

SIouxLAND INTERSTATE METROPOLITAN PLANNING COUNCIL
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
Transportation Technical Committee (TTC)

Minutes of the November 4, 2015 Meeting

1:30 P.M.

SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jill Wanderscheid, Chair	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Planning
Mark Nahra, Vice Chair	Woodbury County, Iowa
Mike Collett	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Airport
Jeff Dooley	Dakota Dunes CID, South Dakota
Glenn Ellis	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Public Works
Jeff Harcum	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Transit
Aaron Lincoln	Sergeant Bluff, Iowa
Tom Rohe	Plymouth County, Iowa

MEMBERS ABSENT

Fred Kellogg	Dakota County, Nebraska
Robert Livermore	City of South Sioux City, Nebraska
Raymond Roggow	Union County, South Dakota
Alyssa Silhacek	City of Dakota City, Nebraska
Vacant	City of North Sioux City, South Dakota

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Kaine McClelland (<i>via conference call</i>)	Nebraska Department of Roads
Dakin Schultz	Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT)
Brad Zumwalt (<i>via conference call</i>)	Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR)

GUESTS

Carmie Hotchkiss	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Finance
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STAFF

Michelle Bostinelos, Executive Director	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Kathryn Pfaffle, GIS/Transportation Planner	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Jacob Heil, Transportation Planner	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Kevin Randle, Transportation Planner	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Dawn Kimmel, Mobility Manager	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Sharon Burton, Executive Assistant	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council

The Transportation Technical Committee met on Wednesday, November 4, 2015, 1:30 p.m., SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa. A quorum was present.

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

- I. **Introductions:** Chair Wanderscheid led introductions of members, staff and guests.
- II. **Approval of the Agenda:** Chair Wanderscheid asked if there were any additions or corrections to the November 4, 2015 agenda. No additions or corrections were brought forward.

Tom Rohe moved to approve the November 4, 2015 agenda as presented, seconded by Mark Nahra. Motion carried.
- III. **Approval of the Minutes** – Chair Wanderscheid asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the September 2, 2015 Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) regular meeting. No additions or corrections were brought forward.

Jeff Harcum moved to approve the September 2, 2015 Transportation Technical Committee minutes as presented, seconded by Jeff Dooley. Motion carried.

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

Ms. Bostinelos reported staff is working with the Downtown Partners Transportation Taskforce on seasonal parklets and bike lanes on 5th Street and Pierce Street. Kevin Randle assisted in submitting a grant application through the America Walks program to help support these projects.

Staff is working with the University of Iowa, Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities (IISC) students on a Bicycle Education Marketing Plan. She noted this is a one-semester project and students should have a presentation by December.

Staff co-hosted the Iowa Chapter of American Planning Association (APA) and Iowa Association of Regional Councils annual conference held October 14-16 at the Sioux City Convention Center. Presentations by staff included Safe Routes to School (walkability/bikeability) by Kathryn Pfaffle, Sioux City Active Transportation Plan by Kevin Randle and University of Iowa (IISC) partnership and City of Mapleton by Ms. Bostinelos.

Staff and Mobility Manager Dawn Kimmel hosted a Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) meeting on October 13. The meeting highlighted transit options available with Sioux City Transit System and Siouxland Regional Transit System.

V. Transportation Improvement Progress Report: Dakin Schultz with Iowa DOT provided an overview of progress on I-29 reconstruction. He reported the Wesley northbound on-ramp is currently closed with contractors looking at possibly opening late next week. Work currently underway at the southbound I-29 closure (Floyd River) includes installation of a temporary barrier, finishing the approach and temporary paving southbound with the contractor looking at early next week to start making the traffic switch. Mr. Schultz also provided updates on U.S. Highway 20. He noted the paving contract from east of Merville to Minnesota Avenue has been awarded to Flynn Company of Dubuque and the contract for new bridges, grade and pave from Minnesota Avenue to Correctionville has been awarded to Petersen Contractors of Reinbeck.

Glenn Ellis with the city of Sioux City reported the roadway and trail system under the Interstate will be closed as work progresses on the Larson Park Road project. Construction on Glenn Avenue should be finished within the month. A stakeholder's meeting is planned next week to discuss the 18th Street Viaduct project and update to the Hoeven Valley Transportation Study. A traffic study is underway to examine the Bridgeport West Industrial Park area and transportation improvements needed for the Seaboard Foods and Triumph Foods plant. Information from this study will be used to support a RISE grant application.

Jeff Harcum with Sioux City Transit System reported two new buses, a Gilligan and a New Flyer, have been purchased with federal operating grant funds. Staff is preparing for a Triennial review that will be conducted by the Federal Transit System this next year.

Mike Collett with Sioux City Airport reported contracts have been awarded for one taxiway rehabilitation project and construction should start in the spring. Another taxiway rehabilitation project is in the design phase. The Essential Air Service bids are due tomorrow (November 5) for contract services starting May 1, 2016. EAS is currently provided by American Airlines.

Aaron Lincoln with the City of Sergeant Bluff reported annexation of 500 acres has been approved by the state. Work continues on Dogwood Trail RISE grant project.

Mark Nahra with Woodbury County reported changes to Port Neal Road are nearing completion - pouring one of the two turn lanes to take Port Neal traffic onto 255th today (November 4) and finishing the other turn lane on Saturday (November 7). CF Industries Drive opens tomorrow morning and will be carrying construction staff.

Jeff Dooley with Dakota Dunes CID reported the second traffic signal on Exit 1 was bid yesterday.

VI. Iowa Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP): Jacob Heil reported the MPO annually solicits STP and TAP application from Iowa members. Approximately \$2.248 million in STP, \$126,000 in TAP and \$96,000 in TAP flex funds were allocated to the MPO for FY 2019.

Staff is recommending distribution of application materials for the FY 2020 Iowa STP and TAP programs on January 8, 2016 with a deadline of February 12, 2016. Applications submitted will be reviewed and funds allocated at the March TTC and Policy Board meeting dependent upon receipt of targets from the Iowa DOT.

Mark Nahra moved to recommend to the Policy Board distribution of FY 2020 Iowa STP and TAP application materials on January 8, 2016 with a deadline of February 12, 2016, seconded by Aaron Lincoln. Motion carried.

- VII. Draft 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP):** Michelle Bostinelos provided a PowerPoint presentation of the draft 2040 LRTP. The presentation outlined the plan's purpose, requirements, goals, current efforts, future trends, projects, and fiscal responsibility. She explained updates to the LRTP are federally required at least every five years; and the 2040 plan is a revision of the previous 2035 LRTP adopted by the Policy Board in 2011. Discussion followed.

Ms. Bostinelos reported the thirty-day public comment period will be held November 4, 2015 to December 18, 2015. The plan can be viewed at <http://simpco.org/Transportation/LongRangeTransportationPlans.aspx>

A public input meeting will be held on December 16, 2015 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Gleeson Room of the Sioux City main public library.

- VIII. Additional Comments:** Michelle Bostinelos reported the next TTC meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City.

- IX. Adjournment:** *Jeff Harcum moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mark Nahra. Motion carried.* Chair Wanderscheid adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.