

SIouxLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ASSOCIATION (SRTPA)  
Policy Board

Minutes of the Wednesday, January 15, 2015 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
Mark Monson	Woodbury County
Jim Peck	City of Cherokee

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rhett Leonard	Ida County
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NON-VOTING MEMBERS:

Dakin Schultz	Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT)
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STAFF:

Michelle Bostinelos, Dep. Director/Transp. Planning Director	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Jacob Heil, Transportation Planner	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Christopher Klove, Transportation Planner	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Kathryn Pfaffle, GIS/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

The Policy Board met on Thursday, January 15, 2015, 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 January 15, 2015 agenda.

*John Rexwinkel moved to approve the January 15, 2015 agenda as presented, seconded by Brady Hanson. 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 November 20, 2014 regular meeting.

*Mark Monson moved to approve the minutes of November 20, 2014 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Jim Peck. 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.

Staff continues 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 organized a transportation panel for the Siouxland Legislative Forum co-hosted by SIMPCO and Western Iowa Tech Community College on December 5.

Staff participated in an Iowa DOT quarterly meeting with the state Regional Planning Affiliations by conference call on December 3.

Staff wrote a letter of support for the city of Onawa's TIGER grant application. Ms. Bostinelos noted the City is also interested in applying for a RISE grant.

Staff is preparing to distribute the Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) applications for fiscal year 2019.

- IV. **Transportation Improvement Progress Report** – Dakin Schultz with Iowa DOT reported work currently underway on U.S. Highway 20 includes grading and removal of excess of soil. He noted the first letting this next cycle for U.S. Highway 20 would be the detour onto D22 (old U.S. 20) south of Correctionville.

Mr. Schultz announced the Iowa DOT is hosting a public input meeting on January 22, 2015 regarding proposed improvements to Iowa 3 in Cherokee County from the Plymouth County line to the east city limits of Cleghorn.

Mr. Schultz reported the first two I-29 projects for work in 2015 have been let – southbound through Sergeant Bluff, which is the last of Segment 1, and the two-year project that includes replacement of the southbound Floyd River Bridge, all pavement and the northbound Bacon Creek and Floyd River bridge.

The Iowa DOT Commission is starting the five-year program process; and discussion will include the funding shortfall. A continuing resolution has been passed to fund the current federal transportation bill, MAP-21, until May.

- V. **FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments and Administrative Modifications** – Michelle Bostinelos reported the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) reviewed projects listed in the FY 2015 TIP at their meeting yesterday, and they did not have any amendments or administrative modifications at this time.

- VI. **Officer Elections** – Chair Jeff Simonsen opened the floor to nominations for Chair and Vice Chair.

*Mark Monson moved to reelect Jeff Simonsen as Chair and John Rexwinkel as Vice Chair, seconded by Brady Hanson. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.*

- VII. **Additional Comments** – The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2015, 9:30 a.m. She noted the TAC is planning to meet Wednesday, March 18, 2015, to decide on recommendations for distribution of FY 2019 STP and TAP funds.

Michelle Bostinelos reported STP/TAP applications will be mailed and emailed on January 23, 2015 with a return deadline of February 27, 2015. Applications will also be available on the SIMPCO website. She noted communities must notify a member county and provide a letter of support from the member county if not already a member of the SRTPA to be awarded funding. Discussion followed.

Dakin Schultz reported the next U.S. Highway 20 Corridor meeting will be held on January 16 in Sac City.

- VIII. **Adjournment** – Chair Simonsen adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.