

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

Minutes of the July 2, 2014 Meeting

1:30 P.M.

SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jill Wanderscheid, Chair	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Engineering
Mark Nahra, Vice Chair	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	City of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa
Robert Livermore	City of South Sioux City, Nebraska
Curt Miller	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Airport
Thomas Rohe	Plymouth County, Iowa

MEMBERS ABSENT

Brent Clark	City of Dakota City, Nebraska
Fred Kellogg	Dakota County, Nebraska
Kory Menken	City of North Sioux City, South Dakota
Raymond Roggow	Union County, South Dakota

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Dakin Schultz	Iowa Department of Transportation
Jim Wilkinson (via conference call)	Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR)
Brad Zumwalt (via conference call)	Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR)

GUESTS

Glenn Ellis	City of Sioux City / Engineering
Carmie Hotchkiss	City of Sioux City / Finance

STAFF

Michelle Bostinelos, Transportation Planning Director	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Christopher Klove, Transportation Planner	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Dwight Lang, Executive Director	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Dawn Kimmel, Mobility Manager	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
Sharon Burton, Executive Assistant	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council

The Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) met on Wednesday, July 2, 2014 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 asked members and guests to introduce themselves.
- II. **Approval of the Agenda:** Chair Wanderscheid asked if there were any additions or corrections to the July 2, 2014 agenda.  
**Mark Nahra moved to approve the July 2, 2014 agenda as presented, seconded by Robert Livermore. 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 April 23, 2014 TTC meeting.  
**Mark Naha moved to approve the April 23, 2014 TTC minutes as presented, seconded by Aaron Lincoln. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.**
- IV. **FY 2014 MPO Accomplishments:** Michelle Bostinelos announced two transportation planners have been hired, Jacob Heil, a graduate of Iowa State University in Community and Regional Planning and Christopher Klove, a graduate of Michigan State University in Urban and Regional Planning. She introduced Mr. Klove and noted Mr. Heil is working with Kathryn Pfaffle on the Iowa DNR Water Trails project and was unable to attend today's meeting.

Michelle Bostinelos provided an overview of the memo included in the meeting packet outlining FY 2014 staff activities and projects.

- Staff continues working with the Tri-State Traffic Management Team. This group has received praise and inquiries from agencies across the nation on their coordination with three states.
- Staff continues to assist Sioux City Transit System with route brochures and maps.
- Staff continues working with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Roundtable, Scheels and the City of Sioux City on the decorative bike rack project. She noted this project has received a lot of attention and local businesses have contacted staff with questions regarding purchase and installation of these unique styles of bike racks. Scheels has donated money for another round this year.
- Partnerships have been formed with Siouxland District Health, Sioux City Community Schools and Blue Zones to promote healthy transportation initiatives including the Walking School Bus program
- Staff updated the Siouxland Trails map and worked with the Downtown Partners Transportation Taskforce on creating downtown trolley route maps.
- The application submitted for the Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities partnership through the University of Iowa was awarded. Students will begin working this fall on projects that include: Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan, Floyd Corridor Study, public engagement for the Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) and Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and marketing for Siouxland Regional Transit System (SRTS), Farmer's Market and Sioux City Environmental Advisory Board. She noted a kick-off event is planned for August.

V. **Transportation Improvement Progress Report** – Dakin Schultz with Iowa DOT reported the five-year Transportation Improvement Program (2015-2019) has been released and can be viewed on the Iowa DOT website. He noted the program includes the last year of major construction on I-29; and there was no funding programmed for US Highway 20 past Correctionville.

Jade Dundas with the city of Sioux City reported projects underway include Jennings Street reconstruction between 5<sup>th</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Street, South Fairmont Street Reconstruction from Dodge Avenue to Leech Avenue, West Clifton Street paving and utility improvements, Myrtle Street Reconstruction (21<sup>st</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>) and Jay Avenue Reconstruction – S. Rustin St to S Cecilia Street. Reconstruction on Country Club Boulevard should be done by the beginning of next month. The long-term need for the Dearborn Boulevard Bridge reconstruction project is under evaluation. Work continues with the Iowa DOT on relocation of utilities through the I-29 downtown corridor.

Mike Collett with the city of Sioux City / Transit System reported the new bus wash system is now operational. Funding for this project was received from the Iowa DOT Public Transit Infrastructure grant program. A special event route will be available this weekend for the Saturday in the Park Festival.

Curt Miller with city of Sioux City / Airport reported fence is being replaced along the new Southbridge Drive across to Sully and Andrew Avenue. Future projects include asphalt mill and overlay; light and hangar door repairs.

Aaron Lincoln with the city of Sergeant Bluff reported he will be working with Michelle Bostinelos on submitting a RISE grant application for a new industrial park road - Port Neal over to 220th on the south of town. The contract for the Quiet Zones Feasibility Study was awarded to Olsson and Associates.

Mark Nahra with Woodbury County reported 260<sup>th</sup> Street paving (Port Neal landing Interchange) is under contract. It is anticipated pavement replacement will start a month earlier than originally scheduled; therefore, closure of 260<sup>th</sup> could be around the end of September or beginning of October. Work on the CF Industries plant road in the wetland area has been delayed due to rain. Work continues on haul road to CF Industries – plans now include an extension to 240<sup>th</sup> Street and an improvement to Andrew Avenue.

Brad Zumwalt with NDOR reported the repair and resurfacing project on Highway 77 that runs through South Sioux City to the Missouri River Bridge should begin towards the end of this month.

Robert Livermore with the City of South Sioux City reported construction on Dakota Avenue 29<sup>th</sup> to 39<sup>th</sup> is moving along with completion still expected in November. The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project that is for rebuild and utilities on A Street will be starting soon. Work on the Missing Link Trail and the Safe Routes to School (Connecting Schools) Trail is moving along. The railroad crossing on C Street was recently repaired by BNSF. The City is working with the County on paving Foundry Road, which is another access to Freedom Park. The Vietnam Wall, an exact replica of the one in Washington D.C., is now in Freedom Park.

Jeff Dooley with Dakota Dunes CID reported reconstruction of the bike path along the Big Sioux levee was scheduled to be bid by the South Dakota Department of Transportation on the 24<sup>th</sup> but due to flooding is now on hold indefinitely until the levee is fixed.

**VI. FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment** – Michelle Bostinelos reported the following amendment to the FY 2014-2017 was requested by the City of South Sioux City.

1. Electric fueling station in South Sioux City needs to be programmed for a total estimated cost of \$12,000 with \$10,000 in Federal participation (CMAQ) in FY 2014

Robert Livermore reported the City has one electric car in their intercity fleet with plans of adding up to three more; and currently there is only one fueling station available at City Hall. He noted the electric fueling stations are open to the public and at this time there is no charge. Discussion followed.

***Jade Dundas moved to recommend to the Policy Board approval of the proposed amendment to the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program as presented, seconded by Tom Rohe. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.***

**VII. Resolution 2015-1 Approval of the FY 2015-2018 MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** – Michelle Bostinelos asked members if there were any changes to projects listed in the FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program presented for approval. She questioned if the Sioux City Regional Rail Study should be moved to FY 2015 and the delay on the Dakota Dunes Trail project. Discussion followed. It was decided the Regional Rail Study will be moved to FY 2015 and the Trail project will be amended in September.

Ms. Bostinelos provided an overview of the Transportation Improvement Program noting the document not only outlines transportation improvements for fiscal years 2015 through 2018 but also includes information on the status of projects programmed in FY 2014, criteria for selecting Iowa Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) projects, the public participation process and financing programs.

Ms. Bostinelos reported if there are no further changes at this time staff is requesting a recommendation to the Policy Board for approval of the FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program.

***Curt Miller moved to recommend to the Policy Board approval of Resolution 2015-1 Approval of the FY 2015-2018 MPO Transportation Improvement Program, seconded by Mike Collett. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.***

**VIII. Resolution 2015-2 Self-Certification of the MPO Transportation Planning Process** – Michelle Bostinelos reported this resolution certifies the transportation planning process is addressing the major issues in the metropolitan planning area and is being conducted in accordance with federal law. She provided a handout explaining each of the applicable federal requirements.

Ms. Bostinelos reported a Triennial Transportation Planning Review of the MPO will be conducted on July 24, 2014. Representatives from the Iowa DOT, NDOR, South Dakota DOT, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will meet with staff to review how federal requirements and criteria are being met.

***Mark Nahra moved to recommend to the Policy Board approval of Resolution 2015-2 Self-Certification of the MPO Transportation Planning Process, seconded by Curt Miller. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.***

**IX. Resolution 2015-3 Project Development Sioux City Transit System** – Michelle Bostinelos reported this resolution certifies the City of Sioux City, as a recipient of FTA assistance, has fulfilled their planning obligation in the development of projects enclosed in the FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program. She noted a FTA Triennial Review was conducted with Sioux City Transit System last fall and staff assisted in providing required information and documentation.

***Mike Collett moved to recommend to the Policy Board approval of Resolution 2015-3 Project Development Sioux City Transit System, seconded by Jade Dundas. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.***

**X. Resolution 2015-4 Certification of Compliance: Statement of Financial Capacity Analysis** – Michelle Bostinelos reported this resolution certifies the FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program was prepared in accordance with the requirements of the FTA Circular 7008.1 for finance capacity analysis. She

explained Circular 7008.1 requires the planning and programming process to guarantee that the Transportation Improvement Program provides adequate financial capacity to cover operational capital and maintenance costs over the lives of the project. She noted transit projects in the Transportation Improvement Program can be listed based on need so if funding is not available projects are rolled over into the next fiscal year.

***Curt Miller moved to recommend to the Policy Board approval of Resolution 2015-4 Certification of Compliance: Statement of Financial Capacity Analysis, seconded by Jeff Dooley. No further discussion. Motion carried with all ayes.***

- XI. 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Draft Chapter One** – Michelle Bostinelos presented a draft of Chapter 1 of the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. She noted the final plan is due in January of 2016 so chapters will be presented for review and comments at meetings through this time period.

Ms. Bostinelos noted one suggestion received on this Chapter was the plan should be referred to as the Long Range Transportation Plan for the Sioux City area MPO instead of the SIMPCO Long Range Transportation Plan. This would change the focus to members and not the administrative organization. Ms. Bostinelos noted members expressed concern several years ago on using terminology such as Sioux City area MPO meant the focus was mainly on Sioux City so, at that time, the language was changed to SIMPCO. Discussion followed on what language other Council of Governments use. Members decided to consider the suggested language change and make a decision at a later date.

Ms. Bostinelos reported Chapter 1 is the Introduction to the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. She noted this chapter provides an overview of the plan along with outlining the metropolitan area, the MPO, purpose, goals, objectives and public participation process. She noted changes since the 2030 plan include the Bike and Pedestrian section is now referred to as Non-Motorized Transportation; and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), environmental impacts and environmental justice components will be added to the Transit and Street and Highway sections. The current map will be expanded to include Jefferson, South Dakota and Performance Measures will be addressed when information is released. She reported the goals and objectives shown are the same as in the last plan and will be updated based on public input. She noted staff is putting together an on-line survey and is also looking into other methods for public involvement.

Ms. Bostinelos asked members to continue reviewing Chapter 1 and return comments within the next month. Chapter 2 of the Long Range Transportation Plan will be presented for review at the September meeting.

- XII. 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Project List** – Michelle Bostinelos reported staff will begin collecting information from members on projects that should be listed in the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. She reviewed a spreadsheet outlining information needed for each project. Staff will include in the spreadsheet projects listed in the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan and members will be asked to indicate what projects are still valid, include any new projects and specify the year ban anticipated. A suggestion was made to provide members with a map clearly showing an overlay of MPO boundaries. Discussion followed.
- XIII. Additional Comments:** Michelle Bostinelos reported the next TTC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 3, 2014, 1:30 p.m. at SIMPCO.

Chair Wanderscheid announced SIMPCO and the City of Sioux City is hosting a U.S. Highway 20 Corridor meeting at 10:00 a.m. on July 10, 2014, at the Sioux City Public Museum.

Dakin Schultz with Iowa DOT reported the Secretary of Transportation has released information on how they are going to move forward with cash management considering issues with the Highway Trust Fund. Beginning August 1, the states will receive an allocation of federal funds based on bi-weekly Highway Trust Fund receipts and their share of federal funding. The Iowa DOT is accessing what this impact will be and there will be discussion at the Iowa Transportation Commission next week. Mr. Schultz also reported the Federal Functional Classifications should be coming out soon and this will be connected to boundary changes. Discussion followed.

- XIV. Adjournment:** ***Robert Livermore moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mark Nahra. Motion carried with all ayes.*** Chair Wanderscheid adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.