

SIouxLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ASSOCIATION (SRTPA)
Policy Board

Minutes of the Thursday, June 30, 2011 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
Don Kass	Plymouth County
John McCall	Monona County
Mark Monson	Woodbury County
Jim Peck	City of Cherokee

MEMBER ABSENT:

Allen Hilker	Ida County
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NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dakin Schultz (<i>via conference call</i>)	Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT)
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STAFF

Michelle Bostinelos, Transportation Planning Director	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, Administrative Assistant	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council

The Policy Board met on Thursday, June 30, 2011 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 10:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

- I. **Approval of the Agenda** – Chair Jeff Simonsen asked if there were any corrections to the June 30, 2011 agenda.
Mark Monson moved to approve the June 30, 2011 agenda as presented, seconded by John Rexwinkel. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.
- II. **Approval of the Minutes** – Chair Jeff Simonsen asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of May 19, 2011 Policy Board meeting.
John McCall moved to approve the minutes of May 19, 2011 Policy Board meeting as presented, seconded by Don Kass. 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 14th at the Sioux City Convention Center. She assisted the City of Holstein with a bike trail application that was awarded funding by the Iowa DOT Commission on June 14th. 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. He has been working with Kellee Van Bruggen on the Safe Routes to Schools plans for the eastside schools in Sioux City and the Sergeant Bluff School District.
- IV. **Transportation Improvement Progress Report** – Dakin Schultz with Iowa DOT provided an update on Missouri River flood issues in Monona and Woodbury counties. He reported the Iowa DOT Commission approved the five-year program as presented on June 14th. Governor Branstad announced the Governor's Transportation 2020 Citizen Advisory Commission (CAC) has been 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. Mr. Schultz encouraged members to attend one of the public input meetings CAC will be holding. He noted these meetings will provide an opportunity for discussion of

area transportation needs and issues. Once the dates and locations have been scheduled, he will notify Michelle Bostinelos.

Michelle Bostinelos provided the following updates from the SRTPA Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting held yesterday.

Woodbury County reported the 180th 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.

City of Cherokee reported the preconstruction meeting for the 11th Street project is scheduled for next week. Bid lettings for the Lake Street and Spring Lake Park Trail projects are scheduled for January.

City of Le Mars reported the west 300-400 curb and gutter work is finished on 12th Street; and the contractor plans to complete the full depth in July. Work on Lincoln Lake started at the intersection of 6th Avenue and will proceed to 21st 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 Iowa DOT and the City. The total project cost is approximately \$1,000,000 with \$500,000 funding from the DOT and \$500,000 Surface Transportation Program funds.

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 will start at the Cherokee County line and will go west 10 miles.

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

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 as presented at May 19, 2011 meeting. She noted at that time staff indicated there could be an adjustment in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding, and target revisions may have to be presented for approval.

Ms. Bostinelos reported on May 23, 2011 notification was received from Iowa DOT regarding a revision to the FHWA SPR and FTA 5311 funds for the FY 2012 TPWP. She explained the targets for both funding sources were reduced from \$22,899 to \$22,629, a decrease of \$270 each. Staff has adjusted the FY 2012 TPWP and is requesting the Policy Board approve the program with the revised targets. She noted although targets were reduced, the work activities would remain the same.

Ms. Bostinelos reported the TAC recommends approval of the FY 2012 TPWP with the noted target revisions.

Don Kass moved to accept the recommendation of the TAC and approve the FY 2012 Transportation Planning Work Program with the target revisions as noted, seconded by Mark Monson. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.

- VI. **FY 2011 – 2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment** – Michelle Bostinelos reviewed the proposed amendment to the FY 2011 – 2014 TIP.

1. K-35: HDP – CO97 (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.

Ms. 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. She noted the project letting is scheduled for August. Discussion followed.

Ms. Bostinelos reported the TAC recommends approval of the amendment as presented.

Mark Monson moved to accept the recommendation of the TAC and approve the amendment to the FY 2011 – 2014 Transportation Improvement Program as presented, seconded by John Rexwinkel. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.

- VII. **FY 2012 – 2015 STP Allocations** – Kellee Van Bruggen reported at the May 19, 2011 Policy Board meeting TAC recommendations for revised Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Transportation Enhancement (TE) targets were approved as presented based on the condition that the TAC would review STP allocations at their next meeting, June 29, 2011.

Ms. Bostinelos handed out and reviewed a summary of adjustments to the revised FY 2012 – 2015 STP targets recommended by the TAC at their meeting held yesterday.

1. City of Le Mars, Iowa Highway 3 (widening/turn lanes) Total \$450,000, Federal Aid \$140,000 in FY 2012

Recommendation – Increase Federal Aid 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

Recommendation – Reprogram project from FY 2013 to FY 2015

3. Monona County, E-34, Total \$4,550,000, Federal Aid \$1,655,000 in FY 2014 and \$620,000 in FY 2015

*Recommendation – Adjust Federal Aid to \$1,100,000 in FY 2013 and \$1,175,000 in FY 2014
(Note – Federal Aid would remain unchanged at \$2,275,000)*

Discussion followed.

John Rexwinkel moved to accept all three recommendations of the TAC and approve all adjustments to the FY 2012 – 2015 Surface Transportation Program allocations as presented, seconded by Jim Peck. 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 the SRTPA area that will be utilizing federal funding. A draft of the FY 2012 – 2015 TIP was presented for review at the May 19, 2011 meeting. She noted adjustments have been made based on Iowa DOT comments.

Ms. Bostinelos reviewed the document noting adjustments and new requirements. She reported project tables will be changed to reflect the action of agenda item VII.

Ms. Bostinelos reported Resolution 2012 - 1 confirms Policy Board approval of the FY 2012 – 2015 TIP and submittal to the Iowa DOT for inclusion in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

Ms. Bostinelos reported the TAC recommends approval of the FY 2012 2015 TIP with the accepted FY 2012 – 2015 STP target revisions.

Don Kass moved to accept the recommendation of TAC and approve Resolution 2012 – 1: Approval of the final FY 2012 – 2015 SRTPA Transportation Improvement Program, seconded by John Rexwinkel. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.

- IX. **Additional Comments** – Ms. Bostinelos reported the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 15, 2011, 10:00 a.m., 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City.

- X. **Adjournment** – Chair Jeff Simonsen adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.