

Minutes

**SIOUXLAND INTERSTATE METROPOLITAN PLANNING COUNCIL (SIMPCO)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING COUNCIL (MPO)
Transportation Technical Committee (TTC)**

**Tuesday, July 7, 2020, 1:30 p.m.
Via Zoom**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dave Carney, Chair	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Jill Wanderscheid	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Mike Collett	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Aaron Lincoln	City of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa
Jeff Harcum	Transit / City of Sioux City, Iowa
Mark Nahra	Woodbury County, Iowa
Jason Allen	City of Dakota City, Nebraska
Jerry Buom	Union County, South Dakota

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dakin Schultz	Iowa Dept. of Transportation
Craig Wacker	Nebraska Dept. of Transportation

STAFF PRESENT:

Michelle Bostinelos, Executive Director	SIMPCO
Erin Berzina, Regional Planning Director	SIMPCO
Gabriel Appiah, Regional Planner	SIMPCO
Alejandra Quintana, Regional Planner	SIMPCO
Emily Coppock, Administrative Assistant	SIMPCO

The TTC met on Tuesday, July 7, 2020, 1:30 p.m., via Zoom/conference call. A quorum was present. Chair Dave Carney called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

The members of the MPO TTC held this session by electronic means pursuant to the provisions of the Iowa Open Meetings Law, Section 21.8, Code of Iowa. An in-person meeting was not possible due to the Covid-19 declared pandemic and subsequent order to maintain social distancing when and where possible. The meeting was held by Zoom originating from the SIMPCO office at 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa. It was open to the public via Zoom only. Those on the call can hear the proceedings. Public notice of the meeting was issued in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.4.

- I. Introductions:** Chair Carney opened the meeting with a roll call.
- II. Approval of the Agenda:** Chair Carney asked if there were any additions or corrections to the July 7, 2020 regular meeting agenda.

Mark Nahra moved to approve the agenda with amendment, seconded by Aaron Lincoln. Motion carried all ayes.

- III. **Approval of the Minutes:** Chair Carney asked if there were any additions or corrections to the May 6, 2020 regular meeting minutes.

Jill Wanderscheid moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Aaron Lincoln. 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 2021-1 Approval of the FY 2021-2024 MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):** Gabriel Appiah presented the final FY 2021-2024 TIP requesting a positive recommendation to the Policy Board for approval.

Aaron Lincoln moved to approve Resolution 2021-1 Approval of the FY 2021-2024 TIP as presented, seconded by Jeff Harcum. Roll call vote: Dave Carney: aye; Jill Wanderscheid: aye; Mike Collet: aye; Aaron Lincoln: aye; Jeff Harcum: aye; Mark Nahra: aye; Jason Allen: aye; Jerry Buum: aye. Motion carried (8:0).

- VII. **Resolution 2021-2 Self Certification of the MPO Transportation Planning Process:** Gabriel Appiah presented Resolution 2021-2 Self Certification of the MPO Transportation Planning Process noting this resolution will certify that the planning process in the Sioux City Metro Planning Area is being carried out in conformance with all applicable Federal requirements. Gabriel requested a positive recommendation to the Policy Board for approval.

Jill Wanderscheid moved to approve Resolution 2021-2 Self Certification of the MPO Transportation Planning Process, seconded by Aaron Lincoln. Roll call vote: Dave Carney: aye; Jill Wanderscheid: aye; Mike Collet: aye; Aaron Lincoln: aye; Jeff Harcum: aye; Mark Nahra: aye; Jason Allen: aye; Jerry Buum: aye. Motion carried (8:0).

- VIII. **Resolution 2021-3 Project Development Sioux City Transit System:** Gabriel Appiah presented Resolution 2021-3 Project Development Sioux City Transit System noting this resolution certifies the City of Sioux City/Transit System has fulfilled their planning obligation in the development of the TIP. Gabriel requested a positive recommendation to the Policy Board for approval.

Mike Collett moved to approve Resolution 2021-2 Self Certification of the MPO Transportation Planning Process, seconded by Jill Wanderscheid. Roll call vote: Dave Carney: aye; Jill Wanderscheid: aye; Mike Collet: aye; Aaron Lincoln: aye; Jeff Harcum: aye; Mark Nahra: aye; Jason Allen: aye; Jerry Buum: aye. Motion carried (8:0).

- IX. Resolution 2021-4 Certification of Compliance: Statement of Financial Capacity Analysis:** Gabriel Appiah presented Resolution 2021-4 Certification of Compliance noting this resolution certifies that the MPO TIP FY 2021-2024 for the Sioux City Metro Area is prepared in accordance with the requirement of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Gabriel requested a positive recommendation to the Policy Board for approval.

Mike Collett moved to approve Resolution 2021-4 Certification of Compliance, seconded by Jeff Harcum. Roll call vote: Dave Carney: aye; Jill Wanderscheid: aye; Mike Collet: aye; Aaron Lincoln: aye; Jeff Harcum: aye; Mark Nahra: aye; Jason Allen: aye; Jerry Buum: aye. Motion carried (8:0).

- X. Request for Special Planning Projects:** Staff presented to the committee a list of projects submitted for consideration of special project planning (carryover) funds in the FY 2021 Transportation Planning Work Program. Michelle Bostinelos noted funds totaling \$210,386 available from Iowa FTA, Iowa FHWA PL, and NE FHWA PL. Michelle noted staff received five (5) project proposals along with their estimated cost to present for consideration: Pine Street Extension Project (Dakota City) \$40,000-\$50,000, Alternative Transit Study (South Sioux City) amount TBD, Tri-State Bike Lanes (Regional) \$60,000, Hamilton Corridor Study (Sioux City) \$150,000, and the Sioux City Transit Study \$100,000-\$125,000. Discussion was held.

Mark Nahra motioned to fund the Hamilton Corridor Study for \$150,000, seconded by Dave Carney. Motion carried all ayes.

Dave Carney motioned to partially fund the Tri-State Bike Lanes project (Sioux City, Sergeant Bluff, and rural Woodbury and Plymouth counties area) for \$25,369 using the Iowa FTA and Iowa FHWA carryover funds, seconded by Jill Wanderscheid. Motion carried all ayes.

Mark Nahra moved to defer action on the NE carryover funds until September meeting. Motion seconded by Jill Wanderscheid. Motion carried all ayes.

- XI. Draft SIMPCO MPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Chapter 5 Streets & Highways and Performance Measures:** Gabriel Appiah presented the draft Chapter 5 and performance measures on the SIMPCO MPO 2045 LRTP.

- XII. Additional Comments:** Next meeting – September 2, 2020, 1:30 p.m.

- XIII. Adjournment:** Mark Nahra moved to adjourn, seconded by Aaron Lincoln. Chair Carney closed the meeting at 2:45 p.m.