

Minutes

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

Policy Board

Thursday, September 4, 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, Vice Chair	Plymouth County, IA
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
Brian Van Berkum	Dakota County, NE
Jerry Yacevich (Substitute for Randall Groetken)	City of Dakota City, NE

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT & GUESTS:

Sarah Gilkerson	Department of Transportation – SD
Sarah Tracy	Department of Transportation – IA
Wes Fopma	Congressman Feenstra
Kolby DeWitt	Senator Ernst

STAFF PRESENT:

Michelle Bostinelos, Executive Director	SIMPCO
Corinne Erickson, Regional Planning Manager	SIMPCO
Ryan Brauer, Regional Planner I	SIMPCO
Nate Kistner, Regional Planner I	SIMPCO
Bess Seaman, Regional Planner I	SIMPCO
Emily Guthrie, Executive Assistant	SIMPCO
Tonia Abell, Administrative Assistant	SIMPCO

The MPO Policy Board met on Thursday, September 4, 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 September 4, 2025, regular meeting agenda.

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

- III. Approval of the Minutes:** Chair Beaulieu asked if there were any additions or corrections to the June 26, 2025 regular meeting minutes.

Craig Anderson moved to approve the minutes as presented, second by Randy Meyer. Motion carried all ayes.

- IV. Review Monthly Correspondence:** Regional Planning Manager, 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.

- VI. FY 2026 – 2029 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments & Administrative Modifications (Action Item)** – Michelle Bostinelos presented the following amendments to the FY 2026-2029 TIP for approval and administrative modifications as information only. Michelle noted a 30-day public comment period started on August 28, 2025 and a public input meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2025 at SIMPCO. Following the public input meeting, final approval will be requested from the TTC at the Special Meeting scheduled for October 8, 2025 and from the Policy Board on October 9, 2025.

Amendments (Action Items)

1. Sioux City Transit System Transit Maintenance Garage Facility Renovation needs to be programmed for a total estimated cost of \$12,660,351 with \$10,128,281 Federal participation (Section 5339) in FY 2026.
2. The City of Sioux City 6th Street Bridge project needs to be programmed for a total of \$3,000,000 with \$1,200,000 Federal participation (HBP) and \$300,000 State participation (SWAP-HBP) in FY 2026.
3. South Dakota DOT Northshore Drive Realignment project needs to be programmed for a total estimated cost of \$27,000,000 with \$16,340,000 Federal participation (Congressionally delegated) in FY 2026.

Julie Schoenherr moved to approve the amendments to the FY 2026-2029 TIP as presented seconded by Mike Tokarczyk. Motion carried with all ayes.

Administrative Modifications (Information Item)

1. Table 9 Nebraska Summary of Federal Aid by Program was updated.

VII. 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Draft Amendment – Michelle presented the following amendments to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan as information only, Table 8.4 and 8.10.

1. Table 8.4 Historical and Projected Federal and State Funding needs to be updated to show NHPP-NE projected funds for 2025-2035 to \$98,000,000.

2. Table 8.10 Proposed DOT's Projects 2025-2035 needs to be updated to program NE DOT Maintenance & Preservation project at a total estimated cost of \$123,600,000 with \$98,000,000 Federal participation (NHPP-NE) and \$25,600,000 state funds.

VI. 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Draft Chapters 6 & 8 Bess Seaman presented draft Chapter 6: Intermodal Facilities. Michelle Bostinelos presented draft Chapter 8: Financial Summary.

VII. Additional Comments:

Next Meeting

- Special Meeting: Thursday, October 9, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.
- Regular Meeting: Thursday November 6, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings:

- January 8, 2026
- March 5, 2026
- May 7, 2026

VIII. Adjournment: *Craig Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Randy Meyer.* Chair Ken Beaulieu adjourned the meeting at 2:28 p.m.