

## Minutes

### SIouxLAND INTERSTATE METROPOLITAN PLANNING COUNCIL (SIMPCO) METROPOLITAN PLANNING COUNCIL (MPO)

#### Policy Board

Thursday, May 8, 2025, 1:30 p.m.

SIMPCO, 6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City IA & Zoom Conference Call

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ken Beaulieu, Chair	Dakota Dunes CID, SD
Craig Anderson	Plymouth County, IA
Mike Dailey	Union County, SD
Randy Groetken	City of Dakota City, NE
Ron Hansen	City of Sergeant Bluff, IA
Randy Meyer	City of South Sioux City, NE
Julie Schoenherr	City of Sioux City, IA
Mike Tokarczyk	Sioux City Transit System

#### **NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT & GUESTS:**

Sarah Gilkerson	Department of Transportation – SD
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#### **STAFF PRESENT:**

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

The MPO Policy Board met on Thursday, May 8, 2025, 1:30 p.m., via Zoom and in person at SIMPCO, located at 6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City, Iowa. A quorum was present. Chair, Ken Beaulieu, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. **Roll Call:** Chair Beaulieu opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

II. **Approval of the Agenda:** Chair Beaulieu asked if there were any additions or corrections to May 8, 2025, regular meeting agenda.

*Craig Anderson moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Mike Tokarczyk. Motion carried all ayes.*

III. **Approval of the Minutes:** Chair Beaulieu asked if there were any additions or corrections to the March 6, 2024, regular meeting minutes.

*Craig Anderson moved to approve the minutes as presented, second by Julie Gilkerson. Motion carried all ayes.*

IV. **Review Monthly Correspondence:** Corinne Erickson provided an overview of current projects and staff activities outlined in the Director Report included in the meeting packet.

V. **Transportation Improvement Progress Report:** The Iowa Department of Transportation and members provided an update on the progress of transportation improvements currently underway throughout the MPO area.

- Sarah Gilkerson (SD DOT) requested a special meeting to propose a TIP amendment to Policy Board. There were some changes to the funding amounts on the Dakota Dunes multi-use trail project and the SD DOT has asked us to get those approved before the May 21 letting date.

VI. **FY 2026- 2029 Draft MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):** Ryan Bauer presented TCC the FY 2026- 2029 Draft MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for review and comment on or before June 6, 2025. Michelle noted that a public input meeting is scheduled for June 10th at SIMPCO. Following the public input meeting, final approval will be requested from MPO at the next meeting. Once the MPO Policy Board gives its final approval, the TIP will be submitted to the States' Department of Transportation by July 15 for review and approval.

VII. **Resolution 2025 – 12 FY 26 MPO Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP):** Michelle Bostinelos presented for approval the final MPO FY 26 TPWP in conformance with the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and each state's DOT. Michelle mentioned that the TTC did make a positive recommendation to approve the budget with the revised numbers released from DOT.

*Ron Hanson motioned to approve the final MPO TPWP FY 26. The motion was seconded by Randy Meyer. Roll call vote: Ken Beaulieu: aye; Craig Anderson: aye; Mike Dailey: aye; Ron Hanson: aye; Randy Meyer: aye; Julie Schoenherr: aye; Mike Tokarczyk: aye; Randy Groetken: aye; Motion passed (9:0).*

VIII. **2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Inflation Rates:** Michelle requested MPO members to determine an inflation rate to use on projects with the LRTP. Michelle mentioned incoming revenue was calculated in current dollars. Michelle noted the TTC recommendation 4% for expenditure and 2% for revenue.

*Craig Anderson motioned to approve an increase of 4% for expenditure and 2% for revenue. The motion was seconded by Randy Meyer. Motion carried with all ayes*

IX. **Additional Comments:**

- Special meeting to propose a TIP amendment to Policy Board Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.
- TIP Public Meeting: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 SIMPCO Training Room 4:00 – 5:00p.m.
- Next Meeting – Thursday, June 26, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

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Meeting was adjourned at 2:24 p.m.