

SIOUXLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ASSOCIATION (SRTPA)
Policy Board
Minutes of the Thursday, September 18, 2014 Meeting
9:30 a.m.
SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Simonsen, Chair	Cherokee County
John Rexwinkel, Vice Chair	City of Le Mars
Brady Hanson	Monona County
Don Kass	Plymouth County
Rhett Leonard	Ida County
Mark Monson	Woodbury County
Jim Peck	City of Cherokee

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 Policy Board met on Thursday, September 18, at 9:30 a.m., in the Meisner Conference Room at SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa. A quorum was present.

Jeff Simonsen, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

- I. **Approval of the Agenda** – Chair Simonsen asked if there were any corrections to the September 18, 2014 agenda.
Don Kass moved to approve the September 18, 2014 agenda as presented, seconded by John Rexwinkel. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.
- II. **Approval of the Minutes** – Chair Simonsen asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the June 26, 2014 regular meeting.
Mark Monson moved to approve the minutes of June 26, 2014 regular meeting as presented, seconded by John Rexwinkel. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.
- III. **Review Monthly Correspondence** – Michelle 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).

Staff co-hosted with the city of Sioux City the U.S. Highway 20 Corridor Association meeting in July.

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.

- IV. **Transportation Improvement Progress Report** – Michelle Bostinelos reported Dakin Schultz with Iowa DOT was unable to attend the meeting. She provided the following update by Mr. Schultz from the September 10, 2014, Transportation Technical Advisory (TAC) meeting.

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.

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.

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.

Mark Monson with Woodbury County reported on the bridge replacement near Sergeant Bluff on I-29 and work underway at Port Neal Interchange. He also reported resurfacing has started on Old Highway 75; and a new road for the CF Industries worksite is currently underway. Discussion followed on the CF Industries expansion.

- V. **FY 2015–2018 SRTPA Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments & Administrative Modifications** – Michelle Bostinelos presented the following TIP amendments for approval. She noted the TAC has reviewed both amendments and recommends approval as presented.

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

Ms. Bostinelos noted this amendment was requested by the Iowa DOT to reprogram the project from FY 2014 to FY 2015.

Mark Monson moved to accept the recommendation of the Transportation Technical Committee and approve the proposed amendment to the FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program as presented, seconded by Don Kass. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.

2. 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

Ms. Bostinelos noted this amendment is to correct the project description so it matches what was submitted to the Iowa DOT.

Rhett Leonard moved to accept the recommendation of the Transportation Technical Committee and approve the proposed amendment to the FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program as presented, seconded by Jim Peck. 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.

Jacob Heil provided an overview of the plan and discussed information now included in Chapters 5, 6 and 7. He reported Chapter 5 has been expanded to include both Federal and State Endangered Species listing. The Weather section in Chapter 6 now covers all types of weather in the region; and information in Development of Trails was brought up-to-date on proposed projects within the planning area and also now includes information on the Iowa DOT Iowa Bicycle and Pedestrian Long-Range Plan, Iowa in Motion – Planning ahead 2040. 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 Appendix C discusses the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) created by the Iowa DOT to help reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries on public roads. It references the website where information and maps of Region IV's safety concerns can be found.

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 – Michelle Bostinelos reported the next meeting will be held Thursday, November 20, 2014, 9:30 a.m., 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City

IX. Adjournment – *Chair Simonsen adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.*