

SIouxLAND INTERSTATE METROPOLITAN PLANNING COUNCIL
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

Policy Board and Transportation Technical Committee
Minutes of the July 9, 2009 Combined Meeting
10:30 A.M.

Dakota Dunes Country Club, 960 S Dakota Dunes Blvd., Dakota Dunes, South Dakota

POLICY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Rixner, Chair	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Craig Anderson	Plymouth County, Iowa
Ken Beaulieu	Dakota Dunes Community Improvement District (CID), South Dakota
Aaron Rochester (substitute for Brent Hoffman)	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Ross Jordan	Union County, South Dakota
William Merrill	City of North Sioux City, South Dakota
Mark Monson	Woodbury County, Iowa
Dale Petersen (substitute for Sid Seward)	City of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa
Marvin Sorensen	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Transit System

POLICY BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Sandra Ehrich, Vice Chair	City of South Sioux City, Nebraska
William McLarty	Dakota County, Nebraska
Vacant	City of Dakota City, Nebraska

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE PRESENT

Chris Payer, Chair	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Paul Nolan, Vice Chair	City of South Sioux City, Nebraska
Jeff Dooley	Dakota Dunes CID, South Dakota
Jim Ferneau	City of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa
Jeff Harcum (substitute for Curt Miller)	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Transit System
Raymond Roggow	Union County, South Dakota
Jill Wanderscheid	City of Sioux City, Iowa

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ABSENT

Fred Kellogg	Dakota County, Nebraska
Scott Logan	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Kory Menken	City of North Sioux City, South Dakota
Mark Nahra	Woodbury County, Iowa
Bob Peters	City of Dakota City, Nebraska
Tom Rohe	Plymouth County, Iowa
Elizabeth Smart	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Sioux Gateway Airport

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

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

GUESTS

Joe Curran	City of Sioux City, Iowa (Summer Intern)
Larry Obermeyer	Siouxland Historic Railroad Association
Odell Orerguard	Siouxland Historic Railroad Association
Julie Stoik	Western Iowa Tech Community College
Bob Sweeney	Siouxland Historic Railroad Association
Jon Wagoner	Siouxland Historic Railroad Association

STAFF

Michelle Bostinelos, Transportation Planning Director	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Eric Sanders, Transportation Planner	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Kellee Van Bruggen, Transportation Planner	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 and Policy Board met at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday July 9, 2009 at Dakota Dunes Country Club, Dakota Dunes, 960 S Dakota Dunes Blvd., South Dakota. Transportation Technical Committee Chair Chris Payer and Policy Board Chair Jim Rixner called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

- I. **Approval of the Agenda** – *The Transportation Technical Committee and Policy Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.*
- II. **Approval of the Transportation Technical Committee Minutes** – Chair Chris Payer asked if there were corrections to the minutes of the May 6, 2009 regular Transportation Technical Committee meeting. No further discussion. *The Transportation Technical Committee unanimously approved the minutes as presented.*
- III. **Approval of the Policy Board Minutes** – Chair Jim Rixner asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the May 7, 2009 regular Policy Board meeting. No further discussion. *Craig Andersen moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Ken Beaulieu. No further discussion. Motion carried.*
- IV. **Review Monthly Correspondence** – Michelle Bostinelos gave a brief overview of the directors' report included in the meeting packet. She reported SIMPCO sponsored a Safe Routes to School booth at the May 9th Kids Safety Fair held at the Long Lines Family Center in Sioux City. Staff has been conducting traffic counts at several local businesses for the Iowa Trip Generation Study. She explained traffic counts identify the number of vehicles coming and leaving a business. Staff continues to assist Sioux City Transit System with route maps and brochures for the new fixed route system.

Eric Sanders reported on the progress of the Transportation Model update. All the base model information has been brought together and is now being checked for accuracy. He noted the base model should be complete by the end of summer, and the next step will be contacting member communities for information regarding future projections.

- V. **Transportation Improvement Progress Report** – Chris Payer with the city of Sioux City Public Works reported construction has started on Military Road Phase V. Resurfacing of 3rd and 5th Street downtown is underway.

Jeff Dooley with Dakota Dunes CID reported work on the additional turn lane and traffic signal at Exit One is currently in progress with completion expected later in July.

Jim Ferneau with the city of Sergeant Bluff reported the railroad has started work at the Intersection of Southwest Boulevard and First Street. Construction south of this Intersection to the recreation complex should be starting around the first part of August.

Jill Wanderscheid with the city of Sioux City reported the engineering division has posted on the website a detailed listing and map of current and upcoming city road construction projects. She noted this information is a good resource for questions on projects and can be accessed at www.siouxcitystreets.org.

Jeff Harcum with city of Sioux City Transit System reported the new fixed route system would be implemented July 18th. The changes include ten newly designed routes and the implementation of a Fixed Bus Stop system. Passenger tickets and passes have a new look and a 10-ride punch ticket will now be available. Elderly or individuals with disabilities who qualify for discounted fares will be required to obtain a photo identification card.

Paul Nolan with city of South Sioux City reported paving on Riverview Drive (B Street to D Street) is nearly complete. The West 21st Street Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project is progressing with storm sewer work and water main replacement completed and street paving currently being finished.

Dakin Schultz with Iowa DOT reported the Iowa Transportation Commission has approved the FY2010-2014 Transportation Improvement Program. The five-year program includes approximately \$206 million additional funding for the I-29 Improvement Project. Approximately \$22 million of funding was awarded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 for the I-29 resurfacing project currently underway from Onawa north to Sloan. He noted Iowa was the third state in the nation to reach the 50% threshold for ARRA projects. In June a series of paving projects on U.S. Highway 20 from Iowa 4 to Moorland were let and additional paving projects will be let in July. Mr. Schultz reported it is estimated the National Highway Trust Fund will become insolvent by August of this year. He noted this could create reimbursement delays to the state and local entities for federal projects. Additional information will be relayed to Transportation Technical Committee and Policy Board members as it is received. Discussion followed. The I-JOBS Initiative is now underway. Transportation funds are being directly allocated with no application process. Cities and counties in Iowa will be receiving 45% additional funding this year and 55% next July. Construction, maintenance and projects which qualify for Road Use Tax Funds are eligible. City

funding is based on population distribution and the counties on secondary roadway formulas. He noted additional information can be found on the Iowa DOT website, <http://www.iowadot.gov/ijobs/index.aspx>. Discussion followed. Iowa DOT will host visioning workshops for the proposed Lewis and Clark Multimodal Trail at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, 900 Larsen Park Road in Sioux City from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 29th and from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 30th.

Michelle Bostinelos reported the city of Sioux City and SIMPCO will be hosting a U.S. Highway 20 meeting at 10:00 a.m., tomorrow, July 10th at the Long Lines Recreation Center in Sioux City.

Mark Monson from Woodbury County reported the county's secondary roads department will be moving to Merville and relocation should be complete by September.

William Merrill with the city of North Sioux City reported bids have been let for work on Bruno Drive and paving of the Lakeshore Drive extension.

Raymond Roggow with Union County reported in late July or early August a chip seal program will be started on Exit 4 continuing through North Shore Drive and west approximately four miles.

VI. FY 2009 MPO Accomplishments – Michelle Bostinelos provided an overview of the memo included in the meeting packet outlining FY 2009 staff activities and projects. She reported ARRA funding was a main focus with staff organizing and holding special meetings to determine distribution of funds and working to assure all projects were correctly aligned in the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). SIMPCO was awarded two Safe Routes to School grants from the Iowa DOT, \$25,080 for Eastside schools in Sioux City and \$10,020 for Sergeant Bluff-Luton school district. Funding will be used to conduct Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Plans for each school. SIMPCO's FY 2010 – 2013 Passenger Transportation Development Plan (PTDP) was ranked among the top five in the state by the Iowa DOT, receiving Tier One recognition. The Iowa DOT will use this plan as a model for MPOs across the state. Staff has been and will continue to be active in the Lewis and Clark Multimodal Trail planning. She noted this fall staff will start the process of updating the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan. Members will be presented a schedule of chapter updates at the September meetings and projects in the plan will be reexamined to determine relevance.

VII. Draft Complete Street Resolution – Eric Sanders provided an overview of the Complete Streets concept. He explained Complete Streets are roadways designed to accommodate all users including pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders of all ages and abilities. He presented a PowerPoint presentation showcasing a variety of complete street designs balancing safety and convenience. Mr. Sanders also discussed how implementing a Complete Streets Policy would be beneficial in the planning process. He presented a draft resolution establishing a SIMPCO MPO Complete Streets Policy.

Kellee VanBruggen reported staff is creating formal guidelines for the Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Transportation Enhancement (TE) application process. If the Complete Streets resolution were adopted, it would be included within the guidelines of the application process.

Discussion followed. Members were asked to review proposed Resolution 2010-3 and return comments by August 7, 2009. A final draft will be presented to the Policy Board for approval at the September 3, 2009 meeting.

VIII. FY 2009 – 2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments – Kellee VanBruggen reported Iowa MPO communities were awarded a target amount of \$3,766,049 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds. With the exception of Plymouth County all projects awarded funding have been let and have come in at a total of \$2,492,520. Assuming Plymouth County's project will use their total award of \$1,189,278 this leaves a balance of \$84,251 to distribute. Staff emailed Transportation Technical Committee members of these available funds on June 4, 2009 and requested a project proposal letter for the balance by June 26, 2009. Sioux City Transit System submitted the only proposal requesting \$84,251 for the purchase of a medium-duty low-floor 28 ft expansion bus. Jeff Harcum with Sioux City Transit System reported the cost of the bus is \$146,000 (\$84,251 federal share and \$61,749 local). Discussion followed

1. The balance of \$84,251 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds needs to be programmed.

On behalf of the Transportation Technical Committee, Jill Wanderscheid moved to approve the FY 2009 – 2012 Transportation Improvement Program amendment as presented, seconded by Paul Nolan. No further discussion. Motion carried.

On behalf of the Policy Board, Ken Beaulieu moved to approve the FY 2009 – 2012 Transportation Improvement Program amendment as presented, seconded by Marvin Sorenson. No further discussion. Motion carried.

- IX. **FY 2010 – 2013 MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** – Michelle Bostinelos explained the TIP is a four year listing of federally funded projects for all three states. She provided an overview of the document and reviewed FY 2010-2013 projects listed. She noted a new addition to the document is the clarification of how TIP revisions, amendments and administrative modifications should be determined.

Paul Nolan with the city of South Sioux City discussed the following changes to the FY 2010-2013 TIP.

CN: 32081 - Dakota Avenue Overlay (29th to I-29) program \$600.0 Total (\$540.0 Federal, \$60.0 Local) in FY 2010

CN: 32081 - Dakota Avenue Overlay (29th to I-29) program \$700.0 Total (\$560.0 Federal, \$140.0 Local) in FY 2013

On behalf of the Transportation Technical Committee, Paul Nolan moved to approve the FY 2010 – 2013 Transportation Improvement Program with the requested changes, seconded by Jill Wanderscheid. No further discussion. Motion carried.

On behalf of the Policy Board, Ross Jordan moved to approve the FY 2010 – 2013 Transportation Improvement Program with the requested changes, seconded by Craig Anderson. No further discussion. Motion carried.

- X. **Resolution 2010-1 Self-Certification of the MPO Transportation Planning Process** – Michelle Bostinelos explained this resolution certifies that the transportation planning process in the Sioux City Metropolitan Planning Area is being carried on in conformance with all applicable Federal requirements.

On behalf of the Transportation Technical Committee, Jeff Dooley moved to approve the 2010-1 Self-Certification Resolution as presented, seconded by Ray Roggow. No further discussion. Motion carried

On behalf of the Policy Board, Craig Anderson moved to approve the 2010-1 Self Certification Resolution as presented, seconded by Ross Jordan. Motion carried.

- XI. **Resolution 2010-2 Project Development – Sioux City Transit System** – Michelle Bostinelos explained this resolution assures the city of Sioux City as recipient of program assistance from the Federal Transit Administration has fulfilled their planning obligation in the development of projects contained in the FY 2010-2013 MPO Transportation Improvement Program.

On behalf of the Transportation Technical Committee, Jill Wanderscheid moved to approve the 2010-2 Project Development resolution as presented, seconded by Jim Ferneau. No further discussion. Motion carried

On behalf of the Policy Board, Ross Jordan moved to approve the 2010-2 Project Development resolution as presented, seconded by Ken Beaulieu. Motion carried.

- XII. **Milwaukee Railroad Shops Historic District** – Larry Obermeyer with the Siouxland Historical Railroad Association provided an informative PowerPoint presentation on the clean-up/restoration work of this historic district located in Sioux City. His presentation illustrated local railroad history, current and future exhibits and funding resources.

- XIII. **Additional Comments** – There were no additional comments.

- XIV. **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m. Members were served lunch catered by the Dakota Dunes Country Club and were invited to stay for eighteen-hole golf.