

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

Minutes of the September 3, 2014 Meeting

1:30 P.M.

SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jill Wanderscheid	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Neighborhood Services
Mark Nahra, Vice Chair	Woodbury County, Iowa
Mike Collett	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Transit System
Glenn Ellis	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Public Works
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
Jeff Dooley	Dakota Dunes CID, South Dakota
Fred Kellogg	Dakota County, Nebraska
Aaron Lincoln	Sergeant Bluff, Iowa
Kory Menken	City of North Sioux City, South Dakota
Raymond Roggow	Union County, South Dakota

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Dakin Schultz	Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT)
Brad Zumwalt	Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR)

GUESTS

Carmie Hotchkiss	City of Sioux City, Iowa
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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 Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) met on Wednesday, September 3, 2014 1:30 p.m., SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa.

Jill Wanderscheid, Chair, recognized there was not a quorum due to arrival delays and called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. to take up non-action items on the agenda until a quorum was reached.

I. **Introductions:** Chair Wanderscheid asked for introductions.

IV. **Review Monthly Correspondence:** Michelle Bostinelos provided an overview of the director's report included in the meeting packet.

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 Literary; 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 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan and is seeking public input on the plan through an on-line survey. She asked members to fill out the survey and share with other groups or committees.

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 Downtown Trolley has been very popular and the Taskforce is now looking at wayfinding and completing a one-way/two-way street conversion study.

Members that were delayed arrived during Agenda Item IV and a quorum was present.

- II. **Approval of the Agenda:** Chair Wanderscheid asked if there were any corrections to the September 3, 2014 agenda.
Curt Miller moved to approve the September 3, 2014 agenda as presented, seconded by Tom Rohe. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.
- III. **Approval of the Minutes:** Chair Wanderscheid asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the July 9, 2014 TTC meeting.
Curt Miller moved to approve the July 9, 2014 TTC minutes as presented, seconded by Mark Nahra. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.
- 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 Iowa DOT is hosting a public involvement meeting at Correctionville for discussion of L25 to Correctionville and changes made due to archeological issues encountered. He noted this meeting will also address the detour of U.S. Highway 20 in 2016.

Mr. Schultz reported the next U.S. Highway 20 Corridor Association meeting would be held at 10:00 a.m. on September 5 in Holstein. The Iowa Transportation Commission will hold a business meeting in Sioux Center on October 14 and on October 13 they will tour U.S. Highway 20 and I-29 transportation projects.

Glen Ellis with the city of Sioux City / Engineering reported recently completed projects include Riverside Warrior Eagle Intersection and Jennings Street downtown between 5th and 6th. Reconstruction is in progress on 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.

Jill Wanderscheid with the city of Sioux City / Neighborhood Services reported approximately 13 blocks of alley in the Rose Hill Urban Renewal area is being reconstructed. BNSF is working on the track-finishing project between 7th and 31st.

Mike Collett with the city of Sioux City / Transit System reported they were awarded a Public Transit Infrastructure Grant for approximately \$200,000 to complete upgrades and repair work at the Martin Luther King Jr. Transportation Center.

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.

Mark Nahra with Woodbury County reported County Road D51 is closed from Port Neal just to the eastside of Benton Avenue for pavement replacement work. The HMA overlay project on Old Highway 75 will start in September with completion anticipated in approximately three weeks. Road grading is finished on the new road that will serve the CF Industries north plant.

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.

- 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. Members discussed addressing the affects of inflation in the Income section, changing the title in Table II.4 of the Commuting section to *Work in City of Residence* since *Work in Place of Residence* could be misinterpreted as work at home and making sure statistics are correct on population projections. Ms. Bostinelos noted staff is planning to meet with members to make sure everyone is comfortable with the statistics. She requested additional comments returned by October 3, 2014 and noted a final draft will be presented for further review at a future meeting.

Ms. Bostinelos reminded members to submit Long Range Transportation projects to staff as soon as possible. She noted the Iowa DOT has also been requesting this information for modeling. She explained the plan is updated every five years so the best estimate should be made between approval of this plan and the next plan; any projects applying for funding within the next five years should be included in this plan. Discussion followed on projects that should be included, funding, fiscal constraint and the lengthy process of amending the plan.

- 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. Dwight Lang noted the budget does include purchase of this software.
- 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 TTC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 5, 2014, 1:30 p.m., 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City.
- X. **Adjournment:** *Curt Miller moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jill Wanderscheid. Motion carried with all ayes.* The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.