

SIouxLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ASSOCIATION (SRTPA)  
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Minutes of the Wednesday, September 10, 2014 Meeting

1:30 p.m.

SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dave Carney, Chair	Monona County
Patrick Mouw, Vice Chair	Ida County
Brenda Berens	Siouxland Regional Transit System (SRTS)
Scott Langel	City of Le Mars
John Meis	City of Cherokee
Mark Nahra	Woodbury County
Tom Rohe	Plymouth County

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Brandon Billings	Cherokee County
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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
Jacob Heil, Transportation Planner	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Christopher Klove, 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 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met on Wednesday, September 10, 2014, at 1:30 a.m., in the Meisner Conference Room at SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa. A quorum was present.

Dave Carney, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

- I. **Approval of the Agenda** – Chair Carney asked if there were any corrections to the September 10, 2014 agenda.  
*John Meis moved to approve the September 10, 2014 agenda as presented, seconded by Patrick Mouw. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.*
- II. **Approval of the Minutes** – Chair Carney asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the June 25, 2014 regular meeting.  
*Mark Nahra moved to approve the minutes of June 25, 2014 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Patrick Mouw. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.*
- III. **Review Monthly Correspondence** – Michelle Bostinelos introduced newly hired transportation planning staff, Christopher Klove and Jacob Heil. Mr. Klove recently graduated from Michigan State University in the Urban and Regional Planning Program; and Mr. Heil recently graduated from Iowa State University in the Community and Regional Planning Program.

Ms. Bostinelos provided an overview of the director's report included in the meeting packet. She reported staff is working with the University of Iowa, Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities on a marketing plan for SRTS and outreach plan for the Transportation Advisory Group (TAG).

Ms. Bostinelos attended the Regional Planning Affiliation (RPA) Directors meeting at the Iowa DOT on August 6 and the U.S. Highway 20 Corridor Association meeting in Holstein on September 5.

Staff continues working with Mapleton Rebuild and Recover to discuss grant opportunities.

Dawn Kimmel and Jacob Heil attended the Ida County Community Alliance meeting on August 14.

Ms. Kimmel and Mr. 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.

Mr. Heil is assisting the Hinton Beautification Group on submittal of a Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) application and an Iowa Federal Recreational Trails Program application for trail funding.

Staff continues assisting with the Walking School Bus program. Currently twelve Sioux City schools are participating in the program; and several schools outside of Sioux City have indicated they would also be interested in also starting a program.

- IV. **Transportation Improvement Progress Report** – Dakin Schultz with Iowa DOT reported approximately 40 to 50 percent of the reconstruction work on Iowa 175 through Battle Creek is done. The first stage of PC overlay on U.S. 59 in Cherokee and Ida counties was completed at the end of June; and the second stage should be finished in approximately two to three weeks. Grading is underway on U.S. Highway 20 from east of Merville to Minnesota Avenue, 3.5 miles west of Correctionville.

Mr. Schultz reported on October 16 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. 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.

- V. **FY 2015–2018 SRTPA Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments & Administrative Modifications** – Michelle Bostinelos asked if there were additional amendments or administrative modifications to TIP projects. Discussion followed and the following amendments were requested:

Patrick Mouw requested the following description change on the D54 project in Ida Grove:

**D54 in Ida County from Woodbury County line to State Highway 59: L51-Crawford County to D54** needs to be programmed for a total cost of \$4,400,000 with \$1,500,000 Federal participation (STP) in FY 2015

Dakin Schultz requested reprogramming the following project from FY 2014 to FY 2015:

**7th Street Bridge over Badger Creek in Ida Grove needs to be programed for a total estimated cost of \$1,000,000 with \$800,000 Federal participation (BHOS) in FY 2015**

Discussion followed.

***Mark Nagra moved to recommend to the Policy Board approval of the proposed amendments to the FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program as presented, seconded by Tom Rohe. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.***

- VI. **Final Draft of the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)** – Michelle Bostinelos reported draft chapters of the LRTP were presented at previous meetings for review and comments. She noted adjustments have been made to the final draft presented based on comments received.

Jacob Heil provided an overview of the plan and discussed changes made since chapters were last presented. He reported Chapter 5 includes both the Federal and State Endangered Species listing. In Chapter 6 the Weather section covers all types of weather in the region. The Development of Trails section was brought up-to-date on proposed projects within the planning area and information on the Iowa DOT Iowa Bicycle and Pedestrian Long-Range Plan, Iowa in Motion – Planning ahead 2040 is now included. In Chapter 7 State and Federal funding sources were adjusted to match what is currently available. The project Transportation Program Management System (TPMS) tables for fiscal years 2015 to 2018 and 2019 to 2040 have been brought up-to-date and the project map labels now include the TPMS number and

year programmed. Long range transportation projects are also shown separately on maps for each county and the cities of Cherokee and Le Mars. He noted included in the appendix is the link to the Iowa DOT 2010 5 Percent Most Severe Safety Needs Report.

Mr. Heil asked members to review and return comments on the final draft. Ms. Bostinelos reported staff will hold two public input meetings, October 14 in Le Mars at the Council Chambers from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. and October 28 in Correctionville at the Community Center from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

**VII. Big Sioux and Little Sioux River Water Trail Update** – Kathryn Pfaffle provided an update on the progress of the water trail studies.

Ms. Pfaffle reported staff has been collecting data on the Little Sioux River and Big Sioux River in Cherokee, Plymouth, and Woodbury counties. She reviewed the data gathered from Cherokee County's inventory on the Little Sioux River which was done at the beginning of July. Information collected included log jams, outfalls, livestock, rapids, trash, remnant bridge piers and severe erosion.

Ms. Pfaffle also reviewed the information collected in Plymouth County from Big Sioux Park to the Mills Site Access. She noted the trend staff has noticed is erosion caused by crops being planted to the edge of the stream and tree snags. Discussion followed.

Michelle Bostinelos reported the trail studies are being completed for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources so both rivers can become state designated trails which will open funding opportunities for signage and other safety measures.

**VIII. Additional Comments** – Due to conflicts with the Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) Fall School the next meeting will be moved from November 12, 2014 to November 19, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.

**IX. Adjournment** – *Chair Carney adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.*