

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

Minutes of the March 4, 2015 Meeting

1:30 P.M.

SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jill Wanderscheid, Chair	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Neighborhood Services
Ben Kusler, (<i>substitute for Mark Nahra, Vice Chair</i>)	Woodbury County, Iowa
Mike Collett	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Transit System
Jeff Dooley	Dakota Dunes CID, South Dakota
Jade Dundas	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Public Works
Aaron Lincoln	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
Glen Ellis	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Engineering
Fred Kellogg	Dakota County, Nebraska
Kory Menken	City of North Sioux City, South Dakota
Raymond Roggow	Union County, South Dakota

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Justin Luther (<i>via conference call</i>)	Federal Highway Administration – Nebraska
Brad Remmich (<i>via conference call</i>)	Federal Highway Administration – South Dakota
Tracey Troutner (<i>via conference call</i>)	Federal Highway Administration – Iowa
Dakin Schultz	Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT)
Brad Zumwalt (<i>via conference call</i>)	Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR)

GUESTS

Cory Gaston	Woodbury County, Iowa / Secondary Roads
Carmie Hotchkiss	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Tiffany Liane	KTIV, Sioux City, Iowa

STAFF

Michelle Bostinelos, Deputy Director/Transp. Planning Director	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Kathryn Pfaffle, GIS/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 Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) met on Wednesday, March 4, 2015, 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 introductions of the members, staff and guests present.
- II. **Approval of the Agenda:** Chair Wanderscheid asked if there were any additions or corrections to the March 4, 2015 agenda.

Tom Rohe moved to approve the March 4, 2015 agenda as presented, seconded by Jade Dundas. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.

III. **Approval of the Minutes** – Chair Wanderscheid asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the January 7, 2015 Policy Board meeting.

Jeff Dooley moved to approve the January 7, 2015 Policy Board minutes as presented, seconded by Mike Collett. 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 Kathryn Pfaffle has been working with Sioux City Transit on creating a new brochure layout and maps.

Staff has been working with Blue Zones staff, Sioux City Community Schools and Siouxland District Health on sustainability of the Walking School Bus Program. Twelve schools participated in the Walking School Bus program last fall. A website has been created through Siouxland District Health that will provide resources for schools and volunteers to continue or initiate the program.

Staff continues to work with the University of Iowa on Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities (IISC) projects. A town hall meeting was held for the IISC Leeds/Floyd Boulevard Corridor Study on February 19. Students working on the Active Transportation Plan will be in Sioux City on March 23 and 24 to interview groups and hold a public input meeting. Final presentations are tentatively planned for May 6. Ms. Bostinelos noted staff will also be working with the University of Iowa on a second year of IISC projects.

Staff continues attending the Downtown Partner's Transportation Taskforce meetings. This group is working on sustainability of the downtown trolley, the one-way to two-way conversions study, wayfinding signage and making the downtown more bicycle/pedestrian friendly.

V. **Transportation Improvement Progress Report:** Dakin Schultz with Iowa DOT reported projects planned for this spring include the collector distributor route and U.S. Highway 20 through Correctionville.

Mr. Schultz reported the Iowa Transportation Commission is planning to hold their regular meeting on Tuesday, March 10 at 2:30 p.m. in Ames. There will be discussion about the five-year improvement program along with the impact of additional revenue from the road use tax. He encouraged members to listen to the meeting live by calling in or logging onto the Iowa DOT website homepage.

Jade Dundas with the city of Sioux City reported the city is working through the letting process for 2015 projects.

Mike Collett with Sioux City Transit System reported two buses should be ordered within the month from the Midwest Consortium contract. A public announcement will be made on the addition of Global Positioning System tracking to buses so riders can see where the bus is located on its route.

Aaron Lincoln with city of Sergeant Bluff reported a public hearing will be held on March 10 with bids open at the end of month for the connector road from Port Neal to 220th Street (RISE project). Construction is anticipated to start in May.

Robert Livermore with the city of South Sioux City reported the city used a sewer TV camera and TV'd all the storm sewers. Besides finding lines filled with silt, other issues were construction garbage and structural problems with pipe.

VI. **FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments:** Michelle Bostinelos presented the following TIP amendments for approval.

1. Milwaukee Railroad Shops Historic District Phase 5 building improvements needs to be programmed at a total estimated cost of \$528,000 with \$422,000 Federal participation (Statewide TAP) in FY 2015

Ms. Bostinelos reported statewide Transportation Alternatives Program funds were awarded for this project. She noted it was originally programmed for FY 2013; unintentionally fell out of the program and now that the project is ready to move forward it needs to be reprogrammed for FY 2015. She noted there are no changes to the Federal participation initially awarded.

Tom Rohe moved to recommend to the Policy Board approval of the proposed amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program as presented, seconded by Robert Livermore. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.

2. 18th Street Bridge Deck Overlay in Sioux City needs to be programmed for a total estimated cost of \$2,232,000 with \$1,000,000 Federal participation in FY 2015

Jill Wanderscheid noted this project was originally programmed in 2016 but is ready to move forward so the city is requesting to reprogram in FY 2015.

Jeff Dooley moved to recommend to the Policy Board approval of the proposed amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program as presented, seconded by Tom Rohe. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.

VII. Draft MPO Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) FY 2016: Michelle Bostinelos presented the Draft FY 2016 Transportation Planning Work Program. She explained the document details MPO transportation planning activities and the budget for fiscal year 2016 (July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016).

Ms. Bostinelos reported at this time financing for the program is based on last fiscal year's budget numbers. Staff will update financing as soon final budget numbers are received from Iowa DOT, NDOR and South Dakota DOT.

Ms. Bostinelos provided an overview of the work elements and related activities outlined in the program. She noted two new activities under short-range planning include the Partnership to Improve Community Health grant (PICH) and the MidAmerican GIS Consortium (MAGIC) grant. Kathryn Pfaffle explained the PICH grant is through Siouxland District Health to provide assistance to the cities of Merville and Sergeant Bluff on developing Safe Routes to School and complete street policies as well as a GIS based food system analysis. Funding received through the MAGIC grant will be used to develop demand mapping utilizing trip data from Siouxland Regional Transit System and Sioux City Transit System.

Ms. Bostinelos also noted this fiscal year under Administration/Systems Management staff will assist with the planning and hosting of the Iowa American Planning Association (APA) and Iowa Association of Regional Councils (IARC) conference, October 14-16, 2015.

Ms. Bostinelos asked members to review the FY 2016 Transportation Planning Work Program and let staff know if there are additional projects they would like added or comments on planning activities presented. A final draft will be presented to members for approval at the May meeting.

VIII. FY 2019 Surface Transportation Program (STP)/Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Balance and Applications (Iowa): Christopher Klove reported annually the MPO requests proposals for the Iowa DOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and the Surface Transportation Program (STP). TAP and STP Request for Proposals were sent to Iowa members on January 9, 2015 with a deadline of February 13, 2015. He reminded members that TAP Flex funding must be distributed to STP or TAP.

Mr. Klove reported two responses totaling \$756,960 were received to Requests for Proposals for TAP projects:

1. Mid American Museum of Aviation and Transportation (MAMAT): Museum to Active Runway Access Gate, total cost \$41,200, federal request \$32,960 (80%)

Dakin Schultz reported this project did not meet Surface Transportation Program criteria.

2. City of Sioux City: Riverfront Trail Connection, total cost \$1,600,000, federal request \$724,000 (45%)

Members discussed allocation of FY 2019 TAP Flex monies.

Jade Dundas moved to recommend to the Policy Board allocating the estimated FY 2019 TAP Flex funds of \$96,000 to the TAP balance, seconded by Aaron Lincoln. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Jade Dundas moved to recommend to the Policy Board distributing the estimated TAP balance of \$228,000 to the city of Sioux City for the Riverfront Trail Connection, seconded by Aaron Lincoln. Motion carried with all ayes.

Mr. Klove reported the Iowa DOT has estimated the FY 2019 Surface Transportation Program (STP) target at \$2,248,000. Two responses totaling \$3,040,000 were received to Requests for Proposal for STP projects:

1. City of Sioux City: Myrtle Street Reconstruction, total cost \$2,800,000, federal request \$2,240,000 (80%)
2. Woodbury County: Port Neal Road Pavement, total cost \$1,000,000, federal request \$800,000 (80%)

Jade Dundas moved to recommend to the Policy Board allocation of \$2,240,000 in STP funding to the city of Sioux City Myrtle Street Reconstruction project, and the remaining funds of \$407,600 to the Woodbury County Port Neal Road Pavement project, seconded by Mike Collett. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.

IX. Draft 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendment: Michelle Bostinelos presented the following proposed amendment to the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan.

1. 18th Street Viaduct project in Sioux City needs to be programmed for a total estimated cost of \$13,860,982 with \$11,088,786 Federal participation (TIGER) in FY 2015

Ms. Bostinelos reported the city of Sioux City received TIGER funding to complete the design portion of this project. The 2035 LRTP did include design work but not construction. Federal Highway Administration and Iowa DOT advised the entire project, planning and construction, should be listed in order for the city to move forward. The amendment updates the funding source as TIGER showing the total projected dollar amounts and revises the estimated revenues and expenditures to show fiscal constraint.

Ms. Bostinelos noted a 30-day public comment period is required. Staff is planning to hold a public input meeting in April and stakeholders will receive notification. The proposed amendment will be presented for approval at the May meeting.

X. 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Stakeholders Meeting Summary and Draft Chapter Four: Transit: Michelle Bostinelos reported a visionary workshop for the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan was held on February 26 from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. at Western Iowa Tech Community College. Participants were given three activities 1) visual preference surveys for *Complete Streets, On-Street Parking, Bicycle Infrastructure, Intersections and Crosswalks, and Transit Stops*, 2) maps were provided to indicate current roads and trail areas that are working, those of concern and proposed ideas, 3) ranking of Long Range Transportation Planning goals.

Ms. Bostinelos provided an overview of results and remarks received from the workshop and reported a similar exercise will be held with the Sioux City Mayor's Youth Commission in April.

Jacob Heil reported Chapter Four of the 2040 LRTP gives an overview of the historic, present and future trends, and projects of the transit system within the MPO. He discussed the performance measures, existing conditions, future needs and projects, and potential recommendations identified in the Chapter.

XI. Sioux City Area Development/Transportation Projects Presentation: Jade Dundas, Public Works Director with the city of Sioux City, provided a PowerPoint presentation on transportation projects planned by the city of Sioux City over the next 1 to 2 years. Discussion followed.

XII. Additional Comments: Michelle Bostinelos reported the next TTC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 2015, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City.

XIII. Adjournment: ***Aaron Lincoln moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jeff Dooley. Motion carried with all ayes.*** The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.