

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

Policy Board

Minutes

April 25, 2019, 1:30 p.m.

SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Beaulieu, Chair	Dakota Dunes CID, South Dakota
Richard Owens, Vice Chair	Sioux City Transit System, Iowa
Craig Anderson	Plymouth County, Iowa
Carol Clark (<i>Substitute for Bill Gaukel</i>)	City of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa
Tom Kimmel (<i>Substitute for Mike Dailey</i>)	Union County, South Dakota
Pete Groethen (<i>Substitute for Dan Moore</i>)	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Keith Radig	Woodbury County, Iowa
Carol Schuldt	City of South Sioux City, Nebraska
Alex Watters	City of Sioux City, Iowa

MEMBERS ABSENT:

William Rhode	Dakota County, Nebraska
Doug Berg	City of North Sioux City, South Dakota

NON-VOTING MEMBERS/GUESTS:

Dakin Schultz	Iowa Dept. of Transportation
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STAFF:

Curt Miller, Transit Director	SRTS / SIMPCO
Jacob Heil, Regional Planning Director	SIMPCO
Gabriel Appiah, Regional Planner/GIS	SIMPCO
Joe Surdam, Regional Planner	SIMPCO
Sharon Burton, Executive Assistant	SIMPCO

The MPO Policy Board met on Thursday, April 25, 2019, 1:30 p.m., SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa. A quorum was present.

Chair Ken Beaulieu called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

- I. **Pledge of Allegiance and Introductions:** Chair Beaulieu opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and introductions.
- II. **Approval of the Agenda:** Chair Beaulieu asked if there were any additions or corrections to the April 25, 2019 regular meeting agenda.

Keith Radig moved to approve the regular meeting agenda as presented, seconded by Craig Anderson. Motion carried all ayes.

- III. **Approval of the Minutes:** Chair Beaulieu asked if there were any additions or corrections to the March 7, 2019 regular meeting minutes.

Craig Anderson moved to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Keith Radig. Motion carried all ayes.

- IV. **Review Monthly Correspondence:** Michelle Bostinelos provided an overview of current projects and staff activities outlined in the Director 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.

- VI. **Resolution 2019 – 8 FY 2020 MPO Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP):** Jake Heil reported the TPWP outlines the MPO’s planning work projects for the fiscal year. He provided an overview of the six work elements that include anticipated work products, projected budget and staff hours. He noted the primary update since the program was last presented is the apportionment of staff time between the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and Short-Range Planning. Since there will be more work on the LRTP during this fiscal year, allocations were adjusted by five percent with LRTP increased to 25 percent and Short-Range planning reduced to 30 percent.

Heil reported as discussed at the March TTC and Policy Board meetings, the Iowa DOT requested staff look into options to reduce the MPO’s planning carryover balance. Direction from both groups was for staff to send Request For Proposals (RFP) to MPO members for planning projects.

Heil presented an outline of proposals received from members and reported the recommendation of the TTC was to amend Resolution 2019-8 with selection of the Downtown One Way Conversion Study, the Downtown Pedestrian Study and the Downtown Skywalk Study combined as one project and as a third priority the Hamilton Boulevard Corridor Study was selected based on the caveat of sufficient dollars. Discussion followed.

Keith Radig moved to amend Resolution 2019-8 with the selection of projects as recommended by the Transportation Technical Committee, seconded by Alex Watters. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Keith Radig exited the meeting at approximately 2:10 p.m.

Alex Watters moved to approve Resolution 2019-8 as amended, seconded by Richard Owens. A roll call vote was conducted with all ayes. Motion carried.

- VII. **FY 2020 - 2023 Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):** Gabriel Appiah reviewed the structure of the FY 2020-2023 TIP as well as explaining federal funding authorizations linked to completion of the document.

Members were asked to review document particularly the listing of projects and let staff know of any comments or questions. The final program will be presented to the TTC for recommendation of approval and the Policy Board for final approval in July 2019.

Jake Heil reported the Iowa DOT has released funding adjustments for the FY 2023 TAP and STBG programs. STBG funds were reduced by \$33,000 and TAP by \$18,000. He reported the TTC was in agreement to reduce the City of Sioux City's STBG allocation for the Rebecca Street reconstruction project by \$33,000 and the cities of Sioux City and Sergeant Bluff TAP allocation for the Loess Hills Scenic Trail by \$18,000. These adjustments will be presented in the final FY 2020 – 2023 TIP for approval.

VIII. **FY 2020 Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) and Policy Board Meeting Dates:**

Michelle Bostinelos presented the proposed meeting dates for fiscal year 2020 (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020). Generally the Policy Board meets the first Thursday of every odd number month.

Craig Anderson moved to approve the FY 2020 meeting dates as presented, seconded by Carol Schuldt. Motion carried with all ayes.

IX. **2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Draft Chapter 1:** Jake Heil reported the last LRTP was completed and approved in January of 2016 and the Federal Highway Administration requires an update every five years.

Heil reviewed each component of Chapter 1 and discussed the project scoring criteria that will be used to assist with selection of projects. He asked members to review Chapter 1 and return comments or questions to staff.

X. **Additional Comments:** Michelle Bostinelos noted a public input meeting will be held on June 18, 2019 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. for the FY 2020 - 2023 TIP.

The next meeting will be held at the SIMPCO offices on Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

XI. **Adjournment:** ***Richard Owens moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Craig Anderson. Motion carried with all ayes.*** Chair Beaulieu adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.