

SIUXLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION  
PLANNING ASSOCIATION  
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Minutes of the Wednesday, September 15, 2010 Meeting

9:30 a.m.  
SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Meis, Chair	City of Cherokee
Dave Carney, Vice Chair	Monona County
Sandra Langel	Siouxland Regional Transit System (SRTS)
Scott Langel	City of Le Mars
Patrick Mouw	Ida County
Tom Rohe	Plymouth County
Dave Shanahan	Cherokee County

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mark Nahra	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
Eric Sanders, Transportation Planner II	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 Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) met on Wednesday, September 15, 2010 at 9:30 a.m., in the Meisner Conference Room at SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa. John Meis, Chair, called the meeting to order 9:30 a.m.

- I. **Approval of the Agenda** – Chair John Meis asked if there were any corrections to the agenda.  
*Tom Rohe moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Patrick Mouw. No further discussion. Motion carried.*
- II. **Approval of the Minutes** – Chair John Meis asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of March 17, 2010 Transportation Advisory Committee meeting.  
*Tom Rohe moved to approve the March 17, 2010 minutes as presented, seconded by Scott Langel. No further discussion. Motion carried.*
- III. **Review Monthly Correspondence** – Dwight 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 US 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** – 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. He noted SIMPCO services were utilized for traffic counts on Highway 3. The project included removal and replacement of all curb, gutters and side street returns along with some modifications to drainage structures. 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 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.

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 US 59 in Ida County north of Ida Grove will start this fall. The contractor working on pavement reconstruction of southbound I-29 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 US Highway 20 in Calhoun and Sac counties (this would move the letting from July to May), and preservation. Discussion followed.

- V. **SRTPA Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2011-2014 Amendment and Administrative Modifications** – Dwight Lang and Kellee Van Bruggen handed out a print out of FY 2010 – 2013 projects from Iowa DOT's TPMS program. They asked members to review all projects shown to see if there were any projects that needed to be carried over into FY 2011. Discussion followed.

The following administrative modifications to the FY 2011-2014 TIP were requested.

- 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.

***Dave Shanahan moved to recommend to the Policy Board approval of the two administrative modifications to the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program as presented, seconded by Tom Rohe. No further discussion. Motion carried.***

- VI. **Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Transportation Enhancement (TE) Targets and Allocation of Funds** – Kellee Van Bruggen reported on an annual basis staff requests proposals for the Iowa DOT STP and TE program. The initial 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 on July 21, 2010 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 at the March meeting members suggested bringing forward ideas for distribution of STP and TE funding. She reviewed a table included in the meeting packet using population as a basis for allocation. Discussion followed using the population formula presented, having the balance accumulate over time and implementing a mechanism which would track the amount of funding allocated to each entity.

***Scott Langel moved to approve the population formula presented in March using 2000 census for population. Dave Carney seconded. Motion carried.***

Members requested staff update the population presented in the table for each entity and verify those numbers with the Iowa DOT and 2000 Census. It was also suggested adjusting these numbers when the 2010 Census data is released.

Discussion followed on having another meeting in the immediate future to look at current projects and the allocation of the revised STP and TE balances. It was the general consensus of members that another meeting should be held on Wednesday, October 6, 9:30 a.m., 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City.

- 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 RPAs for 2014. She noted this application cycle will be for FY 2015. Discussion followed.

*Scott Langel moved to recommend to the Policy Board staff distribute FY 2015 Surface Transportation Program and Transportation Enhancement applications to members on December 10, 2010 with a deadline to staff of January 21, 2011, seconded by Tom Rohe. 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** – There were no additional comments.
- X. **Adjournment** – *Tom Rohe moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dave Shanahan. No further discussion. Motion carried.* The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.