

SIOUXLAND INTERSTATE METROPOLITAN PLANNING COUNCIL
 METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
 Transportation Technical Committee

Minutes of the November 5, 2014 Meeting

1:30 P.M.

SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jill Wanderscheid	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Neighborhood Services
Mark Nahra, Vice Chair	Woodbury County, Iowa
Jeff Dooley	Dakota Dunes CID, South Dakota
Jade Dundas	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Public Works
Jeff Harcum (<i>substitute for Mike Collett</i>)	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Transit System
Mark Huntley (<i>substitute for Aaron Lincoln</i>)	City of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa
Robert Livermore	City of South Sioux City, Nebraska
Curt Miller	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Airport
Tom Rohe	Plymouth County, Iowa

MEMBERS ABSENT

Brent Clark	City of Dakota City, Nebraska
Fred Kellogg	Dakota County, Nebraska
Kory Menken	City of North Sioux City, South Dakota
Raymond Roggow	Union County, South Dakota

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Dakin Schultz	Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT)
Brad Zumwalt	Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR)

GUESTS

Glen Ellis	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Engineering
Carmie Hotchkiss	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Finance Department
Scott Langel	City of Le Mars, Iowa

STAFF

Michelle Bostinelos, Transportation Planning Director	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Kathryn Pfaffle, GIS/Modeler Transportation Planner	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Christopher Klove, Transportation Planner	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Sharon Burton, Executive Assistant	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council

The Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) met on Wednesday, November 5, 2014, 1:30 p.m., SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa. A quorum was present.

Jill Wanderscheid, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

- I. **Introductions:** Chair Wanderscheid led members, staff and guests in introductions.
- II. **Approval of the Agenda:** Chair Wanderscheid asked if there were any corrections or changes to the November 5, 2014 agenda.

Mark Nahra moved to approve the November 5, 2014 agenda as presented, seconded by Jeff Harcum. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.

- III. **Approval of the Minutes** – Chair Wanderscheid asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the September 3, 2014 Policy Board meeting.

Curt Miller moved to approve the September 3, 2014 TTC minutes as presented, seconded by Jade Dundas. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.

IV. Review Monthly Correspondence: Michelle Bostinelos provided an overview of the director's report included in the meeting packet.

Ms. Bostinelos reported Kathie Pfaffle is working with Sioux City Transit on a new brochure layout and maps. Staff is assisting Blue Zones Staff and Sioux City Community Schools on fall walking school bus projects at 12 elementary schools in Sioux City; and Siouxland District Health on walkability/bikeability grants for infrastructure improvements near schools. Work continues with University of Iowa students on Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities projects including the Active Transportation Plan, SRTS marketing, public engagement and Leeds/Floyd Corridor Study. Staff assisted the city of Sergeant Bluff with a Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) grant that was recently awarded. Several meetings have been held with the city of Sioux City regarding a trails strategic plan and upcoming bike/pedestrian projects. Ms. Bostinelos attended the Iowa DOT public open-house regarding the Iowa Park and Ride System Plan on September 30 at the Sioux City Museum.

V. Transportation Improvement Progress Report: Jade Dundas with the city of Sioux City reported work has started on installation of sewer underneath the Floyd River which has caused additional complications with the I-29 and Floyd on/off ramps. Work on West Clifton, Myrtle and Fairmont Streets is finished and reconstruction on Jay Avenue is nearing completion. A phase of downtown surfacing will be done this year. The City is working with the Federal Highway Administration and Iowa DOT District 3 office on the TIGER grant funding agreement.

Jill Wanderscheid with the city of Sioux City reported the draft Request for Proposal for the rail study has been submitted to the Iowa DOT for review. BNSF is aggressively working to finish rail crossing projects.

Dakin Schultz with Iowa DOT reported projects that should be nearing completion within the next few weeks, if weather permits, include the bridge over Bacon Creek, the Port Neal Bridge, I-29 construction through Sergeant Bluff, the ramp from east bound Gordon Drive to south bound Lewis Boulevard and ADA curb ramps on Gordon Drive. Mr. Schultz provided an update on the U.S. Highway 20 project. He reported the bridge berms at Wolf Creek are now up. The Iowa DOT held a public input meeting in Correctionville on October 16 to discuss proposed improvements from Minnesota Avenue/ Woodbury County Road L-25 east to west of Correctionville in 2016 and detouring of traffic during construction.

Curt Miller with city of Sioux City / Airport reported the asphalt overlay project is finished. Work continues on repairing damages from the storm on Labor Day weekend. Approval has been received from the Federal Aviation Administration for installation of a new taxiway and removal of the old pavement. Project design will start this spring for construction next summer. There will be closure of runways and taxiways during the project.

Mark Huntley with city of Sergeant Bluff reported a four-way stop has been added at Warrior Road and South Lewis Boulevard.

Mark Nahra with Woodbury County reported as a part of the Port Neal Interchange project the paving, turn lanes and shoulder work on 260th Street is finished. The HMA overlay project on County Road K45 (Old Highway 75) has been completed.

Robert Livermore with the city of South Sioux City reported Dakota Avenue is open to traffic while work on pavement markings, street lights, sidewalks and grading are being finished. Construction on A Street is nearing completion. Storm water intakes and patching has been done on Highway 77 through the City and now overlay work is underway. Future projects include work on E 18th through B to F Street and paving of East 17th. New roads that are in the planning stages include the extension of Riverview Drive (Freedom Park down to east 39th) and paving on Foundry Road.

VI. Iowa Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Transportation Alternative (TAP) Application Deadlines:

Michelle Bostinelos reported annually the MPO solicits STP and TAP applications from Iowa members. Applications are typically sent in mid-January and due back in mid-February. The TTC and Policy Board review applications submitted and, if targets have been received from the Iowa DOT, allocate funds at their March meetings. Selected projects are then included in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The draft TIP is reviewed by the TTC and Policy Board at their May meetings with the final approved at the July meetings. Approximately \$2.2 million in STP funds, \$125,000 in TAP and \$95,000 in TAP flex funds were allocated to the MPO for FY 2018. She noted applications submitted this year will be for FY 2019 funding.

Staff is requesting a recommendation by the TTC to distribute FY 2019 Iowa STP and TAP application materials to Iowa members on January 9, 2015 with a return deadline to SIMPCO by February 13, 2015.

Curt Miller moved to recommend to the Policy Board distribution of FY 2019 Iowa STP and TAP applications to Iowa members on January 9, 2015 with applications due back to SMPCO by February 13, 2015, seconded by Mark Nahra. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.

- VII. Federal Functional Classification (FFC) Revisions (Iowa):** Michelle Bostinelos noted two FFC maps were included in the meeting packet, Iowa DOT FFC revisions and Sioux City FFC proposed revisions. At this time action will only be taken on the Iowa DOT FFC revisions. The Sioux City FFC proposed revisions are for information only.

Dakin Schultz reviewed the Iowa DOT FFC revisions. He reported following the census MPO urban area boundaries were evaluated and adjusted based on new data. Now that the new boundary has been approved FFC classes of roads that have either moved inside of outside of the new boundary have to be adjusted. He reviewed the map showing the new boundaries and the seven roads reclassified. He noted the revisions presented require Policy Board approval and the Chair's signature.

Mark Nahra moved to recommend to the Policy Board approval of the Iowa DOT Federal Functional Classification revisions as presented, seconded by Jeff Dooley. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.

- VIII. FY 2015 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) Amendment:** Michelle Bostinelos reported at the September meeting a draft amendment to the TPWP was brought forward to upgrade Esri ArcGIS Desktop software and purchase ArcGIS network Analyst and Spatial Analyst. She explained additional funding is not being requested, the amendment lists the purchases individually under activities to show how funds are being spent. She noted the amended TPWP was posted for public review and no comments were received.

Mark Nahra moved to recommend to the Policy Board approval of the FY 2015 Transportation Planning Work Program amendment as presented, seconded by Jade Dundas. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.

- IX. Resolution 2015-5 Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP):** Chair Wanderscheid reported the City did not submit an application this year; therefore, no action will be taken.

- X. FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments:** Michelle Bostinelos presented the following amendments for recommendation of approval to the Policy Board.

1. Outer Drive North and Floyd Blvd Trail Connection in Sioux City needs to be programmed for a total estimated cost of \$1,837,000 with \$1,311,000 in Federal transportation funds in FY 2015
Federal transportation funds are corrected to \$869,090.

Jade Dundas explained earmarks were received for the construction of Outer Drive and the balance of those funds will be used for this project.

2. Removal of the Outer Drive North Drainage Mitigation project in Sioux City from the program

Curt Miller moved to recommend to the Policy Board approval of amendment 1 with revised Federal transportation funds of \$869,090 and amendment 2 as presented, seconded by Jeff Harcum. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.

- XI. 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Draft Chapter 3: Non-Motorized Transportation:** Kathie Pfaffle reviewed an Existing and Proposed Trails map that will be included as part of the chapter. She asked members to let her know the status of proposed trails, what priorities are, and if there are any new trails that should be included. She provided an overview of the Safe Routes to School program, Walking School Bus projects with Sioux City and Sergeant Bluff schools; and assistance being provided to Siouxland District Health and the Sioux City Community School District on improving walkability of routes to schools.

Christopher Klove discussed results from a questionnaire that was distributed regarding use of non-motorized transportation within the MPO area. The public was asked how often biking or walking was used as a form of transportation and availability of bike paths and shared roads with bicycle/pedestrian sidewalk or crosswalk areas. They were also asked to rate planning efforts within the Sioux City Metro area for bike paths and trails and bike and pedestrian safety. He noted the respondents overwhelmingly agreed on the importance of planning for the implementation of infrastructure and education on bike and pedestrian safety measures.

Ms. Pfaffle presented a map showing the trail networks in Siouxland and the distance from residential areas. She noted approximately 35 percent of people in the Siouxland area have a ten-minute access from their residence to a trail network. Staff will be working with all member agencies to discuss their trail projects and improving the network.

Ms. Bostinelos reported staff is planning additional public input and stakeholder meetings and will be coordinating this chapter with the Active Transportation Plan that University of Iowa students are working on and the trails strategic plan being developed by Sioux City Park and Recreation Department. Therefore, it is still in draft form and will be presented again at a later date.

XII. Floyd River Valley Trail Update: Chair Wanderscheid introduced Scott Langel, City Administrator for Le Mars.

Mr. Langel reported the city of Le Mars was one of the parties interested in exploring the possibility of a regional trail. He handed out copies of the Floyd River Valley Trail Study drafted by SIMPCO with the help of the Regional Planning Affiliation, Iowa DOT and participants who attended input meetings.

Mr. Langel discussed how the city of Le Mars believes the quality of life is imperative for workforce development and growth of industry, communities and regions; and how a regional trail similar to those in eastern Iowa would help compete on a statewide and global level with people and industries moving into this area. In 2002 Le Mars initiated a Community Betterment Program (CBP), which with the aid of private and corporate donations completed eleven quality of life type features such as golf, swimming, recreation trails, shooting range, etc. This year a leadership committee has been established for CBP II and this committee along with the City Council support development of the Floyd River Valley Trail.

Mr. Langel reported he is seeking input and support of the 18-mile trail. He reviewed a map showing potential trail routes and options outlined in the study. Discussion followed.

XIII. Additional Comments: Michelle Bostinelos reported the next Policy Board meeting will on Wednesday, January 7, 2015, 1:30 p.m., 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City.

The next Highway 20 Corridor meeting is November 7, 2014, 10:00 a.m., Rockwell City.

XIV. Adjournment: *Jeff Harcum moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mark Nahra. Motion carried with all ayes.* The meeting adjourned at 2.45 p.m.