

SIOUXLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ASSOCIATION
Policy Board

Minutes of the Thursday, September 16, 2010 Meeting

9:30 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
Jim Peck	City of Cherokee
Doug Walsh	Woodbury County

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Don Kass	Plymouth County
John Mc Call	Monona County

GUESTS PRESENT:

Mark Monson	Woodbury County
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NON-VOTING MEMBERS:

Dakin Schultz	Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT)
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STAFF:

Dwight Lang, Co-Executive Director	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Kellee Van Bruggen, Transportation Planner II	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Sharon Burton, Secretary	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council

The Policy Board met on Thursday, September 16, 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 10:00 a.m.

- I. **Approval of the Agenda** – Chair Jeff Simonsen asked if there were any corrections to the agenda. *John Rexwinkel moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Allen Hilker. No further discussion. Motion carried.*
- II. **Approval of the Minutes** – Chair Jeff Simonsen asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of July 1, 2010 Policy Board meeting. *Doug Walsh moved to approve the July 1, 2010 minutes as presented, seconded by Jim Peck. No further discussion. Motion carried.*
- III. **Review Monthly Correspondence** – Dwight Lang reported Michelle Bostinelos is on maternity leave and will return to work on September 27th.

Mr. Lang provided an overview of the director's report included in the meeting packet. He reported staff attended Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) training on land use and performance measures March 31 – April 1 in Ames. Staff continues to attend Tri-State Incident Management Committee meetings, and is currently providing assistance with detour plans for construction on I-29 in Monona County. Staff conducted traffic counts on Highway 3 in Le Mars. SIMPCO and the city of Sioux City hosted a U.S. Highway 20 Corridor meeting on July 9, 2010 at the Long Lines Recreation Center in Sioux City. Staff attended the Iowa Transportation Commission meeting on August 10, 2010 in Storm Lake. Discussion followed on the status of area trail projects.

- IV. **Transportation Improvement Progress Report** – Dakin Schultz with Iowa DOT reported bridge reconstruction is currently underway on Iowa 141 west of Hornick in Woodbury County. Repair work has been finished on the bridge in Ida Grove and it is now open to traffic. Patching maintenance work on U.S. 59 in Ida County, north of Ida Grove, will start this fall. The contractor doing pavement reconstruction on I-29 southbound from Onawa to Whiting continues to make good progress. Additional federal funding was received by the state this year and the Iowa Transportation Commission is considering allocating these

funds for increased statewide contract maintenance, advancing work from 2012 to 2011 on I-29 Segment 2 south of downtown area, advancing paving from 2012 to 2011 for U.S. Highway 20 in Calhoun and Sac counties (this would move the letting from July to May), and preservation. Discussion followed.

Dwight Lang provided the following updates from the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) held, Wednesday, September 15, 2010:

Scott Langel with the city of Le Mars reported work on U.S. Highway 75 (North from Highway 3, North to just short of the Floyd River Bridge) has been bid, awarded and fully constructed. The project included removal and replacement of all curb, gutters and side street returns along with some modifications to drainage structures. He noted SIMPCO services were utilized for traffic counts on Highway 3. Engineering proposals were solicited for Surface Transportation Program (STP) projects and Dewild Grant Reckert (DGR) was selected to work on those projects.

Tom Rohe with Plymouth County reported three federally funded bridges are currently under construction. Decks were poured on two this week and the third should have the deck poured within the next ten days. The contractor is finishing the center and edge line work on the K-22 stimulus project.

Dave Carney with Monona County reported the audit for the stimulus project was just finished, the Redwood Culvert project is done, and the bridge replacement on Tulip Avenue has been let.

Patrick Mouw with Ida County reported reconstruction and overlay work on M-25 is in the process of being finished, and a contract was awarded to Sundquist Engineering for the bridge on M-25.

John Meis with the city of Cherokee reported the Birch Street bridge plans are being reviewed by the Iowa DOT.

Dave Shanahan with Cherokee County reported the C-38 STP project has been finished, patching work on a few small bridges is currently underway; and repair work is being done on the L-56 bridge. The county is working with FEMA on funding to fix damages resulting from summer storms and floods.

V. SRTPA Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2011-2014 Amendment and Administrative Modifications – Dwight Lang and Kellee Van Bruggen requested TAC members review a print out of FY 2010 – 2013 projects from Iowa DOT's TPMS program to see if any projects should be carried over into FY 2011. Upon review the TAC recommended the Policy Board approve the following administrative modifications to the FY 2011-2014 TIP:

- Plymouth County requested the C-38 project from K-64 to Cherokee County line \$3,000,000 total cost with \$500,000 federal participation is moved from FY 2010 to FY 2011.
- Ida County requested the M-31 BROS project for \$250,000 federal participation is moved from FY 2010 to FY 2011.

Allen Hilker moved to accept the recommendation of the Transportation Advisory Committee and approve the two administrative modifications to the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program as presented, seconded by Doug Walsh. No further discussion. Motion carried.

VI. Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Transportation Enhancement (TE) Targets and Allocation of Funds – Kellee Van Bruggen reported the initial FY 2014 targets were allocated at the TAC meeting on March 17, 2010 and approved by the Policy Board on March 18, 2010. Since allocation of the initial targets, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has updated the 2010 apportionment tables; and staff received notification in May and July that the targets had been revised. The current remaining STP balance for FY 2014 is now \$1,968,200 and the TE balance for FY 2014 is now \$101,900.

Ms. Van Bruggen reported TAC members have discussed establishing a fair method of allocation for STP and TE funding. At yesterday's TAC meeting members approved using the population formula presented in the meeting packets. The TAC also requested staff update the population shown in the table using 2000 census numbers. Discussion followed.

- VII. **Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program Deadlines for FY 2015 Applications** – Kellee Van Bruggen reported annually staff solicits STP and TE proposals from member communities within the planning area. In past years applications have been sent in mid-December with a return deadline of mid-January. Projects are generally selected for inclusion into the Transportation Improvement Program by the TAC and presented to the Policy Board for approval in February or March. Approximately \$1.9 million in STP and \$121, 000 TE funds were allocated to the RPA for 2014.

Ms. Van Bruggen reported at yesterday's meeting the TAC recommended distributing FY 2015 STP and TE applications to member communities on December 10, 2010 with a deadline to staff of January 21, 2011. Discussion followed.

John Rexwinkel moved to accept the recommendation of the Transportation Advisory Committee and distribute FY 2015 Surface Transportation Program and Transportation Enhancement applications to member communities on December 10, 2010 with a deadline to staff of January 21, 2011, seconded by Allen Hilker. No further discussion. Motion carried.

- VIII. **Lewis and Clark Trail** – Dakin Schultz with Iowa DOT provided an informative PowerPoint presentation on the conclusions of the Lewis and Clark Trail study.
- IX. **Additional Comments** – The next meeting day was tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 18, 2010.
- X. **Adjournment** – Chair Jeff Simonsen adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.