

SIOUXLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ASSOCIATION
Policy Board

Minutes of the Thursday, May 27, 2010 Meeting

10:00 a.m.

SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Simonsen, Chair	Cherokee County
John Rexwinkel, Vice Chair	City of Le Mars
Allen Hilker	Ida County
Don Kass	Plymouth County
John McCall	Monona County
Jim Peck	City of Cherokee
Doug Walish	Woodbury County

GUESTS

Mark Monson	Ida County
Sara Te Slaa	KMEG

STAFF

Michelle Bostinelos, Transportation Planning Director	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 Policy Board met on Thursday, May 27, 2010 at 10:00 a.m., in the Meisner Conference Room at SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa. Jeff Simonsen, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

- I. **Approval of the Agenda** – Chair Jeff Simonsen asked if there were any corrections to the agenda. *Doug Walish moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by John McCall. No further discussion. Motion carried.*
- II. **Approval of the Minutes** – Chair Jeff Simonsen asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of March 18, 2010 Policy Board regular meeting. *John McCall moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Allen Hilker. No further discussion. Motion carried.*
- III. **Review Monthly Correspondence** – Michelle Bostinelos provided an overview of the director's report included in the meeting packet. She reported staff organized and held a *Transit Training Day* for health and human service agencies on April 26th at the Siouxland Center for Active Generations in Sioux City. Siouxland Regional Transit and Sioux City Transit provided bus tours and answered questions on operations, fare structures and programs available. On May 11th staff participated in a conference call with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in Washington D.C. for a case study on rural transit systems and the planning process. Staff attended a Volunteer Transportation Summit on May 20th in Sioux City. She noted the consulting firm who hosted the summit is interested in creating a volunteer based transportation system in Sioux City. Staff is assisting the Tri-State Incident Management Committee with detour plans on I-29 in Monona County. Staff is conducting traffic counts and an intersection study along Highway 3 in Le Mars. Discussion followed.
- IV. **Transportation Improvement Progress Report** – Michelle Bostinelos reported Dakin Schultz with Iowa DOT was unable to attend the meeting today. She handed out an update provided by Mr. Schultz on current projects in the SRTPA area. She also reported the Iowa 3 Bridge at Westfield is now open. The Iowa Transportation Commission approved additional funds for 2010 roadway maintenance projects due to the winter weather. The Iowa DOT has released the draft FY 2011 - 2015 Transportation Improvement Program. She noted the draft program is available on the Iowa DOT's website: http://www.iowadot.gov/program_management/five_year.html The Iowa Transportation Commission will hold a tour and public input meeting August 9-10 at Storm Lake. She noted members are welcome to contact staff about topics they would like presented at the public input meeting. Discussion followed.

- V. **FY 2011 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) Final** – Michelle Bostinelos explained the TPWP outlines transportation planning activities and budget information for the next fiscal year. A draft of the FY 2011 TPWP was presented for review at the March 18, 2010 meeting. She noted the following additions have been made since it 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.

John Rexwinkel moved to approve the FY 2011 Transportation Planning Work Program as presented, seconded by Doug Walish. No further discussion. Motion carried.

- VI. **FY 2011 – 2014 SRTPA Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Draft** – Michelle Bostinelos explained the TIP, which is prepared annually by SIMPCO staff, shows a four year listing of transportation projects for the SRTPA area that will be utilizing federal funding. She asked members to review the draft presented and to contact staff with questions or comments within the next two weeks. She noted a copy would also be sent to the Transportation Technical Committee (TAC) for review and comments. A draft of the FY 2011 – 2014 TIP is due to the Iowa DOT by June 15, 2010. Staff will hold a public input meeting on Tuesday, June 22, 2010 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at SIMPCO.
- VII. **Additional Comments** –The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, June 24, 2010, 1122 Pierce Street. The final draft of the FY 2011 – 2014 Transportation Improvement Program will be presented for approval. A Siouxland Regional Transit System Board of Directors meeting will follow.
- VIII. **Adjournment** – Chair Jeff Simonsen adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.