

SIOUXLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ASSOCIATION (SRTPA)

Policy Board

Minutes

Thursday, November 20, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

SIMPCO, 6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City, Iowa and via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vince Phillips, Chairman
Devlun Whiteing, Vice Chairman
Shane Bellefy
Brad Pick

Monona County, Iowa
Ida County, Iowa
Cherokee, Iowa
City of Le Mars, Iowa

GUESTS PRESENT:

Sarah Tracy
Wes Fopma

Iowa Department of Transportation
Congressman Feenstra

STAFF PRESENT:

Michelle Bostinilos, Executive Director
Brian Pearson, Transit Director
Emily Guthrie, Executive Assistant

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The Siouxland Regional Transportation Planning Association Policy Board met on Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom and in person at SIMPCO, located at 6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City, Iowa. A quorum was present.

Chairman Vince Phillips called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

I. **Introductions:**

II. **Approval of the Agenda:** Chairman, Vince Phillips, asked if there were any additions or corrections to the regular meeting agenda of November 20, 2025.

Shane Bellefy moved to approve the regular meeting agenda with change to remove Item IX, as presented, seconded by Brad Pick. Motion carried with all ayes.

III. **Approval of the Minutes:** Chairman, Vince Phillips, asked if there were any additions or corrections to the September 25, 2025, regular meeting minutes.

Shane Bellefy moved to approve the regular meeting minutes presented, seconded by Brad Pick. Motion carried with all ayes.

IV. **Review Monthly Correspondence:** Michelle Bostinilos presented pertinent information on projects and activities outlined in the Director's Report included in the meeting packet of the September 25, 2025, meeting.

V. **Transportation Improvement Progress Report:** Policy Board members and staff provided an update on the progress of transportation improvements currently underway throughout the region.

VI. **FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments:** Michelle Bostinilos presented the following amendments to the FY 2026-2029 TIP for consideration of approval. Michelle noted the TAC made a positive recommendation.

Amendments FY 2026-2029

1. W. Bluff Street road construction project in the City of Cherokee from N 9th Street to Gillette Drive be programmed for a total estimated cost of \$950,000 with \$504,000 Federal participation (STBG-SWAP) in FY 2026.

Vince Phillips moved to approve the amendments presented to update West Bluff St reconstruction project description from termini at CN RR track to termini at Gillette Drive, seconded by Devlun Whiting. Motion carried all ayes.

VII. **Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)/Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Deadlines and Application Process** – Michelle Bostinilos provided the Board with a summary of the application process for the STBG/TAP and proposed deadline for the next application round included in the meeting packet. Michelle noted the TAC made a positive recommendation.

Brad Pick moved to approve dates of January 16, 2026, distribution of applications and February 13, 2026, return of applications as recommended, seconded by Shane Bellefy. Motion carried all ayes.

VIII. **Discussion on Le Mars Pedestrian Bridge Replacement Project TAP eligibility.** The committee discussed supporting the LeMars project to designate the replacement of the flood damaged pedestrian bridge as a multi-use, allowing golf carts. According to DOT the planned use of golf carts on the bridge is not permissible under TAP funds. TAC did not take formal action on this issue as the DOT discussion was untimely for meeting. The decision to continue funding ultimately lies with DOT.

Brad Pick moved to support allowing LeMars project to proceed with joint pedestrian and golf cart use, seconded by Shane Bellefy. Motion carried all ayes.

IX. **Removed. See Item II.**

X. **Additional Comments:**

- Next Meeting: January 22, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.
- Tentative Meeting Schedule:
 - March 26, 2026
 - May 28, 2026
 - June 25, 2026

XI. **Adjournment:** Vince Phillips adjourned meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Tonia Abell. (not in attendance) on December 8, 2025.