

SIouxLAND INTERSTATE METROPOLITAN PLANNING COUNCIL  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
Policy Board

Minutes of the September 4, 2008 Meeting

1:30 P.M.

SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert J. Giese, Chair	City of South Sioux City, Nebraska
Jim Rixner, Vice Chair	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Craig Anderson	Plymouth County, Iowa
Ken Beaulieu	Dakota Dunes Community Improvement District (CID), South Dakota
Brent Hoffman	City of Sioux City, Iowa
William McLarty	Dakota County, Nebraska
William Merrill	City of North Sioux City, South Dakota
Mark Monson	Woodbury County, Iowa
Sid Seward	City of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa
Marvin Sorensen	City of Sioux City / Transit System

MEMBERS ABSENT

Charmaine Cantrell	City of Dakota City, Nebraska
Ross Jordan	Union County, South Dakota

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Dakin Schultz	Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT)
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GUESTS

Barbara Sloniker	Siouxland Chamber of Commerce
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STAFF

Michelle Bostinelos, Transportation Planning Director	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council (SIMPCO)
Kellee Van Bruggen, Transportation Planner	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council (SIMPCO)
Eric Sanders, Transportation Planner	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council (SIMPCO)
Dwight Lang, Co-Executive Director	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council (SIMPCO)
Sharon Burton, Secretary	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council (SIMPCO)

The Policy Board met on Thursday, September 4, 2008 at 1:30 p.m., at SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa. Robert J. Giese, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

- I. **Approval of the Agenda** – Chair Bob Giese asked if there were any deletions or corrections to the agenda. ***Jim Rixner moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by William McLarty. Motion carried.***
- II. **Approval of the Minutes** – Chair Bob Giese asked if there were any deletions or corrections to the minutes of July 10, 2008 Combined Policy Board and Transportation Technical Committee meeting. ***Mark Monson moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Sid Seward. Motion carried.***
- III. **Review Monthly Correspondence** – Michelle Bostinelos gave a brief overview of the director's report included in the meeting packet. She reported the Bike and Pedestrian Roundtable met in August with Milly Ortiz of Iowa DOT giving a presentation on the Complete Street Concept.  
Ms Ortiz and Mark Wyatt from the Iowa Bike Coalition will speak on the Complete Street Concept at the January Transportation Technical Committee and Policy Board meetings.  
In August Ms. Bostinelos attended a passenger rail meeting in Ames. She explained the Iowa DOT is forming a new committee to develop and promote passenger rail in Iowa. Discussions included developing passenger rail from Chicago over to Dubuque and Davenport and eventually over to Iowa City, Des Moines and Cedar Rapids. Long-range plans could include connections to Sioux City. Discussion followed.

Michelle Bostinelos explained one new requirement of SAFETEA-LU is the inclusion of street operations and maintenance expenditure reports. The Transportation Technical Committee and Policy Board approved FY 2009 – 2012 Transportation Improvement Program at their combined July 10, 2008 meeting; however, Nebraska DOR's reports were not included at that time. The Transportation Technical Committee did recommend approval of this amendment as presented. ***Jim Rixner moved to accept the recommendation of the Transportation Technical Committee and approve the element amendment to the FY 2009 – 2012 Transportation Improvement Program as presented, seconded by Richard Storm. Motion carried.***

**VIII. Passenger Transportation Development Plan (PTDP) and MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2009 – 2012 Transit Element Amendments and Revisions** – Michelle Bostinelos

explained federally funded transportation projects are required to be shown in both the Passenger Transportation Development Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program. Therefore, amendments or revisions also have to be reflected in both documents.

Amendments:

1. Sioux City Transit System 176" LD bus upgrade to 28' MD low-floor diesel bus (#1063) needs to be programmed at a total estimated cost of \$68,000 with \$56,440 Federal participation (5317) in FY 2009.
2. Sioux City Transit System JARC Program with Alorica needs to be programmed at a total estimated cost of \$100,000 with \$50,000 Federal participation (5316) in FY 2009.
3. Sioux City Transit System weather coverings within the Martin Luther King, Jr. Transportation Center needs to be programmed at a total estimated cost of \$10,000 with \$8,000 Federal participation (Intercity Bus Program) in FY 2009.

***Jim Rixner moved to accept the recommendation of the Transportation Technical Committee and approve the amendments to the Passenger Transportation Development Plan and to the FY 2009 – 2012 Transportation Improvement Program as presented, seconded by Brent Hoffman. Motion carried.***

Revisions:

1. Sioux City Transit System three 35' HD ADA buses (#1077, 1079, 1081) with cameras needs to be programmed at a total estimated cost of \$1,023,000 with \$849,090 Federal participation (5309) in FY 2009.
2. Sioux City Transit System four 40' HD ADA buses (#1334, 1335, 1336, 1337) with cameras need to be programmed at a total estimated cost of \$1,416,000 with \$1,175,280 Federal participation (5309) in FY 2009.

***Jim Rixner moved to accept the recommendation of the Transportation Technical Committee and approve the revisions to the Passenger Transportation Development Plan and to the FY 2009 -2012 Transportation Improvement Program as presented, seconded by Marvin Sorenson. Motion carried.***

**IX. Sioux City Transit System Routes Study** – Curt Miller with Sioux City Transit reported the consultant is in the final stages of updating the 2002 Routes Study and providing an Operational Analysis. He explained in order to receive federal funding; the Federal Transit Administration requires bus systems to complete a comprehensive route study every five years. Objectives of the study include identifying areas for improvement, determine if the expectations of users are being met and evaluate the efficiency of operations. He showed maps illustrating current routes and suggested changes. He noted input was received from transit drivers, passengers, public phone surveys and public open houses. Discussion followed.

**X. Additional Comments** – The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 6, 2008, 1:30 p.m., SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa.

**XI. Adjournment** – ***Mark Monson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by William Merrill. Motion carried.*** The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.