

**SIouxLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ASSOCIATION (SRTPA)
Policy Board
Minutes**

**Thursday, March 26, 2026, 9:30 a.m.
SIMPCO, 6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City, Iowa and via Teams**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Devlun Whiteing, Vice Chairman	Ida County, Iowa
Shane Bellefy	Cherokee County, Iowa
Doug Manley	Plymouth County, Iowa
Brad Pick	City of LeMars, Iowa
Tony Puffet	City of Cherokee, Iowa

GUESTS PRESENT:

Sarah Tracy	Iowa Department of Transportation
Wes Fopma	Congressman Feenstra
Katie Rozell	USD Student

STAFF PRESENT:

Michelle Bostinelos, Executive Director	SIMPCO
Brian Pearson, Transit Director	SIMPCO/SRTS
Corinne Erickson, Regional Planning Manager	SIMPCO
Nathan Kistner, Regional Planner	SIMPCO
Emily Guthrie, Executive Assistant	SIMPCO

The Siouxsland Regional Transportation Planning Association Policy Board met on Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. via Teams and in person at SIMPCO, located at 6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City, Iowa. A quorum was present.

Vice-Chair Devlun Whiteing called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Introduction of Katie Rozell, USD Student

- I. **Approval of the Agenda:** Vice-Chair Devlun Whiteing asked if there were any additions or corrections to the regular meeting agenda of March 26, 2026.

Doug Manley moved to approve the regular meeting agenda as presented, seconded by Tony Puffet. Motion carried with all ayes.

- II. **Approval of the Minutes:** Vice-Chair Devlun Whiteing, asked if there were any additions or corrections to the January 22, 2026 regular meeting minutes.

Doug Manley moved to approve the regular meeting minutes presented, seconded by Devlun Whiteing. Motion carried with all ayes.

- III. **Review Monthly Correspondence**: Corinne Erickson, SIMPCO Regional Planning Manager, presented pertinent information on projects and activities outlined in the Director's Report included in the meeting packet of the January 22, 2026, meeting.
- IV. **Transportation Improvement Progress Report**: Policy Board members and staff provided an update on the progress of transportation improvements currently underway throughout the region.
- V. **FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment and Administrative Modifications**: Michelle Bostinelos, SIMPCO Executive Director, presented the following amendments to the FY 2026-2029 TIP for consideration of approval. Michelle noted the TAC made a positive recommendation.

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 covered the need for two separate contracts for LeMars and Sioux City, with the TPMS number (likely 12084) to be verified. Both projects are still in the NEPA process, but Sioux City's review might be expedited due to federal funding and prior clearance, as the site is IDOT's property. The project is in Phase 1, focusing on archaeological study, and the team is awaiting an FDA approval letter before proceeding.

Brad Pick moved to approve amendments 1-6 as presented, seconded by Tony Puffet. 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 Policy Board reviewed and discussed the STBG applications that were submitted. Nathan noted TAC provided a positive recommendation for these applications.

- **SIMPCO** – total requested amount \$50,000
- **SRTS** – total requested amount \$46,643 in FY 2030 for floor scrubber.
- **Cherokee County** –Cherokee County withdrew application for request of funding. (no action taken by TAC)
- **Woodbury County** – D12 IA 140 to the City Limits of Pierson – total requested amount \$1,497,677 in FY 30
- **City of LeMars** - 12th ST. Project, 4th Ave to 7th Ave – total requested amount: \$834,096 in FY 30
- **Plymouth County** –Plymouth County withdrew application for request of funding. (no action taken by TAC)
- **Monona County** –Discussion to consider Monona County application that was submitted late.

Devlun Whiteing moved to approve the fiscal year 2030 STBG balance and applications as presented, seconded by Doug Manley. 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 Policy Board reviewed and discussed the TAP applications that were submitted. Nathan noted TAC provided a positive recommendation for the application.

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

Devlun Whiteing moved to approve the City of Marcus application for \$240,000 for Phase 2 of Marcus Trail in FY 30. Motion seconded by Doug Manley. Motion carried all ayes.

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

Michelle Bostinelos presented the Policy Board 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 Policy Board meeting.

VIII. **Additional Comments:**

- Next Meeting: Thursday, May 28, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.
- Upcoming meeting: Wednesday, June 25, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

Adjournment: Vice-Chairman Devlun Whiteing adjourned meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Tonia Abell (not in attendance) on March 31, 2026.