

Minutes

SIouxLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ASSOCIATION (SRTPA) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

**Tuesday, March 10, 2020, 1:30 p.m.
SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Curt Miller, Chair	Siouxland Regional Transit System
Tom Rohe, Vice Chair	Plymouth County, Iowa
Mark Nahra	Woodbury County, Iowa
John Meis	City of Cherokee, Iowa
Jeff Williams	Ida County, Iowa
Sarah Tracy	Cherokee County, Iowa
Jason Vacura	City of Le Mars, Iowa

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dakin Schultz	Iowa Department of Transportation
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GUESTS PRESENT:

Katie Olson	Marcus Trail Committee
Kelly Puhmann	Cherokee County, Iowa

STAFF PRESENT:

Michelle Bostinelos, Executive Director	SIMPCO
Erin Berzina, Regional Planning Director	SIMPCO
Alejandra Quintana, Regional Planner	SIMPCO
Sharon Burton, Executive Assistant	SIMPCO

The Siouxland Regional Transportation Planning Association (SRTPA) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, 1:30 p.m., SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa.

Chair Curt Miller called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

- I. **Approval of the Agenda:** Chair Miller asked if there were any additions or corrections to the March 10, 2020 regular meeting agenda.

Mark Nahra moved to approve the March 10, 2020 regular meeting agenda as presented, seconded by John Meis. Motion carried. [Unanimous]

- II. **Approval of the Minutes:** Chair Miller asked if there were any additions or corrections to the January 15, 2020 regular meeting minutes.

Mark Nahra moved to approve the January 15, 2020 regular meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Tom Rohe. Motion carried. [Unanimous]

- III. **Review Monthly Correspondence:** Michelle Bostinelos discussed projects and activities outlined in the Director's Report included in the meeting packet. Ms. Bostinelos introduced Erin Berzina who recently joined SIMPCO as Regional Planning Director.

IV. **Transportation Improvement Progress Report:** The Iowa DOT and SRTPA TAC members provided an update on the progress of transportation improvements currently underway throughout the region.

V. **FY 2024 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Flex Allocation, Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), and TAP Balance and Applications:**

Ms. Bostinelos reported the SRTPA requests proposals annually for Iowa DOT TAP and STBG funding. Requests For Proposals were sent to members on January 24, 2020 with a deadline for submission to staff of February 21, 2020.

Ms. Bostinelos noted the Transportation Alternatives Program offers TAP Flex monies that can be distributed to any project in the STBG or TAP funding category. The Iowa DOT has estimated \$68,000 as the FY 2024 target for TAP Flex funds.

Mark Nahra moved to recommend to the Policy Board transferring the FY 2024 estimated TAP Flex funds of \$68,000 to STBG in FY 2024, seconded by John Meis. Motion carried. [Unanimous]

Staff received one TAP project request for FY 2024 funding totaling \$92,000:

- City of Marcus, Marcus Trail Plan-Phase I, \$749,410 total project cost, \$92,000 requested

The Iowa DOT has estimated the FY 2024 target for TAP funds at \$90,000. With an estimated balance of \$5,300 carried forward, the anticipated amount available for programming in FY 2024 is \$95,300. Ms. Bostinelos noted as required, the TAP application was submitted to Iowa DOT for comments and recommendations. Discussion followed.

John Meis moved to recommend to the Policy Board programming the total estimated FY 2024 TAP balance of \$95,300 to the Marcus Trail Plan - Phase 1, seconded by Jason Vacura. Motion carried. [Unanimous]

John Meis discussed moving the City of Cherokee's Euclid Avenue STBG project to FY 2022 and their N. Roosevelt Avenue STBG project to FY 2021.

John Meis moved to reprogram the City of Cherokee's FY 2021 and FY 2022 projects as follows - move the Euclid Avenue project in the amount of \$268,800 STBG funds to FY 2022 and the N. Roosevelt Avenue project in the amount of \$840,000 STBG funds to FY 2021, seconded by Tom Rohe. No further discussion. Motion carried. [Unanimous]
A letter requesting this change will be submitted to the IDOT with the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program.

Ms. Bostinelos reported a request was received from the City of Ida Grove for consideration of FY 2021 STBG funding for their Moorehead Avenue Bridge project. The City did not submit a FY 2024 STBG application for this project. Discussion followed.

Mark Nahra moved to not consider the City of Ida Grove's funding request for their Moorehead Avenue Bridge project for two reasons - 1) an application for FY 2024 funds was not filed and 2) there are no FY 2021 funds available, seconded by Tom Rohe. Motion carried. [Unanimous]

Staff received five STBG project requests for FY 2024 funding totaling \$3,602,400:

- SIMPCO, FY 2024 planning, total cost \$58,500, **requested \$46,800**
- City of Le Mars, 7th Ave E (K49) - 18th St to 24th St. white topping, total project cost \$782,000, **requested \$625,600**
- City of Cherokee, W Main St Resurfacing, total project cost \$350,000, **requested \$280,000**
- Plymouth County, PCC overlay on K-42 - Hwy 3 North 7 miles to C-12, total project cost \$3,150,000, **requested \$1,150,000**
- Woodbury County, K42 PCC Inlay, total project cost \$3,000,000, **requested \$1,500,000**

The Iowa DOT has estimated the FY 2024 STBG target at \$1,851,000. With an expected balance carried forward of \$16,400 plus the allocation of \$68,000 in FY 2024 TAP Flex to FY 2024 STBG, the estimated available FY 2024 STBG balance is \$1,935,400. Members discussed STBG applications received for FY 2024 funds.

Mark Nahra moved to recommend to the Policy Board allocation of FY 2024 STBG funds in the amount of \$46,800 to SIMPCO for planning, seconded by Curt Miller. Motion carried. [Unanimous]

John Meis moved to recommend to the Policy Board allocation of FY 2024 STBG funds in the amount of \$625,600 to the City of Le Mars for their 7th Ave E (K49) - 18th St to 24th St white topping project, seconded by Mark Nahra. Motion carried. [Unanimous]

Tom Rohe moved to recommend to the Policy Board allocation of the FY 2024 balance of STBG funds in the amount of \$1,263,000 to Woodbury County's K42 PCC Inlay project, seconded by John Meis. Motion carried. [Unanimous]

- VI. **FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments and Administrative Modifications:** Ms. Bostinelos asked members if there were revisions that needed to be brought forward for the FY 2020-2023 TIP. Mark Nahra discussed advancing two bridge projects from FY 2021 to FY 2020. He explained these bridge projects are being bundled with another county and their engineer wants to let in September for winter construction.

Tom Rohe moved to advance Woodbury County's two FY 2021 bridge projects (BROSCHBP-CO97(141)--GA-97, TPMS #12827 O'Brien Ave. and BRS-CHBP-CO97(139)--GB-97, TPMS #33890 On K64, to FY 2020, seconded by John Meis. Motion carried. [Unanimous]

- VII. **FY 2021 Draft Transportation Planning Work Program:** Ms. Bostinelos reported the work program outlines proposed SRTPA transportation planning activities along with the budget for fiscal year 2021. She reviewed each of the six work elements and corresponding budgets. Members were asked to let staff know of any planning projects they would like to have completed in FY 2021.

- VIII. **Additional Comments:** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2020, 1:30 p.m., 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City. Agenda items will include the draft FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program.

- IX. **Adjournment:** John Meis moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jason Vacura. Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.