mid-June with new paving underway by the end of June.

Mark Nahra with Woodbury County reported only minor seeding and shoulder work remain on the Correctionville Road project.

Joe Johnson with the 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.

Jeff Harcum with City of Sioux City / Transit System reported grant funding is being sought for repairs and maintenance at the Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Transportation Center.

Bob Peters with the 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.

Curt Miller with 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. Work is underway on correcting Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) airfield inspections relating to signage, markings and lights.

- 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. Discussion followed.

Jill Wanderscheid moved to approve the proposed meeting dates, times and locations for FY 2011 Transportation Technical Committee meetings, seconded by Curt Miller. 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 in March with comments to be returned by April 8th. No comments were received; however, 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.

Tom Rohe moved to recommend to the Policy Board approval of the FY 2011 Transportation Planning Work Program as presented, seconded by Jill Wanderscheid. 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 with comments due by April 2nd. No comments were received. She explained the goal of this plan is coordinate transportation services to help improve the mobility of the elderly, people with disabilities and low-income individuals. 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.

Bob Peters moved to recommend to the Policy Board approval of the FY 2011 – 2014 Passenger Transportation Plan as presented, seconded by Joe Johnson. 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.

The city of Sioux City felt the I-29 New Interchange project was not moving forward and funding could be used for other projects.

Curt Miller moved to recommend to the Policy Board approval of the proposed amendment to the FY 2010 – 2013 Transportation Improvement Program as presented, seconded by Mark Nahra. Discussion followed. 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.

The proposed amendment would capture a portion of the funds de-obligated in amendment number one.

Jill Wanderscheid moved to recommend to the Policy Board approval of the proposed amendment to the FY 2010 – 2013 Transportation Improvement Program as presented, seconded by Curt Miller. Discussion followed. 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.

The proposed amendment would capture a portion of the funds de-obligated in amendment number one.

Jill Wanderscheid moved to recommend to the Policy Board approval of the proposed amendment to the FY 2010 – 2013 Transportation Improvement Program as presented, seconded by Jim Ferneau. Discussion followed. 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.

Joe Johnson moved to recommend to the Policy Board approval of the proposed amendment to the FY 2010 – 2013 Transportation Improvement Program as presented, seconded by Jill Wanderscheid. Discussion followed. 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. Discussion followed on reopening the application process for the STP balance and rolling the TE balance in FY 2014 to FY 2015.

Mark Nahra moved to 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 Jim Ferneau. No further discussion. Motion carried.

- XI. **FY 2011 – 2014 Draft MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** – Michelle Bostinelos asked members to review the projects shown in the FY 2011 – 2014 draft TIP and to let staff know of any adjustments or changes by June 4, 2010. 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 presented for approval 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 would be held on Thursday, July 8, 2010. The location and time will be announced.
- XIV. **Adjournment** – *Joe Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mark Nahra. No further discussion. Motion carried.* The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.