

SIOUXLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ASSOCIATION
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Minutes of the Thursday, February 25, 2009 Meeting

9:30 a.m.

SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa

The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) met on Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at 9:30 a.m., in the Meisner Conference Room at SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa. Tom Rohe Chair, called the meeting to order 9:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Thomas Rohe, Chair	Plymouth County
John Meis, Vice Chair	City of Cherokee
Dave Carney	Monona County
Scott Langel	City of Le Mars
Sandra Langel	Siouxland Regional Transit System (SRTS)
Mark Nahra	Woodbury County
Dave Shanahan	Cherokee County
Ed Tice	Ida County

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dakin Schultz	Iowa DOT
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GUESTS:

Larry Burks	City of Onawa
Rita Frahm	Ida County Economic Development
Clint Glass	Intern - Iowa State University
Patrick Mouw	Ida County

STAFF:

Michelle Bostinelos, Transportation Planning Director	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Sharon Burton, Secretary	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
Kellee Van Bruggen, Transportation Planner	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council

- I. Approval of the Agenda – Chair Tom Rohe asked if there were additions, deletions, or corrections to the agenda. **Scott Langel moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by John Meis. Motion carried.**
- II. Approval of the Minutes – Chair Tom Rohe asked if there were additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the September 10, 2008 TAC regular meeting. **Dave Shanahan moved to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Scott Langel. Motion carried.**
- III. Review Monthly Correspondence– Michelle Bostinelos gave a brief overview of the director's report included in the meeting packet. Staff attended a Lewis and Clark Trail planning meeting in Omaha, Nebraska on February 4th. Members will be notified of future stakeholder meetings for this project, and a formal presentation may be scheduled during a future TAC meeting.
- IV. Transportation Improvement Progress Report – Tom Rohe with Plymouth County reported currently all bridges projects are complete. The county's federal economic stimulus project is ready for letting in April.

Dave Carney with Monona County reported currently under construction is the bridge replacement on 225th Street over the Soldier River. Plans for a bridge replacement in Willow Township is being targeted for either July or August. The county's federal economic stimulus project is ready for letting in April.

Mark Nahra with Woodbury County reported the county has two federal economic stimulus projects ready for the April letting, one for the RPA and one for the MPO. Plans are underway for three bridge projects this spring and two of these are HBRRP projects.

Dave Shanahan with Cherokee County reported the pavement rehab work on L-56, C-44 south to L-51 has been let. The C-38 should be let in approximately another month. The county's federal economic stimulus project is ready for letting in April.

Ed Tice with Ida County reported the county's federal economic stimulus project is ready for letting in April.

John Meis with the city of Cherokee reported the city's federal economic stimulus project is ready for letting in April.

Scott Langel with the city of Le Mars reported two projects would be let in March and two in May, and all four projects are on schedule.

Sandy Langel with Siouxland Regional Transit System reported one bus has been ordered and approval on an additional three is expected in April. The federal economic stimulus project bus will be ordered when notice is received to proceed.

Dakin Schultz with Iowa DOT reported they will be doing large lettings for the federal stimulus funds in March, April and May. Discussion followed on future construction costs and work on Highway 20.

- V. Surface Transportation Program (STP), Transportation Enhancement (TE) and Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program (HBRRP) Response to Request for Proposals – Michelle Bostinelos explained on an annual basis the SRTPA requests proposals for the Iowa DOT STP, TE and HBRRP program. Request for proposals were sent to TAC members on December 12, 2008 with a deadline to SIMPCO staff by January 23, 2009.

Ms. Bostinelos reported total TE funding available for FY 2013 is \$183,032 (\$106,932 Iowa DOT target plus \$76,100 balance roll-over). Ms. Bostinelos reviewed the TE funding requests received and invited representatives of each project to speak on their behalf. She noted a summarization of projects is included in the meeting packet, but full applications are available. The Galva Trail Project is not included in the summarization because it was just received this morning. Copies of this proposal were handed to members by Ida County Economic Development Director Rita Frahm.

Onawa Main Street Redevelopment: City Administrator Larry Burks provided an overview.

The project will include a 4-lane to 3-lane conversion from 4th Street to 16th Street on Highway 175/Iowa Avenue, new bicycle lanes, wider medians constructed of porous concrete, addition of rain gardens within the medians, improve crosswalks, addition of bike lanes and new street lighting. Project costs total \$338,764; federal request is \$271,011 or 80%. Looking to enhance the city's being known as the widest main street in the United States since Highway 175 runs through Onawa.

Mr. Burks showed a PowerPoint presentation illustrating the project area, history of the city, traffic and intersection crosswalk safety problems, damaged medians and detailed project costs. He noted this project would enhance the city's identity of having "the widest main street in the United States" and help with business district growth and retention. Discussion followed on the size of this project, the years of commitment, project eligibility and past TE projects funded. Suggestions were offered to Mr. Burks on different funding sources available for this type of project.

Recreation Trail Connectors: City Administrator Scott Langel provided an overview.

The project will include construction of a 2,000 foot long; 8-foot wide recreation trail along North R.O.W. line of Iowa Highway 3 from the existing trail on the east side of the Floyd River to 16th Avenue NW on the west side of Floyd River which will include one 125 foot long recreation trail bridge. Project costs total \$200,000; federal request is \$110,000 or 55%.

Mr. Langel reported this project was awarded \$50,000 or 25% of costs for FY 2012. At that time discussions included funding the project up to the 80% level when FY 2013 funds became available. He noted this project will not be able to move forward without additional funding. Discussion followed.

Galva Trail Project: Ida County Economic Development Director Rita Frahm provided an overview. The project is a recreational trail to be used for walking and biking with the anticipation that it will be a multi-phase project. It is estimated at one mile in length and will be a connection between the new subdivision and the middle school. Project costs total \$137,000; federal request is \$109,600 or 80%. *Ms. Frahm reviewed the project costs and reported funds to support this project have been raised through the Galva Economic Development Corporation and a REAP application has been submitted for this grant cycle. She reviewed a map illustrating the project location. County road D-15, which has the highest traffic count in Ida County, runs through the community, and a fatality did occur on this road in 2005. Discussion followed on current bicycling and walking safety issues in this area and reconsidering this project if economic stimulus funds become available.*

Mark Nahra moved to recommend to the Policy Board fully funding the city of Le Mars Recreation Trail Connectors project at \$110,000, seconded by Dave Shanahan. No further discussion. Motion carried. The Galva Trail Project will be reconsidered if economic stimulus funding becomes available.

Ms. Bostinelos reported total STP funding available for FY 2013 is \$1,715,500 (\$1,584,440 Iowa DOT target plus \$131,100 balance roll-over) She noted three previously programmed STP projects have received federal economic stimulus funding, Ida County M-15, city of Cherokee River Road and Woodbury County L-37. Discussions followed on whether this funding should be returned to the balance or allow jurisdictions to apply it towards other projects. **Dave Shanahan moved to allow the city of Cherokee, Ida and Woodbury counties to reallocate STP funds received, seconded by Scott Langel. No further discussion. Motion carried.**

Ms. Bostinelos reviewed the STP requests and invited members to discuss their submittals.

1. SIMPCO, planning, total costs FY 2010 \$46,250, federal participation \$37,000; FY 2011 \$48,750, federal participation \$39,000; FY 2012 \$51,250, federal participation \$41,000; FY 2013 \$53,750, federal participation \$43,000.
Discussion followed on current economic conditions and decreasing the federal participation in FY 2013 to \$42,000.
2. SIMPCO, Statewide Urban Design and Specifications, total cost \$5,000, federal participation \$4,000 for FY 2013.
Scott Langel moved to recommend to the Policy Board approval of STP request #1 at a total cost of \$52,500 with federal participation of \$42,000 for FY 2013, and to also recommend the approval of #2 at a total cost of \$5,000 with \$4,000 federal participation in FY 2013, seconded by John Meis. No further discussion. Motion carried.
3. Siouxland Regional Transit System (SRTS), one (1) 186" LD Bus, total cost \$81,250 with \$65,000 federal participation for FY 2013.
Sandy Langel noted the 186" should be changed to 176". She reported stimulus funding was not received through Iowa DOT Office of Public Transit to purchase new buses. Discussion followed.
4. City of Cherokee, Resurface (HMA, curb/gutter storm), North 11st Street from West Cedar Street – W. Bluff Street, total cost \$260,000 with \$208,000 federal participation for FY 2013.
It was recommended this project be approved at a total estimated cost of \$260,000 with \$208,000 federal participation in FY 2012. The project will be moved to FY 2012 to take the place of the city of Cherokee's River Road project that was programmed for \$120,000 and moved forward due to the receipt of federal economic stimulus funds plus an additional \$88,000 from STP funds.
5. County of Cherokee, Cold-in-Place with 3" overlay, M-21 from Highway 3 South to Highway 7 then Aurelia South 7 miles, total cost of \$2,040,000 with \$1,632,000 federal participation for FY 2013.
Dave Shanahan withdrew this project, but would like strong consideration for FY 2015.

6. Ida County, PCC paving, D-54, total cost of \$1,500,000 with \$1,000,000 federal participation for FY 2013.
Ed Tice withdrew this project.
7. Ida County, PCC paving, M-25, total cost of \$2,900,000 with \$1,400,000 federal participation in FY 2013.
It was recommended this project be approved for a total estimated cost of \$2,900,000 with \$1,000,000 federal participation in FY 2011. The project will be moved to FY 2011 to take the place of Ida County's M-15 project that was programmed for \$200,000 and moved forward due to federal economic stimulus funds plus an additional \$800,000 that was originally allocated to Ida County for the M-25 project in FY 2010.
8. Ida County, PCC paving, M-31, total cost of \$2,000,000 with \$1,000,000 federal participation in FY 2013.
Ed Tice withdrew this project.
9. Monona County, HMA overlay, E-34 from Highway 175 to State Highway 141, total cost of \$2,200,000 with federal participation of \$1,100,000 in FY 2013.
It was recommended this project be approved at a total estimated cost of \$2,200,000 with \$1,100,000 federal participation in FY 2013.
10. City of Le Mars, drainage & curb/gutter, 18th Street SW from Lincoln Street to Industrial Road, total cost \$150,000 with federal participation of \$120,000 in FY 2013.
Scott Langel withdrew this project.
11. City of Le Mars, drainage & curb/gutter, US 75 North from IA 3 to 6th Street North, total cost \$150,000, federal participation of \$120,000 in FY 2013.
Scott Langel withdrew this project.
12. City of Le Mars, widening/turn lanes, Lincoln/Lake Avenue SW from 4th Street SW; 6th Street SW; 12th Street SW; 21st Street SW; 24th Street SW; 18th Street SW, total cost \$300,000, federal participation of \$240,000 in FY 2013.
It was recommended this project be approved at a total estimated cost of \$300,000, federal participation of \$240,000 for FY 2013.
13. City of Le Mars, reconstruction & grade change, 12th Street SE from 8th Avenue East to 12th Avenue East, total cost \$350,000, federal participation \$280,000 for FY 2013.
It was recommended this project be approved for a total estimated cost of \$350,000 with \$162,000 federal participation in FY 2013.
14. City of Le Mars, PCC resurfacing, 4th Avenue SE from 1st Street South to 12th Street South, total cost \$500,000, federal participation \$400,000 for FY 2013.
Scott Langel withdrew this project.
15. Plymouth County, PCC pavement, C-38 from K-42 east to Highway 75, total cost \$900,000, federal participation \$720,000 for FY 2013.
Tom Rohe withdrew this project, but would like strong consideration for FY 2014.
16. Plymouth County, PCC pavement, K-42 from NCL of Merrill North to C-38, total costs \$500,000, federal participation \$400,000 for FY 2013.
Tom Rohe withdrew this project.
17. Woodbury County, HMA resurfacing and milling, D-54 from L-27 to Oto, total costs \$775,000, federal participation \$620,000 for FY 2013.
Mark Nahra withdrew this project, but would like strong consideration for FY 2014.
18. Woodbury County, HMA resurfacing and milling, D-54 from L-27 to Danbury city limits, total costs of \$825,000, federal participation \$660,000 for FY 2013.
It was recommended this project be approved for a total estimated cost of \$825,000 with federal participation of \$660,000 for FY 2012. The project will be moved forward to FY 2012 to replace the L-37 project which was moved forward due to federal economic stimulus funds. This funding would complete half of the project; therefore, the second half of L-27 to Oto city would like to be a strong consideration for FY 2014.

Dave Shanahan moved to recommend to the Policy Board funding projects #3, 4, 7, 9, 12, 13 and 18 as discussed, seconded by Dave Carney. No further discussion. Motion carried.

The twenty (20) bridge projects were presented for review. **Ed Tice moved to recommend to the Policy Board approval of all twenty (20) Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program Project Proposals for FY 2010–2013, seconded by Mark Nahra. No further discussion. Motion carried.**

VI. SRTPA Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2009-2012 Amendments – Michelle Bostinelos reviewed each of the proposed amendments.

1. SRTS one 186" LD Bus replacement (#575) needs to be programmed at a total estimated cost of \$65,000 with full Federal participation (ESL) in FY 2009.
This will be changed to 176".
2. River Road in the City of Cherokee needs to be programmed at a total estimated cost of \$180,000 with full Federal participation (ESL) in FY 2009.
3. M-25 in Cherokee County needs to be programmed at a total estimated cost of \$720,000 with \$500,000 Federal participation (ESFM) in FY 2009.
4. Iowa – 143 Marcus to Iowa 10 (DOT) needs to be programmed at a total estimated cost of \$2,400,000 with full Federal participation (ESP) in FY 2009.
5. Moorhead Ave in Ida Grove needs to be programmed at a total estimated cost of \$200,000 with full Federal participation (ESL) in FY 2009.
6. M-15 in Ida County needs to be programmed at a total estimated cost of \$400,000 with \$200,000 Federal participation (ESFM) in FY 2009.
Total costs will be changed to \$900,000 with \$500,000 federal participation.
7. E-60 in Monona County needs to be programmed at a total estimated cost of \$510,000 with \$500,000 Federal participation (ESFM) in FY 2009.
8. I-29 from I-175 to Woodbury County (DOT) needs to be programmed at a total estimated cost of \$25,434,000 with full Federal participation (ESP) in FY 2009.
9. Iowa 141: Woodbury County to Mapleton at various locations (DOT) needs to be programmed at a total estimated cost to \$2,090,000 with full Federal participation (ESP) in FY 2009.
10. C-12 in Plymouth County needs to be programmed at a total estimated cost of \$450,000 with \$375,000 Federal participation (ESFM) in FY 2009.
11. K-30 in Plymouth County needs to be programmed at a total estimated cost of \$150,000 with \$125,000 Federal participation (ESFM) in FY 2009.
12. IA 3: Le Mars to Remsen (DOT) needs to be programmed at a total estimated cost of \$1,480,000 with full Federal participation (ESP) in FY 2009.
13. L-37 in Woodbury County needs to be programmed at a total estimated cost of \$1,200,000 with \$660,000 Federal participation (ESFM) in FY 2009.
Federal participation will be changed to \$500,000.
14. SRTS four 176" LD Buses (#135, 325,330,595) needs to be programmed at a total estimated cost of \$340,000 with \$282,200 Federal participation (5309) in FY 2012.
15. SRTS four 176" LD Buses (#120, 320, 435, 240) needs to be programmed at a total estimated cost of \$324,000 with \$268,920 Federal participation (5309) in FY 2011.
16. SRTS four 176" LD Buses (125, 205, 315, 580) needs to be programmed at a total estimated cost of \$308,000 with \$255,640 Federal participation (5309) in FY 2010.
17. SRTS six 176" LD Buses (570,425,555,560,235,585) needs to be programmed at a total estimated cost of \$438,000 with full federal participation (STIM/5309) in FY 2009.