

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

Minutes of the September 4, 2014 Meeting

1:30 P.M.

SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT

Craig Anderson, Chair	Plymouth County, Iowa
Pete Groetken, (<i>substitute for Dan Moore, Vice Chair</i>)	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Ken Beaulieu	Dakota Dunes CID, South Dakota
William McLarty	City of South Sioux City, Nebraska
Mark Monson	Woodbury County, Iowa
Richard Owens	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Transit System
Bob Scott (<i>substitute for Keith Radig</i>)	City of Sioux City, Iowa

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bill Gaukel	City of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa
Ross Jordan	Union County, South Dakota
Don Larson	City of Dakota City, Nebraska
Chuck Meyer	City of North Sioux City, South Dakota
Bill Rohde / Rick Bousquet	Dakota County, Nebraska

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Dakin Schultz	Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT)
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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
Jacob Heil, Transportation Planner	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Dwight Lang, Executive Director	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Sharon Burton, Executive Assistant	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Dawn Kimmel, Mobility Manager	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council

The Policy Board met on Thursday, September 4, 2014, 1:30 p.m., SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa. A quorum was present.

Craig Anderson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

- I. **Pledge of Allegiance & Introductions:** Chair Anderson led members in the Pledge of Allegiance and introductions.
- II. **Approval of the Agenda:** Chair Anderson asked if there were any additions or corrections to the September 4, 2014 agenda.
Richard Owens moved to approve the September 4, 2014 agenda as presented, seconded by Mark Monson. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.
- III. **Approval of the Minutes** – Chair Anderson asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the July 10, 2014 Policy Board meeting.
William McLarty moved to approve the July 10, 2014 Policy Board minutes as presented, seconded by Ken Beaulieu. 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.

Staff continues working on the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan and is seeking public input for the plan through an on-line survey. She asked members to fill out the survey and share with others.

The first kick-off events were held for the University of Iowa, Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities on August 26 and 27. Projects students will be working on include a Floyd Boulevard Corridor Study; Active Transportation Plan; rental property assessment; Library Literacy; marketing plans for Siouxland Regional Transit System, Sioux City Environmental Advisory Board, Sioux City Farmers Market; and increasing demographic engagement for the Long Range Transportation Plan, Transportation Advisory Group and Blue Zones.

Staff continues working on the Walking School Bus program; and this year twelve schools in Sioux City have shown an interest in the program.

Staff is assisting the city of Sergeant Bluff with a Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) grant application.

Staff continues participation on the Downtown Partners Transportation Taskforce. She noted the Taskforce is looking at wayfinding and completing a one-way/two-way street conversion study.

Staff participated in the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Triennial Review of the MPO on July 24.

Dawn Kimmel and Jacob Heil are organizing a *Transportation Training Day* for October 21 at the Red Cross in Sioux City. Health and Human Service Agencies will be invited to learn about available transportation options for their clients.

V. Transportation Improvement Progress Report: Dakin Schultz with Iowa DOT provided an overview of work completed and construction currently underway on I-29 and Gordon Drive.

Mr. Schultz reported grading is underway on U.S. Highway 20 between Merville and Minnesota Avenue (L25). On October 16 the DOT will hold a public information meeting in Correctionville to discuss proposed improvements along U.S. Highway 20 from Minnesota Avenue/Woodbury County Road L-25 east to west of Correctionville in Woodbury County.

Mr. Schultz reported the Iowa Transportation Commission will hold a business meeting October 14 in Sioux Center; and on October 13 they will tour U.S. Highway 20 and I-29 transportation projects.

Mr. Schultz reported the DOT will hold an open-house public input meeting for the Iowa Park and Ride System Plan on September 30 in Sioux City from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Sioux City Museum. He noted the plan is being developed to identify locations for park and ride facilities to serve commuters in the state.

Michelle Bostinelos provided the following reports from the Transportation Technical Committee meeting held yesterday, September 3, 2014.

Glen Ellis with the city of Sioux City reported recently completed projects include Riverside Warrior Eagle Intersection modification and Jennings Street downtown between 5th and 6th. Reconstruction in progress is South Fairmont, West Clifton, Myrtle Street and Jay Avenue. Relocation of sanitary sewer and water mains for Segment 2 of I-29 reconstruction will be starting.

Curt Miller with city of Sioux City / Airport reported work is underway on cleaning storm damage. He noted there was damage to 5 aircraft hangars, 9 aircraft and 6 to 10 houses along with trees and cars.

Brad Zumwalt with NDOR reported the patch and resurface project will be starting on Highway 77 from Veterans Memorial Bridge to Highway 20. NDOR will be sealing cracks on I-129 from South Sioux City to the Missouri River.

Robert Livermore with the city of South Sioux City reported the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) project on Dakota Avenue is progressing. There have been some delays due to weather problems but still working to have the project finished by end of November. Reconstruction of A Street (utility replacement 6th to 9th) is underway and should be done by the end of the year.

Richard Owens with city of Sioux City / Transit System reported the passenger mile count is finished. The *Kids Ride Free* program was successful again this summer. A state grant was received to retro-fit lighting; install a new entrance door and update the video system at the Martin Luther King Jr. Transportation Center. The New Freedoms program has been launched.

Mark Monson with Woodbury County reported the HMA overlay project on Old Highway 75 from Sergeant Bluff to Luton will be starting.

Craig Anderson with Plymouth County reported the bridge project started this summer is being finished. Work was planned on 18 bridges, but FEMA funding was received to replace an additional bridge that washed out a year ago.

- VI. **2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Draft Chapter 2: Community Overview:** Christopher Klove provided an overview of the draft chapter. He explained this chapter examines and interprets the socio-economic characteristics of the MPO and the direct relationship on existing transportation as well as future needs.

Mr. Klove discussed the data compiled for population, income, housing, commuting patterns, employment, unemployment and socio-economic projections. Michelle Bostinelos asked members to let staff know if they have any questions on the socio-economic data and population projections. A final draft will be presented for further review at a future meeting.

- VII. **FY 2015 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) Amendment:** Michelle Bostinelos reported the proposed amendment to the TPWP is to upgrade Esri ArcGIS Desktop software and purchase ArcGIS network Analyst and Spatial Analyst. It will be shown in the TPWP *under Element F Administration/Systems Management FY 2015 Activities*. She noted the amendment is only being presented for comments today. It will be posted for public review and brought forward for approval at the next meeting. She asked members to return comments prior to the next meeting of November 5, 2014. She reported the budget does include purchase of this software, but Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is requesting the purchase listed individually in the program.

- VIII. **Big Sioux and Little Sioux River Water Trail Update:** Michelle Bostinelos reported staff has been working on the contract with Iowa DNR to complete water trail studies of the Big Sioux River and Little Sioux River.

Kathryn Pfaffle provided an update on the progress of the water trail studies. She showed a map illustrating the inventory along the Big Sioux River from Stone Park to the Big Sioux boat ramp. She explained staff has been paddling the river to record trash, dumpsites, logjams, rapids, remnant bridge piers, and inventory access points (motorized boat ramp or walk down). Staff is now working on the existing condition report for the study and data collection for the Little Sioux River. Discussion followed.

- IX. **Additional Comments:** Michelle Bostinelos reported the next Policy Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 6, 2014, 1:30 p.m., 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City.

- X. **Adjournment:** *Pete Groetken moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mark Monson. Motion carried with all ayes.* The meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.