

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

Minutes of the September 1, 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
Jeff Dooley	Dakota Dunes CID, South Dakota
Jim Ferneau	City of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa
Jeff Harcum	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Transit System
Curt Miller	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Airport
Mark Nahra	Woodbury County, Iowa
Tom Rohe	Plymouth County, Iowa
Jill Wanderscheid	City of Sioux City, Iowa

MEMBERS ABSENT

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

Kaine McClelland	Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR)
Steve Gramm	South Dakota Department of Transportation (SD DOT)
Brad Remmich	South Dakota Department of Transportation (SD DOT)
Dakin Schultz	Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT)

GUESTS

Terry Hoffman	City of Sioux City, Iowa
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STAFF

Dwight Lang, Co-Executive Director	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Kellee Van Bruggen, Transportation Planner II	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Eric Sanders, Transportation Planner II	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Sharon Burton, Secretary	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council

The Transportation Technical Committee met at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 1, 2010, 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. ***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 July 8, 2010, Combined Policy Board and Transportation Technical Committee meeting. ***Tom Rohe moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Joe Johnson. No further discussion. Motion carried.***
- III. **Review Monthly Correspondence** – Dwight Lang reported Michelle Bostinelos is on maternity leave and will return to work on September 27th.

Mr. Lang provided an overview of the director's report included in the meeting packet. He reported staff continues to work on the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), and are on schedule to present a draft in November, hold a thirty-day public comment period and present the final document for approval in January. On July 9th SIMPCO and the city of Sioux City hosted a U.S. Highway 20 Association meeting at the Long Lines Recreation

Center in Sioux City. Staff continues to attend monthly Tri-State Traffic Management Team meetings. This group is currently working on road closures and detours associated with the I-29 Improvement Project. Staff attended the Lewis and Clark Trail Open House at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center on August 5th and traveled to Storm Lake on August 10th for the Iowa DOT Commission meeting.

IV. Transportation Improvement Progress Report – Dakin Schultz with Iowa DOT reported the patching/spot overlay work on Lewis Boulevard in the Singing Hills area should be finished in early October. The U.S. Highway 20 Corridor Association will meet in Sac City on September 10th. Work on Segment 1 of the I-29 Improvement Project is underway with the building of retaining wall by the monuments. A public meeting for Segment 2 of the I-29 Improvement Project is scheduled for October 19th and will include right-of-way impact. The Iowa Transportation Commission is discussing using additional funds received due to the elimination of earmarks for preservation or maintenance projects.

Kaine McClelland with NDOR provided an update from District 3 Engineer Kris Winters. He reported resurfacing on I-129 is nearly complete; and the N35 bridge near Hubbard should be done this season.

Brad Remmich with South Dakota DOT reported the chain link fence project on I-29 is near completion.

Jeff Harcum with the city of Sioux City / Transit System reported two fixed route buses have been received and are now in service.

Curt Miller with city of Sioux City / Airport provided an update on Phase 3 of the terminal renovation. This phase involves removal of the existing bathrooms near the main entrance and building of a new canopy over the outside entrance. The steel, concrete and masonry work on the new canopy over the main outside entrance is now finished.

Jill Wanderscheid with the city of Sioux City reported all requirements for the downtown Quiet Zone have been completed and as soon as paperwork is received from the Federal Railroad Administration, a 21-day notice will be submitted. Discussion followed.

Chris Payer with the city of Sioux City reported projects under construction are finished and work on Bluff Street bridge is nearing completion.

Jim Ferneau with the city of Sergeant Bluff reported work has started on improvements to the 8th Street and South Lewis Boulevard railroad crossing.

Joe Johnson with the city of South Sioux City reported storm sewer construction on 33rd has been finished; and installation of water and storm sewer mains on 34th Street is underway. Notices to proceed have been received for construction of the signal integration and Dakota Avenue lighting projects; and for engineering on the All-American Trail. The city is close to receiving the notice to proceed on engineering services for the Dakota Avenue Safety Project and Dakota Avenue Overlay.

Mark Nahra with Woodbury County reported the stimulus project on Correctionville Road is finished; and paperwork to close-out the project is in the process of being completed.

Tom Rohe with Plymouth County reported the stimulus project on K-22 is nearly done with only shoulder work remaining.

V. Iowa Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Transportation Enhancement (TE) Target Revisions – Kellee Van Bruggen reported on an annual basis staff solicits Requests For Proposals (RFP) from Iowa members for the Iowa DOT Surface Transportation Program and Transportation Enhancement program. The Policy Board approved allocation of the initial FY 2014 targets in March. Since receipt of these initial targets, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) updated the 2010 apportionment tables and revised target amounts were released. Based upon a recommendation of the TTC, the Policy Board directed staff on May 6, 2010, to solicit STP projects from Iowa members to allocate additional funds. She reported RFPs were sent on May 11, 2010, with a deadline of June 11, 2010. A total of four STP applications were received; and the TTC recommended and Policy Board approved two of these projects at the combined July 8, 2010, meeting - \$325,000 in FY 2012 for the South Lewis Boulevard Reconstruction at Warrior Road and \$447,500 in FY 2014 for the K-45/Old Highway 75 Project. On July 21, 2010, staff received notification that the target amounts had again been revised. She reported with the latest target revisions the current STP balance is \$1,164,500 and the current TE balance is \$72,400 as of FY 2014.

Chris Payer proposed programming the FY 2011 STP balance of \$604,700 to the Wesley Parkway construction project. He reported these funds would help cover construction, inspection, property acquisition and contingency cost. Estimated eligible project costs are \$6.33 million, the 80% match would be \$5.06 million of which \$4.43 million is currently programmed. Discussion followed on Mr. Payer's proposal, increasing allocations for the two projects approved at the July 8, 2010, meeting and reopening the application process.

Mark Nahra moved to recommend to the Policy Board allocating additional STP funds of \$604,700 in FY 2011 to the city of Sioux City for the Wesley Parkway construction project; an additional \$75,000 in FY 2012 to the city of Sergeant Bluff for South Lewis Boulevard Reconstruction at Warrior Road, which would increase the total Federal participation to \$400,000; and an additional \$192,500 in FY 2014 to Woodbury County for the K-45/Old Highway 75 project, which would increase the total Federal participation to \$640,000; and rollover the balance of \$292,300 as of FY 2014 into the application cycle for FY 2015, seconded by Tom Rohe. Further discussion followed. Motion carried.

Jill Wanderscheid moved to recommend to the Policy Board rolling over the Transportation Enhancement balance of \$72,400 as of FY 2014 into the application cycle for FY 2015, seconded by Tom Rohe. No further discussion. Motion carried.

VI. FY 2011 – 2014 Passenger Transportation Plan (PTP) and FY 2011 – 2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments and Administrative Modifications –

Amendments –

1. Sioux City Transit System, Bus Security System needs to be removed due to completion. (PTP and TIP Amendment)
2. Sioux City Transit System, update 13 Security Camera Systems needs to be removed due to completion. (PTP and TIP Amendment)
3. Sioux City Transit System, one 30' heavy duty low floor expansion bus for New Perspectives, Inc. route needs to be removed due to completion. (PTP and TIP Amendment)
4. Sioux City Transit System, Bulk Urea Storage Tanks remove project and de-obligate a total of \$9,000 in 5309 funds in FY 2011. (PTP and TIP Amendment)
5. Sioux City Transit System, Public Transit Maintenance Building repairs and improvements, needs to be included at an estimated cost of \$175,000 with \$140,000 in State participation (STA – Public Transportation Infrastructure Program) in FY 2011. (PTP and TIP Amendment)
6. Sioux City Transit System, MLK Jr. Ground Transportation Center – HVAC replacement of chiller and boiler equipment in the facility, need to be included at an estimated cost of \$90,000 with \$20,000 in Federal participation (5309) in FY 2011. (PTP and TIP Amendment)
7. NDOR project, E. Junction N-9 to Dakota City needs to be programmed for a total estimated cost of \$2,226,000 with \$1,761,000 in Federal participation (STP) in FY 2011. (TIP Amendment)

Chair Chris Payer reviewed each of the proposed amendments. Jeff Harcum with Sioux City Transit requested the withdrawal of amendment #4. Kaine McClelland with NDOR asked for the wording "Advance Construction" (shown in the FY 2011 – 2014 TIP table) to be removed from amendment #7.

Joe Johnson moved to recommend to the Policy Board approval of amendments 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 to the FY 2011 – 2014 Passenger Transportation Plan and FY 2011 – 2014 Transportation Improvement Program as presented, seconded by Jim Ferneau. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Jill Wanderscheid moved to recommend to the Policy Board approval of amendment 7 with the requested removal of wording "Advance Construction" to the FY 2011 – 2014 Transportation Improvement Program, seconded by Jim Ferneau. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Administrative Modifications –

1. Sioux City Transit System replacement of two 40' heavy duty ADA buses with six cameras (Bus #1084, 1085) needs to be programmed for a total estimated cost of \$784,000 with \$650,720 in Federal participation (5309) in FY 2011. (PTP and TIP Administrative Modification)
2. Sioux City Transit System replacement of four 40' HD ADA buses (Bus #1334, 1335, 1336, 1337) with six cameras needs to be programmed for a total estimated cost of \$1,568,000 with \$1,301,440 in Federal participation (5309) in FY 2011. (PTP and TIP Administrative Modification)
3. Sioux City Transit System replacement of two 35' HD ADA buses with six cameras (Bus #1077, 1081) needs to be programmed for a total estimated cost of \$750,000 with \$622,500 in Federal participation (5309) in FY 2011. (PTP and TIP Administrative Modification)
4. Sioux City Transit System replacement of two 35' HD Low Floor ADA buses with six cameras (Bus #1091, 1092) needs to be programmed for a total estimated cost of \$750,000 with \$622,500 in Federal participation (5309) in FY 2011. (PTP and TIP Administrative Modification)
5. Sioux City Transit System replacement of two LD ADA 158" diesel buses with four cameras (Bus #1305, 1306) needs to be programmed for a total estimated cost of \$162,000 with \$134,460 in Federal participation (5309) in FY 2011. (PTP and TIP Administrative Modification)

Chair Chris Payer reviewed each of the proposed administrative modifications. All projects shown are included in the FY 2011 – 2014 Passenger Transportation Plan and are programmed in the FY 2011 – 2014 Transportation Improvement Program. The proposed modifications are updating the dollar amounts to meet the 2011 estimates of the Department of Transportation.

Jill Wanderscheid moved to recommend to the Policy Board approval of all administrative modifications to the FY 2011 – 2014 Passenger Transportation Plan and FY 2011 – 2014 Transportation Improvement Program as presented, seconded by Joe Johnson. No further discussion. Motion carried.

- VII. **South Dakota Draft Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan** – Brad Remmich with the South Dakota DOT provided a PowerPoint presentation on the draft Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan. Discussion followed.
- VIII. **South Dakota Decennial Interstate Corridor Study** – Steve Gramm with the South Dakota DOT provided a Power Point presentation on the Decennial Interstate Corridor Study. Discussion followed.
- IX. **Lewis and Clark Trail** – Dakin Schultz with the Iowa DOT provided a PowerPoint presentation on options for the Lewis and Clark Multi-Use Trail. Discussion followed.
- X. **Additional Comments** – The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 2, 2010, 1:30 p.m., 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City.
- XI. **Adjournment** – ***Jeff Harcum moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Joe Johnson. No further discussion. Motion carried.*** The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.