

SIouxLAND INTERSTATE METROPOLITAN PLANNING COUNCIL
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
Policy Board

Minutes of the November 5, 2015 Meeting

1:30 P.M.

SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bill Gaukel, Vice Chair	City of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa
Robert Ballard	Union County, South Dakota
Ken Beaulieu	Dakota Dunes CID, South Dakota
Pete Groetken (<i>substitute for Dan Moore, Chair</i>)	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Mark Monson	Woodbury County, Iowa
William McLarty (<i>substitute for Rod Koch</i>)	City of South Sioux City, Nebraska
Richard Owens	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Transit System
Bob Scott (<i>substitute for Keith Radig</i>)	City of Sioux City, Iowa

MEMBERS ABSENT

Craig Anderson	Plymouth County, Iowa
Bill Rohde / Rick Bousquet	Dakota County, Nebraska
Vacant	City of Dakota City, Nebraska
Vacant	City of North Sioux City, South Dakota

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

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STAFF

Michelle Bostinelos, Interim Executive Director	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Kathryn Pfaffle, GIS Specialist/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
Sharon Burton, Executive Assistant	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council

The Policy Board met on Thursday, November 5, 2015, 1:30 p.m., SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa. A quorum was present.

In the absence of Dan Moore, Chair, the meeting was called to order by Bill Gaukel, Vice Chair, at 1:30 p.m.

I. **Pledge of Allegiance & Introductions:** Vice Chair Gaukel led members, staff and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance and introductions. A quorum was present.

II. **Approval of the Agenda:** Vice Chair Gaukel asked if there were any additions or corrections to the November 5, 2015 agenda. No additions or corrections were brought forward.

Mark Monson moved to approve the November 5, 2015 agenda as presented, seconded by Ken Beaulieu. Motion carried.

III. **Approval of the Minutes** – Vice Chair Gaukel asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the September 3, 2015 Policy Board regular meeting. No additions or corrections were brought forward.

Richard Owens moved to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2015 regular Policy Board meeting as written, seconded by Robert Ballard. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Gaukel asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the September 11, 2015 Policy Board special meeting. No additions or corrections were brought forward.

Mark Monson moved to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2015 special Policy Board meeting as written, seconded by Richard Owens. 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 a bike lane project on 5th Street and Pierce Street. Kevin Randle assisted in submitting a grant application through the America Walks program to help support this project.

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 recommendations should be ready for presentation in December.

Staff attended the Floyd River Valley/Plywood Trail meeting on September 24. This group is in the process of forming subcommittees and establishing a trails foundation.

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 were provided by Kathryn Pfaffle on walkability/bikeability and Safe Routes to Schools, Kevin Randle on the Sioux City Active Transportation Plan and Ms. Bostinelos on City of Mapleton projects and the University of Iowa IISC partnership.

Staff and Mobility Manager Dawn Kimmel hosted a Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) meeting on October 13. To assist health and human service agencies with mobility needs, 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 discussed work currently underway on the I-29 Improvement Project. He noted closure of the northbound I-29 off-ramp to Floyd Boulevard will start next week for bridge and pavement reconstruction. Mr. Schultz also provided an update on U.S. Highway 20. He reported 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. The Iowa DOT now has a website available for U.S. 20 construction, www.iowadot.gov/US20

Michelle Bostinelos provided the following updates from the Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) meeting held yesterday, November 4, 2014.

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.

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.

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

Richard Owens with Sioux City Transit System reported a grant award of \$110,000 was received for additional bus shelter repairs. Fixed route ridership remains the same, paratransit increased approximately 10 percent and ridership with the New Freedom project has doubled. The transit system is looking into customer feedback strategies for service provided in 2015 so improvements can be implemented in 2016.

Bill Gaukel with the City of Sergeant Bluff reported work continues on the Safe Routes to School project and also on plans to connect the city's trail to Sioux City. Dogwood Trail is under construction and anticipated to be complete by Thanksgiving.

Mark Monson with Woodbury County reported the county portion of the road into CF Industries is finished. The CF Industries plant currently has 3,400 day-shift employees and 1,000 night-shift. Construction of the turnout lane for truck traffic at the AGP Processing plant is nearing completion.

William McLarty with the City of South Sioux City reported 17th Street is finished and work on 18th Street has been delayed due to water problems. All entities involved have agreed to construct the road into Freedom Park and the project should move forward next year.

- 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. Mr. Heil noted the TTC recommended approval of the distribution dates as presented.

Mark Monson moved to accept the recommendation of the TTC and distribute the FY 2020 Iowa STP and TAP applications to Iowa members on January 8, 2016 with applications due back to SIMPCO by February 12, 2016, seconded by Richard Owens. 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 Policy Board meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 7, 2016 at 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City.

- IX. **Adjournment:** ***Mark Monson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pete Groetken. Motion carried.*** Vice Chair Gaukel adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.