Minutes

SIOUXLAND INTERSTATE METROPOLITAN PLANNING COUNCIL (SIMPCO)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING COUNCIL (MPO)
Transportation Technical Committee (TTC)
Wednesday, September 2, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.
SIMPCO, 6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City IA & Teams Conference Call

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Aaron Lincoln, Chair	City of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa
Jeff Dooley, Vice-Chair	City of North Sioux City, SD
Jason Allen	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Transit System
Pamela Camarillo	City of Dakota City, NE
Mike Collett	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Airport
Lance Hedquist	City of South Sioux City, NE
Chris Madsen	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Tom Pingel	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Tom Rohe	Plymouth County, Iowa
Laura Sievers	Woodbury County, Iowa
Andrew Tramp	Dakota Dunes CID, SD

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT/GUESTS:

Jessica Felix	Department of Transportation - IA
Steve Gramm	Department of Transportation – SD
Sarah Tracy	Department of Transportation – IA
Jarrod Walker	Department of Transportation - NE
Gordon Phair	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Renae Billings	City of Sioux City, Iowa

STAFF PRESENT:

Brian Pearson, Transit & Facility Director	SRTS/SIMPCO
Corinne Erickson, Regional Planning Manager	SIMPCO
Emily Guthrie, Executive Assistant	SIMPCO

The TTC met on Wednesday, September 2, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., via in person, at 6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City, Iowa and via Teams. A quorum was present. Chair Aaron Lincoln called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. **Roll Call/Introductions:** Chair Aaron Lincoln opened the meeting with a roll call.

II. **Approval of the Agenda:** Chair Aaron Lincoln asked if there were any additions or corrections to the regular meeting agenda of September 2, 2026.

Tom Rohe moved to approve the agenda presented, seconded by Tom Pingel. Motion carried with all ayes.

III. **Approval of the Minutes:** Chair Aaron Lincoln asked if there were any additions or corrections to the regular meeting minutes of June 24, 2026.

Aaron Lincoln moved to approve the June 24, 2026, meeting minutes with correction to ITEM IX, Additional Comment, changing the word "hearing" to "Public Meeting". The motion, as corrected, was seconded by Chris Madsen. Motion carried with all ayes.

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

V. **Transportation Improvement Progress Report:** Members provided an update on the progress of transportation improvements currently underway throughout the MPO area.

Pam Camarillo, Lance Hedquist and Andrew Tramp joined the meeting via TEAMS.

VI. **FY 2026-2029 and FY 2027 – 2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments and Administrative Modifications** – (Action Item) Regional Planning Manager, Corinne Erickson presented Bostinelos presented the TTC with the following amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2026-2029 and FY 2027-2030 TIPs for positive recommendation to the Policy Board.

FY 26-29 Amendments:

1. Iowa DOT IA 376: Lincoln Way to N of Cunningham Drive Sioux City needs to be programmed for a total cost of $2,105,206 with $1,684,165 Federal participation (NHPP) and $421,041 State match (PRF) in FY 26.

Tom Pingel moved to approve the amendment (1) to the FY 2026-2029 TIP *as presented, seconded by Tom Rohe. Motion carried with all ayes.*

VII. **Presentation on Gordon Drive Viaduct/Bacon Creek Conduit and Bacon Creek Channel Projects** – The Iowa DOT and City of Sioux City will provide a presentation on the Gordon Drive Viaduct/Bacon Creek Conduit and Bacon Creek Channel Projects. (Information Item)

Renae Billings from the City of Sioux City provided an update on the redevelopment of the Bacon Creek Channel. Originally constructed in the 1930s as a flood control project, the channel now faces structural risks and deteriorating conditions. Recognizing its historical significance and potential for community revitalization, the city, in partnership with the EPA, has developed two conceptual design plans aimed at transforming space. The first option involves a costly, enclosed box covert solution, which is less feasible given budget constraints. The preferred plan proposes filling in the concrete sections to create a naturalized, linear park. This redesigned area would feature walking paths, wetlands, an amphitheater, and potential commercial spaces. Next steps include hiring an engineering firm for detailed planning and seeking grant funding to support construction.

Gordon Phair outlined the Bacon Creek conduit replacement project in conjunction with the Gordon Drive project, which involves replacing three aging culverts under Gordon Drive and nearby streets. The project aims to address the deteriorating conditions of these culverts, which are in fair to poor condition with drainage issues within the watershed area. The South culvert, located underneath Gordon Drive, contains spots with no bottle rebar and a sanitary sewer pipe running through it. The center culvert, possibly constructed in conjunction with the Bacon Creek Channel, runs under Correctionville Road and extends toward North of First Street. The North culvert starts around Fairmont Second Street and ends at the Bank Creek Channel, which is part of the Bacon Creek watershed. The proposed 2027 Bacon Creek plan layout involves installing a new conduit between Correctionville Road and Gordon Drive to remove and replace these structures, eliminating the embedded sanitary sewer pipes to improve drainage and infrastructure stability. Construction is scheduled to begin with the Fairmont crossing and outlet in March, focusing initially on these two segments, with plans to follow up starting in July of the following year to complete the remaining segments.

Jessica Felix from the Iowa Department of Transportation outlined the Gordon Drive Viaduct and Bacon Creek conduit project, which aims to replace the structurally deficient viaduct over railroads near Grand Avenue with two new bridges, improving safety and traffic The existing viaduct, with issues and emergency closures since 2024, will be replaced about 10 feet south, featuring wider lanes and pedestrian facilities. The project also includes reconstructing the Lewis Boulevard interchange grade raise and signalized and replacing the Bacon Creek conduit between Gordon Drive and Correctionville Road to enhance shared-use paths and connectivity. Construction is scheduled to begin in July 2027, with a target completion in 2030. Current activities involve aesthetics, utility coordination process, environmental testing, demolition, and pile driving preparations. An unveiling of aesthetic features is scheduled for October. IA DOT is working on permits and funding efforts, including a new grant application, monthly newsletter and a project website is being developed to keep the public updated.

IX. **<u>Additional Comments</u>**:

- Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 4, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.
  Upcoming Meetings:
  - January 6, 2027
  - March 3, 2027
  - May 5, 2027

VIII. **<u>Adjournment</u>**: *Tom Pingel Lincoln moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded Chris Madsen.* Meeting adjourned the meeting at 2:23 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Tonia Abell. (not in attendance).