

SIOUXLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION  
PLANNING ASSOCIATION  
Policy Board

Minutes of the Thursday, June 25, 2009 Meeting

10:00 a.m.

SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa

The Policy Board met on Thursday, June 25, 2009 at 10:00 a.m., at the Meisner Conference Room, SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa. Jeff Simonsen, Chair, called the meeting to order 10:00 a.m.

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
Doug Walish	Woodbury County

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jim Peck	City of Cherokee
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NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stanley Peterson (via conference call)	Systems Planning, Iowa DOT
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GUESTS:

Mark Monson	Woodbury County
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STAFF:

Michelle Bostinelos, Transportation Planning Director	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Kellee Van Bruggen, Transportation Planning	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Jane Gilbert, Co-Executive Director	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Dwight Lang, Co-Executive Director	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Sharon Burton, Secretary	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council

- I. **Approval of the Revised Agenda** – Chair Jeff Simonsen asked if there were amendments or corrections to the revised agenda. ***Allen Hilker moved to approve the agenda with revisions as presented, seconded by Don Kass. Motion carried.***
- II. **Approval of the Minutes** – Chair Jeff Simonsen asked if there were amendments or corrections to the minutes of the May 21, 2009 Policy Board regular meeting. ***Doug Walish moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Allen Hilker. Motion carried.***
- III. **Review Monthly Correspondence** – Michelle Bostinelos provided an overview of the director's report included in the meeting packet.

Ms. Bostinelos and Kellee Van Bruggen presented the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan to the Monona County Board of Supervisors on May 19<sup>th</sup>, the Cherokee and Ida County Board of Supervisors on May 26<sup>th</sup>, the Plymouth County Board of Supervisors and Le Mars City Council on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors and Cherokee City Council on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

She reported the approved FY 2010 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) has been submitted to the Iowa DOT, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). A Coordinated Transportation Issues Committee (CTIC) meeting was held on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Staff attended the I-JOBS presentation on June 17<sup>th</sup> in Sioux City.

IV. **Transportation Improvement Progress Report** – Michelle Bostinelos reported due to meeting conflicts Dakota Schultz with Iowa DOT was unable to attend today. She handed out a report provided by Mr. Schultz showing area projects and June lettings. Also, provided was a listing of Region IV projects included in the 5 year program (FY 2010- 2014) approved by the Commission.

V. **FY 2009 – 2012 SRTPA Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments** –

1. The balance of \$14,973 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds needs to be programmed.

Kellee Van Bruggen referred to the summary of ARRA project awards and letting totals included in the meeting packet. The SRTPA was given a target amount of \$2,945,510 and the letting for all awarded projects totaled \$2,930,537, leaving an extra balance of \$14,973. Staff is recommending members program the remaining funds. Discussion followed.

***Don Kass moved to apply the extra funds towards the purchase of a bus for the Siouxland Regional Transit System (SRTS), seconded by Doug Walish. Discussion followed. Motion carried.***

Stanley Petersen with Iowa DOT reported the statewide ARRA target was \$120,000,000 and to date lettings total \$62,000,000, leaving an approximate balance of \$58,000,000. In February any surplus funding will be returned to the state and they will decide to either use the funding or distribute. Discussion followed on whether there are any other "shovel ready" projects in case surplus funding is distributed. Ms. Bostinelos will contact the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members about this possibility and projects.

2. Redwood Ave Bridge over Norway Creek in Monona County needs to be programmed at a total estimated cost of \$600,000 with \$480,000 Federal participation (HBP) in FY 2009.

Michelle Bostinelos reported this project was initially programmed for 2008, but was not ready to move forward. Therefore, Monona County has requested the project be moved to 2009. Discussion followed. ***Allen Hilker moved to approve the amendment as presented, seconded by John Rexwinkel. No further discussion. Motion carried.***

VI. **FY 2010 – 2013 SRTPA Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Final** – Michelle Bostinelos reported a public input meeting was held for the FY 2010 – 2013 TIP on Tuesday, June 23, 2009 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at SIMPCO, and no comments were received.

She noted the Surface Transportation Projects, Transportation Enhancement and Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Programs approved at the February 26, 2009, meeting are included in the TIP. A new addition to the document is a section providing guidance on defining revisions. She explained a revision is a change to the TIP that occurs between scheduled periodic updates. There are two types of changes that occur under a revision, an amendment which involves a major change to a project or an administrative modification which is a minor change. Discussion followed.

Ms. Bostinelos reported the final FY 2010 – 2013 TIP was sent to TAC members for review and no comments were returned. Staff recommends approval as presented.

***Doug Walish moved to approve the FY 2010 – 2013 TIP as presented, seconded by Don Kass. No further discussion. Motion carried.***

VII. **Resolution 2009 – 1 Approval of the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan** – Kellee Van Bruggen reported all comments received during the public comment period and public input meeting have been addressed. She provided an overview of these changes. Discussion followed. Stanley Petersen with Iowa DOT complimented the transportation planning staff on the hard work they put into the plan. He complimented staff on the plan's visualization, existing and future strength and weaknesses and the project prioritization and implementation schedule for 2010, 2013, 2015 and 2035.

Ms. Bostinelos asked members to review Resolution 2009 – 1 which signifies the Policy Board's approval of the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan for the RPA Region IV as presented.

***John Rexwinkel moved to authorize the chair to sign Resolution 2009 – 1 approving the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan as presented, seconded by Allen Hilker. No further discussion. Motion carried.***

Ms. Bostinelos noted a copy of the final approved plan will be sent to TAC members.

VIII. **Additional Comments** – The next meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 17, 2009 at SIMPCO. A TAC meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at SIMPCO.

Michelle Bostinelos noted staff will be evaluating the current Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Transportation Enhancement (TE) application process and criteria.

Stanley Petersen reported Iowa DOT has streamlined the Passenger Transportation Development Plan (PTDP) process. Instead of updating the planning annually, a short report will be required each year and an update will be required every five years.

IX. **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.