

SIouxLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ASSOCIATION (SRTPA)  
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Minutes of the Wednesday, June 29, 2011 Meeting

1:00 p.m.

SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dave Carney, Chair	Monona County
Dave Shanahan, Vice Chair ( <i>Entered meeting at approximately 1:50 p. m.</i> )	Cherokee County
Terry Brewer	Siouxland Regional Transit System (SRTS)
Scott Langel	City of Le Mars
John Meis	City of Cherokee
Patrick Mouw	Ida County
Mark Nahra	Woodbury County
Tom Rohe	Plymouth County

NON-VOTING MEMBERS:

Dakin Schultz Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT)

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
Eric Wilke, Transportation Planning Intern	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 Advisory Committee (TAC) met on Wednesday, June 29, 2011, at 1:00 p.m., in the Meisner Conference Room at SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa. Dave Carney, Chair, called the meeting to order 1:10 p.m. A quorum was present.

- I. **Approval of the Agenda** – Chair Dave Carney asked if there were any corrections to the agenda. *Patrick Mouw moved to approve the June 29, 2011 agenda as presented, seconded by John Meis. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.*
- II. **Approval of the Minutes** – Chair Dave Carney asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the May 18, 2011 meeting. *Scott Langel moved to approve the minutes of May 18, 2011 meeting as presented, seconded by John Meis. 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. Ms. Bostinelos presented transportation issues concerning the SRTPA and U.S. Highway 20 at the Iowa DOT Commission meeting held on June 14, 2011 at the Sioux City Convention Center. She noted the location of the July 8, 2011 U.S. Highway 20 Corridor Association meeting has been moved from the Long Lines Recreation Center to the Sioux City Museum, 607 4<sup>th</sup> Street (downtown Sioux City). Ms. Bostinelos introduced Eric Wilke who is working until the end of July as an intern in SIMPCO's transportation division. Mr. Wilke is attending the University of Iowa to obtain a master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning. Ms. Bostinelos noted Sandy Langel has retired as SRTS Transit Director. She introduced Terry Brewer who has been appointed as the new Director.
- IV. **Transportation Improvement Progress Report** – Dakin Schultz with Iowa DOT provided a brief overview of flood mitigation work currently underway. He advised before traveling to check the Iowa DOT website for road closures or call the flood hotline which is open from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. daily. Mr. Schultz reported the new Iowa DOT Director, Paul Trombino, plans to attend the U.S. Highway 20 Corridor Association meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

Ben Kusler with Woodbury County reported the 180<sup>th</sup> Street bridge construction is going well. Construction east of Anthon on D-38 should start in July. Two bridge projects will be let in August.

John Meis with the City of Cherokee reported the preconstruction meeting for the 11<sup>th</sup> Street project is scheduled for next week. Bid lettings for the Lake Street and Spring Lake Park Trail projects are scheduled for January.

Scott Langel with the City of Le Mars reported the west 300-400 curb and gutter work is finished on 12<sup>th</sup> Street; and the contractor plans to complete the full depth in July. Work on Lincoln Lake started at the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and will proceed to 21<sup>st</sup> Street. The field review with the Iowa DOT on Iowa Highway 3 has been finished so design work is proceeding. This is a joint project between the City and Iowa DOT. The total project cost is approximately \$1,000,000 with \$500,000 funding from the DOT and \$500,000 Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds.

Tom Rohe with Plymouth County reported work is underway on two bridge projects let in March. The deck was poured for one last week and the other will be poured next week. Both projects should be completed within the next month. The ten mile PC overlay project let in April originally scheduled to start in late May will now start next Tuesday or Wednesday. This project begins at the Cherokee County line and will go west 10 miles.

Patrick Mouw with Ida County reported the preconstruction meeting for the bridge let in April is scheduled for next Wednesday and construction should start in late July.

Dave Carney with Monona County reported the BROS project on Tulip Avenue should be finished around the middle of August.

- V. **FY 2012 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) Revision** – Michelle Bostinelos reported the TPWP was approved by the Policy Board on May 19, 2011. Notification was received from the Iowa DOT on May 23<sup>rd</sup> that the FHWA SPR and FTA 5311 targets had decreased from \$22,899 to \$22,629, a difference of \$270 for each funding source. Staff has adjusted the FY 2012 TPWP budget to reflect the revised targets; and is requesting the TAC recommend approval to the Policy Board.

*Scott Langel moved to recommend to the Policy Board approval of the FY 2012 Transportation Planning Work Program with target revisions as presented, seconded by Tom Rohe. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.*

- VI. **FY 2011 – 2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment** – Michelle Bostinelos reported with the enactment of the last transportation bill, SAFETEA-LU, Woodbury County received earmark funding of approximately \$1,000,000 for the K-35 project. The County received notification from Iowa DOT that a balance of \$76,000 remained on this project. The proposed amendment to the FY 2011 – 2014 TIP will be utilizing that remaining balance. Ms. Bostinelos noted the project letting is scheduled for August. Discussion followed.

1. K-35: HDP – CO 97 – (113) 6B-97 in Woodbury County from K42 west 1300 feet needs to be programmed for a total estimated cost of \$151,000 with \$76,000 in Federal participation in FY 2011

*Patrick Mouw moved to recommend to the Policy Board the proposed amendment to the FY 2011 – 2014 Transportation Improvement Program as presented, seconded by John Meis. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.*

- VII. **FY 2012 – 2015 Surface Transportation Program (STP) Allocations** – Michelle Bostinelos reported on May 19, 2011 the Policy Board approved the revised STP allocations recommended by the TAC with the stipulation that the TAC reexamine funding before projects are programmed into the final FY 2012 – 2015 Transportation Improvement Program.

TAC members reviewed and discussed project allocations recommended in May.

*Dave Shanahan entered the meeting at approximately 1:50 p.m.*

The following adjustments to FY 2012 – 2015 STP allocations were proposed:

1. City of Le Mars, Iowa Highway 3 (widening/turn lanes) Total \$450,000, Federal Aid \$140,000 in FY 2012  
**Federal Aid increased from \$140,000 to \$227,000 (\$87,000) in FY 2012**
2. Ida County, M-31, Total \$3,000,000, Federal Aid \$1,500,000 in FY 2013  
**Reprogram project to FY 2015 at the same Federal participation, \$1,500,000**
3. Monona County, E-34, Total \$4,550,000, Federal Aid \$1,655,000 in FY 2014 and \$620,000 in FY 2015  
**Adjust Federal Aid to \$1,100,000 in FY 2013 and \$1,175,000 in FY 2014; Federal Aid would remain unchanged at \$2,275,000**

Discussion followed.

*John Meis moved to recommend the proposals presented to the Policy Board for approval, seconded by Tom Rohe. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.*

- VIII. **Resolution 2012 – 1: Approval of the final FY 2012 – 2015 SRTPA Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** – Michelle Bostinelos reported the TIP is a four-year listing of transportation projects for SRTPA area that will be utilizing Federal funding. She noted upon approval of the Policy Board the project tables would be changed to reflect the actions of agenda item VII.

*Scott Langel moved to recommend to the Policy Board approval of the final FY 2012 – 2015 Transportation Improvement Program with changes approved under agenda item VII, seconded by Tom Rohe. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.*

- IX. **Discussion on STP Allocation Based Population Guidelines** – Kellee Van Bruggen presented and reviewed the proposed spreadsheet illustrating funding allocations based on 2010 census data. Discussion followed. Members decided to begin using 2010 population data as a base for allocations with FY 2016 targets and agreed on the following guidelines for building and carrying balances – *A negative balance can only be carried the length of the transportation bill; a positive balance can be carried as long as wanted, but individual funding allocations can never exceed the total annual targeted amount received in a fiscal year.*
- X. **Additional Comments** – Michelle Bostinelos reported the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, 2011, 9:30 a.m., 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City.

Tom Rohe urged members to attend one of the Governor's Transportation 2020 Citizen Advisory Commission (CAC) public input meetings. He noted these meetings will provide an opportunity for discussion of area transportation needs and issues. Dakin Schultz noted the CAC was organized to review revenue levels of Iowa's road use tax fund and the sufficiency of those revenues to meet the construction and maintenance needs of Iowa's state, city and county roads. Once the dates and times have been scheduled, Mr. Schultz will notify Michelle Bostinelos.

- XI. **Adjournment** – *Dave Shanahan moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Patrick Mouw. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.* Chair Dave Carney adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.