

Minutes

**SIOUXLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ASSOCIATION (SRTPA)
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
Wednesday, March 18, 2026, 1:30 p.m.
SIMPCO, 6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City, Iowa and via TEAMS**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Thomas Rohe, Chair | Plymouth County, Iowa |
| Laura Sievers, Vice-Chair | Woodbury County, Iowa |
| Kyle Basten | City of Cherokee, Iowa |
| Scott Kruse | Monona County, Iowa |
| Brian Pearson | Siouxland Regional Transit System |
| Kelly Puhrmann | Cherokee County, Iowa |
| Colin Ryan | Ida County, Iowa |
| Jason Vacura | City of Le Mars, Iowa |

Non-Voting Members/Guests:

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| Sarah Tracy | Department of Transportation – IA |
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STAFF PRESENT:

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| Michelle Bostinelos, Executive Director | SIMPCO |
| Corinne Erickson, Regional Planning Manager | SIMPCO |
| Nathan Kistner, Regional Planner I | SIMPCO |
| Ryan Brauer, Regional Planner I | SIMPCO |
| Emily Guthrie, Executive Assistant | SIMPCO |

The Siouxland Regional Transportation Planning Association (SRTPA) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., in person at 6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City, and virtually via TEAMS.

Vice-Chair Thomas Rohe called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

- I. **Approval of the Agenda:** Chair Tom Rohe asked if there were any additions or corrections to the regular meeting agenda of March 18, 2026.

Kelly Puhrmann moved to approve the meeting agenda as presented, seconded by Laura Sievers. Motion carried with all ayes.

- II. **Approval of the Minutes:** Chair Rohe asked if there were any additions or corrections to the regular meeting minutes of January 14, 2026.

Laura Sievers moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Brian Pearson Bechtold. Motion carried all ayes.

- III. **Review of Monthly Correspondence:** Corinne Erickson presented projects and activities outlined in the Director's Report included in the meeting packet from the January 14, 2026 meeting.

- IV. Transportation Improvement Progress Report:** SRTPA TAC voting, and non-voting members provided an update on the progress of transportation improvements currently underway throughout the region.
- V. FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments and Administrative Modifications** - Michelle Bostinelos asked the TAC to present any amendments or administrative modifications to FY 2026-2029 TIP to bring to the Policy Board. Committee discussed the status of the Cherokee County L51 road project, including its scheduled year and whether a formal motion has been made to advance it. Michelle plans to review past meetings to confirm whether a motion was made.

The following amendments and modifications were brought forward for review and approval.

Amendments:

1. Siouxland Regional Transit System (SRTS) Expansion Facility – Sioux City (TPMS #11758) needs to be programmed for a total estimated cost of \$8,008,659 with \$6,406,927 Federal participation (5339) in FY 2026.
2. SRTS new Le Mars Facility (TPMS #12078) needs to be programmed for a total estimated cost of \$2,355,488 with \$1,884,390 Federal participation (5339) in FY 2026.
3. SRTS Workforce Development – Expansion and New Facility Sioux City and Le Mars (TPMS #1208) needs to be programmed for a total estimated cost of \$56,823 with \$45,459 Federal participation (5339) in FY 2026.
4. SRTS Charging Stations in Sioux City and Le Mars (TPMS #12079) need to be programmed for a total estimated cost of \$236,822 with \$213,140 Federal participation (5339) in FY 2026.
5. SRTS Light Duty Electric – Alternative Fuel Vehicle (TPMS #12081) needs to be programmed for a total estimated cost of \$353,323 with \$300,325 Federal participation (5339) in FY 2026.
6. SRTS Light Duty Electric Alternative Fuel Vehicle (TPMS #12083) needs to be programmed for a total estimated cost of \$353,323 with \$300,325 Federal participation (5339) in FY 2026.

Brian Pearson noted the amendments mimic the contract language via IDOT. Once the contract is finalized, IDOT will review the detailed breakdown of the \$9.1 million. Brian additionally, noted that LeMars's costs are mostly covered by upcoming funding with most of the support will be coming out of Sioux City.

Brian Pearson moved to approve amendments 1-6 as presented, seconded by Kelly Puhmann. Motioned carried all ayes.

VI. FY 2030 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) balance and applications- (Action Item)

Michelle Bostinelos noted an error in the packet with a change to the SRTS requested amount change to \$46,643.

STBG - Nathan reported a total of seven (7) STBG requests totaling \$6,524,096. He noted that the Iowa DOT estimated target for the Iowa portion of the RPA is \$2,246,000 in FY 2030 with a STBG balance approximately \$2,428,416. The TAC reviewed and discussed the following STBG applications submitted for recommendation to the Policy Board.

- **SIMPCO** – total requested amount \$50,000

Laura Sievers moved to approve the SIMPCO Planning application for the total requested amount of \$50,00 in FY 30. Motion seconded by Kyle Basten. Motioned carried all ayes.

- **Plymouth County** – Tom Rohe withdrew Plymouth County application for request of funding. (no action taken)
- **SRTS** – total requested amount \$46,643 in FY 2030 for floor scrubber.

Jason Vacura moved to approve the SRTS application for the total requested amount \$46,643 in FY 30. Motion seconded by Brian Pearson. Motioned carried all ayes.

- **Monona County** – TAC Committee discussion to consider Monona County application that was submitted late. Decision to leave on for Policy Board discussion.
- **Cherokee County** – Kelly Puhmann withdrew Cherokee County application for request of funding. (no action taken)
- **City of LeMars** - 12th ST. Project, 4th Ave to 7th Ave – total requested amount: \$834,096 in FY 30
- **Woodbury County** – D12 IA 140 to the City Limits of Pierson – total requested amount \$1,497,677 in FY 30

Kelly Puhmann moved to approve both the City of Le Mars application for \$834,096 in FY 30 and the Woodbury County application for \$1,497,677 in FY 30. Motion seconded by Kyle Basten. Motioned carried all ayes.

TAP – Nathan Kistner reported a total of one (1) TAP request was received totaling \$240,000 for FY 30. He noted the FY30 TAP balance is \$740,959. The TAC reviewed and discussed the application for recommendation to the Policy Board.

- **City of Marcus** – Phase 2 of Marcus Trail – total requested amount \$240,000 in FY 30

Brian Pearson moved to approve the City of Marcus application \$240,000 for Phase 2 of Marcus Trail in FY 30. Motion seconded by Jason Vacura. Motion carried all eyes.

VII. FY 2027 Draft Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP):

Michelle Bostinelos presented the TAC with the draft FY 2027 TPWP in conformance with the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and the Department of Transportation. Michelle noted final approval will be requested at the May SRTPA TAC meeting.

VIII. Additional Comments –

- **Next Meeting:** May 13, 2026, at 1:30 PM
- **Tentative Meeting Schedule:**
 - June 10, 2026, at 1:30 PM (Day after Public Input meeting on TIP)

IX. Adjournment – Kelly Basten moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Brian Pearson. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM

Meeting minutes prepared by Tonia Abell (not present at the meeting).