

SIOUXLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ASSOCIATION
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Minutes of the Thursday, September 16, 2009 Meeting

9:30 a.m.

SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa

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
Patrick Mouw (<i>substitute for Ed Tice</i>)	Ida County

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dakin Schultz	Iowa DOT
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STAFF:

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

The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) met on Wednesday, September 16, 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.

- I. Approval of the Agenda – Chair Tom Rohe asked if there were corrections to the agenda. **Mark Nahra moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by John Meis. No further discussion. Motion carried.**
- II. Approval of the Minutes – Chair Tom Rohe asked if there were corrections to the minutes of the February 25, 2009 TAC regular meeting. **John Meis moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mark Nahra. No further discussion. Motion carried.**
- III. Officer Elections – **Mark Nahra moved to retain the current officers, Tom Rohe, Chair, and John Meis, Vice Chair, seconded by John Meis. There were no further nominations. Motion carried.**
- IV. Review Monthly Correspondence– Michelle Bostinelos gave a brief overview of the director's report included in the meeting packet. Transportation Planning Staff finalized the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan, FY 2010 – Transportation Planning Work Program and the FY 2010 – 2013 Transportation Improvement Program and received Policy Board approval. Staff and the city of Sioux City hosted and presented at the U.S. Highway 20 Association meeting held on July 10th at the Long Lines Recreation Center in Sioux City. Staff attended the Lewis & Clark Multi-Use Trail study meetings held July 28 through July 30 in this area. Ms. Bostinelos noted the consultant for this study will be hosting drop-in workshops for the public to view and comment on recommended trail routes, September 24th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in Onawa at the Community and Recreation Center and September 25th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in Sioux City at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center.

- V. Transportation Improvement Progress Report – Tom Rohe with Plymouth County reported one bridge project will be let in December and another next spring.

Mark Nahra reported the ARRA project on L-37 is scheduled to start on October 1, 2009.

Dave Carney with Monona County reported the bridge replacement on 225th Street over the Soldier River is under construction.

John Meis with the city of Cherokee reported ARRA projects are on schedule.

Patrick Mouw with Ida County reported ARRA projects have been finished.

Scott Langel reported work on K-49 7th Street is complete. Work on 6th Avenue West is also finished. Rehabilitation work is currently underway on Business 75 and should be done in October.

Sandra Langel with SRTS reported four new buses have been delivered. Ida County, Monona County, Plymouth County and Woodbury County are each utilizing one. The color scheme has been updated for the new buses.

Dakin Schultz with Iowa DOT reported a public information meeting for the Statewide Public Transportation Funding Study on Tuesday, September 15th at the Sioux City Public Library, 529 Pierce Street. This is the second series of meetings being held across the state to gather input and evaluate the unmet needs of those who are transit dependent. Members were encouraged to visit Iowa DOT's website to learn more about the study, fill out a survey or leave comments.

A Traffic Engineering Assistance Program (TEAP) study is being conducted for the city of Onawa. The study will address issues regarding the portion of Iowa 175 that runs through the downtown area.

Paving currently underway on I-29 will stop in November and resume again next spring.

The State of Iowa was second in the nation with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) projects under contract. After the January lettings unspent local funding will be returned to the Iowa DOT to utilize. The state may also attempt to capture unused funding from other states.

Dave Shanahan with Cherokee County reported the ARRA project is on schedule.

- VI. Surface Transportation Program (STP), and Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program Deadlines for Applications – Michelle Bostinelos reported staff is recommending STP and TE application materials are distributed on December 11, 2009 with a deadline back to SIMPCO on January 22, 2010. Discussion followed.

Scott Langel moved to distribute STP and TE application materials on December 11, 2009 with a return deadline of January 22, 2010. No further discussion. Motion carried.

- VII. Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Transportation Enhancement (TE) Guidelines – Kellee Van Bruggen reported staff has put together written guidelines for the STP and TE application process and the disbursement of funds. She explained although this process has been followed at previous meetings, having an outline would help new members of the TAC, Policy Board and outside entities. She reviewed the STP/TE application process included in the meeting packet and handed out application forms used last year for STP and TE proposals. Discussion followed on enforcing the application deadline.

Dave Shanahan moved to not consider any project submitted after the set deadline, seconded by Dave Carney. There was further discussion on making sure cities are aware of the STP and TE program and application deadline. Eight yeas and one nay. Motion carried.

Scott Langel moved STP and TE application materials be sent to cities within the SRTPA area which have population between 500 and 5,000 and to send only TE applications to every incorporated city within the SRTPA area. Further discussion followed. Mark Nahra seconded. No further discussion. Six yeas and one nay. Motion carried.

Discussion followed on the TE application as not to mislead applicants it should indicate land acquisition, engineering, relocation or in-kind will not be funded because historically the SRTPA has only funded construction costs.

Scott Langel moved to continue with a one page TE application with the suggested revisions, seconded by Mark Nahra. Motion carried.

Staff will send a final copy of the TE application to members for review.

VIII. Amendments to the Public Participation Plan – Kellee Van Bruggen reported staff is recommending the following amendments to the Public Participation Plan originally adopted by the Policy Board on June 19, 2008.

1. Include the amendment/administrative modification process for the TIP and the Long Range Transportation Plan.
2. Modify the Long Range Transportation Plan public comment period to state thirty (30) days instead of forty-five (45) days.
3. The Passenger Transportation Development Plan (PTDP) now referred to as the Passenger Transportation Plan (PTP) is a document updated every five (5) years and includes a yearly review.

The Public Participation Plan requires a 45-day public comment period that includes a public input meeting. The public input meeting for the proposed changes presented today is scheduled for October 20, 2009 from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. at SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City. Staff will request the Policy Board approve final approval at the November meeting.

IX. SRTPA Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2010-2013 Amendment & Administrative Modifications – Michelle Bostinelos reviewed the proposed amendment and administrative modifications.

Amendment:

1. SRTS one 176" LD Bus (change from bus #570 to #585) needs to be programmed at a total estimated cost of \$77,000 with \$14,973 Federal participation (ARRA) in FY 2010.

Administrative Modifications:

1. SRTS four 176" LD Buses (205, 425, 570, change from #585 to #340) needs to be programmed at a total estimated cost of \$308,000 with \$255,640 Federal participation (5309) in FY 2010.
2. SRTS seven 176" LD Buses (#120, 125, 240, 315, 320, 435, change #555 to #235, delete #580) needs to be programmed at a total estimated cost of \$567,000 with \$470,610 Federal participation (5309) in FY 2011.
3. SRTS one 176" LE Bus (change from #340 to #580) needs to be programmed at a total estimated cost of \$81,250 with \$65,000 Federal participation (STP) in FY 2013.

Scott Langel moved to approve the amendment and administrative modifications as presented, seconded by Dave Shanahan. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Amendment: Dave Carney requested the following amendment to the FY 2010-2013 TIP.

Monona County Bridge Replacement – Tulip Avenue: Over Soldier River (BROS-C067 (K35-3) – 8J-67 needs to be programmed at a total estimated cost of \$600,000 with \$480,000 Federal participation in FY 2010.

Dave Shanahan moved to approve the amendment presented by Dave Carney of Monona County, seconded by Scott Langel. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Ms. Bostinelos reported these approved changes would be included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), which becomes official in October.

- X. Additional Comments – The next meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City.
- XI. Adjournment – ***Mark Nahra moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John Meis. No further discussion. Motion carried.***