

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

Minutes of the August 31, 2011 Meeting

1:30 P.M.

SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Payer, Chair	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Mark Nahra, Vice Chair	Woodbury County, Iowa
John Backer ( <i>substitute for Curt Miller</i> )	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Airport
Jim Ferneau	City of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa
Jeff Harcum	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Transit System
Lance Hedquist	City of South Sioux 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
Bob Peters	City of Dakota City, Nebraska
Raymond Roggow	Union County, South Dakota

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Dakin Schultz	Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT)
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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
Jane Gilbert, Co-Executive Director	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Sharon Burton, Secretary	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council

The Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) met on Wednesday, August 31, 2011 1:30 p.m., SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa. Chris Payer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m. A quorum was present.

- I. **Approval of the Agenda** – Chair Chris Payer asked if there were any corrections to the August 31, 2011 agenda. *Jill Wanderscheid moved to approve the August 31, 2011 agenda as presented, seconded by Lance Hedquist. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.*
- II. **Approval of the Minutes** – Chair Chris Payer asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the July 7, 2011 combined Policy Board and TTC regular meeting; and the special August 11, 2011 combined Policy Board and TTC meeting. *Jim Ferneau moved to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2011 combined TTC and Policy Board regular meeting; and the special August 11, 2011 combined TTC and Policy Board meeting as presented, seconded by Lance Hedquist. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.*
- III. **Review Monthly Correspondence** – Michelle Bostinelos provided an overview of the director's report included in the meeting packet. She reported Kellee Van Bruggen is finalizing the Safe Routes to School plans for the Sioux City eastside schools and Sergeant Bluff-Luton schools. Staff is working with the Safe Routes to School Taskforce in planning a *Walk to School Day* for Washington Elementary in Sioux City on September 28 and Sergeant Bluff-Luton schools on October 6. The Coordinated Transportation Issues Committee (CTIC) which is the group that oversees development of the Passenger Transportation Plan has been renamed Transportation Advisory Group (TAG). Margi Ness, Region VII United We Ride ambassador for the National Resource Center for Human Service Transportation Coordination, has been invited as guest speaker. Eric Sanders is assisting the Tri-State Incident Management Committee with detour routes related to flooding; and he is also working with the City of Sioux City on a traffic light synchronization project. Staff is continuing to work with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Roundtable, Siouxland Chamber of Commerce and City of Sioux City on the Bicycle Racks in Front of Businesses project

- IV. **Transportation Improvement Progress Report** – Dakin Schultz with Iowa DOT reported traffic has been shifted to the new lanes in both Segment 1 and 3 of the I-29 Improvement Project. The Governor's Transportation 2020 Citizen Advisory Commission will hold a public input meeting tonight at 6:00 p.m. on the campus of Buena Vista University in Storm Lake.

Chris Payer with the City of Sioux City reported work continues on Wesley Parkway reconstruction, West 23rd Street/Perry Creek Bridge and Kings Highway Bridge. The West 19th Reconstruction Project is finished and open.

Jeff Harcum with the City of Sioux City / Transit System reported a third International bus will be delivered next week. A grant application has been submitted through the TIGGER program for eleven Hybrid electric buses.

Jill Wanderscheid with the City of Sioux City reported work on the second Quiet Zone is moving forward. A meeting was held with BNSF to review the Court Street rail crossings. The regional rail study and Hoeven Valley Transportation study have been coordinated together. Meetings are being planned with all the railroads; and a meeting with BNSF's public project partnership team has been held. Once all input is received the scope will be finalized.

Lance Hedquist with the City of South Sioux City reported the Council approved an agreement with the State of Iowa for detour access on the I-29/129 Interchange coming into South Sioux City. The Quiet Zone agreements are in place and construction should start this year. Overlay work on 9th Street is currently underway and widening on Roth Drive is finished.

Michelle Bostinelos reported on August 24 she attended the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) Vision 2032 Stakeholder Summit in Lincoln. Goals and objectives of the State of Nebraska's Long Range Transportation Plan were reviewed and survey results discussed. NDOR is planning to present results of the summit at the November Transportation Technical Committee meeting. She noted the LRTP is available on the NDOR website; and comments can be made through the website.

- V. **Safe Routes to School Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Plans** – Kellee Van Bruggen reported Safe Routes to School grant awards were received from the Iowa DOT to complete comprehensive plans for the eastside schools in Sioux City and the Sergeant Bluff-Luton schools.

Ms. Van Bruggen provided a PowerPoint presentation of the draft plans; and handed out copies for members to review. She reported staff has addressed all comments received from the Iowa DOT and Safe Routes to School Taskforce. Members were asked to review both draft plans and return comments by September 9.

Ms. Van Bruggen reported staff is now in the process of submitting a Safe Routes to School application for the westside schools in Sioux City.

- VI. **Additional Comments** – Michelle Bostinelos reported the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 2, 2011, 1:30 p.m., 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City. Guest speaker will be Margi Ness, Region VII United We Ride Ambassador for the National Resource Center for Human Service Transportation Coordination. Ms. Ness will discuss improving the mobility of the elderly, people with disabilities and low income populations.

- VII. **Adjournment:** *Jeff Harcum moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lance Hedquist. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.* The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.