

**SIouxLAND INTERSTATE METROPOLITAN PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**METROPOLITAN PLANNING COUNCIL (MPO)**  
**Policy Board**  
**Minutes**

March 5, 2020, 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
Craig Anderson	Plymouth County, Iowa
Bill Gaukel	City of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa
Keith Radig	Woodbury County, Iowa
Mike Dailey	Union County, South Dakota
Pete Groetken	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Julie Schoenherr	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Carol Schuldt	City of South Sioux City, Nebraska
Kodi Bensen	City of North Sioux City, South Dakota

**Non Members/Guests:**

Dakin Schultz	Iowa Department of Transportation
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**STAFF:**

Michelle Bostinelos, Executive Director	SIMPCO
Curt Miller, Transit Director	SIMPCO/SRTS
Erin Berzina, Regional Planning Director	SIMPCO
Alejandra Quintana, Regional Planner	SIMPCO
Gabriel Appiah, Regional Planner	SIMPCO
Emily Coppock, Administrative Assistant	SIMPCO

The MPO Policy Board met on Thursday, March 5, 2020, 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 March 5, 2020 regular meeting agenda.

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

- III. **Approval of the Minutes:** Chair Beaulieu asked if there were any additions or corrections to the January 9, 2020 regular meeting minutes.

*Craig Anderson moved to approve the January 9, 2020 minutes presented, seconded by Bill Gaukel. 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. **FY 2-24 Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Flex Allocation, Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), and TAP balance and applications (Iowa)** – Staff presented the TAP Flex Target amount for FY 2024 and presented the STBG & TAP balance and applications asking the board to allocate funds based on recommendation from the TTC.

TAP FLEX –

1. Staff informed the board that the TAP Flex target amount of \$96,000 needed to be allocated to STBG and/or TAP balances. Staff also informed the board that the TTC recommended the amount be allocated to STBG.

*Craig Anderson moved to approve the TTC recommendation to allocate the TAP Flex amount of \$96,000 to the STBG balance, seconded by Keith Radig. Motion carried all ayes.*

TAP –

Staff presented the following applications for review and allocation for funds.

2. Loess Hills Scenic Trail (Sioux City & Sergeant Bluff) request of \$200,000. With a request of an additional \$200,000 in FY 25, 26, 27, & 28. For a total request of \$1.2 million.

Staff noted the TTC recommended the MPO not award TAP funds to the Loess Hills Scenic Trail application at this time but allow them to adjust their application and resubmit. The MPO will then discuss possible allocation at the May meeting.

*Bill Gaukel moved to approve the Loess Hills application to be brought back to the table at the May meeting, seconded by Keith Radig.*

3. Downtown Wayfinding (Sioux City & Downtown Partners) request of \$87,594. MPO determined Downtown Wayfinding not eligible. Not motion.

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STBG -

5. First Street Reconstruction (Sergeant Bluff) request of \$1,794,000
6. 11<sup>th</sup> Street Reconstruction (Sioux City) request of \$4,211,200
7. South Cecelia Street Reconstruction (Sioux City) request of \$1,380,000

Staff noted the TTC recommended not to fund the First Street reconstruction due to connectivity issues with allocation of funds go towards 11<sup>th</sup> Street reconstruction.

Policy Board recommended to wait until May meeting to bring items back to TTC to review based on a resolution from Sergeant Bluff council to allow trucks to continue to use First Street during reconstruction.

*Dick Owens moved to wait until May's MPO meeting to make motion on STBG fund allocation, seconded by Keith Radig. Motion carried all ayes.*

- VII. **FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment** – Staff presented the following amendment to the FY 2020-2023 TIP for approval.
1. Sioux City Transit system needs to program an upgrade of three (3) diesel buses (#1300, 1301, 1330) to diesel/electric hybrid for a total estimated cost of \$2,067,600 with \$1,757,460 Federal participation (5339) in FY 2020.

Staff noted the TTC made a position recommendation for approval.

*Keith Radig moved to approve the amendment presented, seconded by Craig Anderson. Motion carried all ayes.*

- VIII. **Draft MPO Transportation Planning Work Program (TWP) 2021** – Staff presented the draft MPO TPWP FY 2021 in conformance with Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and each of the state's Department of Transportation.

- IX. **Draft 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Chapter 7: Environmental Impacts** – Staff presented the Draft chapter 7: Environmental Impacts of the 2045 LRTP for review and discussion.

- X. **Draft 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Submitted Projects Review** – Staff presented the proposed projects as a handout to be included in the 2035 LRTP. Staff noted the draft will be presented at the May MPO meeting for review.

- XI. **Additional Comments** – Next Meeting: Thursday, May 7, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

XII. **Adjournment** – Bill Gaukel moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Craig Anderson. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

