

Minutes

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

**Thursday, July 9, 2020, 1:30 p.m.
Via Zoom**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Beaulieu, Chair	Dakota Dunes CID, SD
Richard Owens, Vice Chair	Sioux City Transit System, Sioux City, IA
Carol Schuldt	South Sioux City, NE
Craig Anderson	Plymouth County, IA
Mike Dailey	Union County, SD
Keith Radig	Woodbury County, IA
Pete Groetken	City of Sioux City, IA

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT & GUESTS:

Lance Hedquist	City of South Sioux City, NE
Dakin Schultz	Iowa Dept. of Transportation
Cathy Monroe	Federal Transit Administration
Gerri Doyle	Federal Transit Administration

STAFF PRESENT:

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

The MPO Policy Board met on Thursday, July 9, 2020, 1:30 p.m., via Zoom. A quorum was present. Chair Ken Beaulieu called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

The members of the MPO Policy Board 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 conference call originating from the SIMPCO office at 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa. It was open to the public via conference call/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. Roll Call: Chair Beaulieu opened the meeting with a roll call.

- II. Approval of the Agenda:** Chair Beaulieu asked if there were any additions or corrections to the July 9, 2020 regular meeting agenda.

Craig Anderson moved to approve the agenda with amendment, seconded by Richard Owens. Motion carried all ayes.

- III. Approval of the Minutes:** Chair Beaulieu asked if there were any additions or corrections to the May 7, 2020 regular meeting minutes.

Richard Owens moved to approve the minutes presented, seconded by Carol Schuldt. 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:** The Iowa Department of Transportation and 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 for approval. Gabriel mentioned a positive recommendation was made by the TTC.

Pete Groetken moved to approve Resolution 2021-1 Approval of the FY 2021-2024 TIP as presented, seconded by Keith Radig. Roll call vote: Ken Beaulieu: aye; Richard Owens: aye; Carol Schuldt: aye; Craig Anderson: aye; Mike Dailey: aye; Keith Radig: aye; Pete Groetken: aye. Motion carried (7:0).

- 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 mentioned a positive recommendation was made by the TTC.

Richard Owens moved to approve Resolution 2021-2 Self Certification of the MPO Transportation Planning Process as presented, seconded by Pete Groetken. Roll call vote: Ken Beaulieu: aye; Richard Owens: aye; Carol Schuldt: aye; Craig Anderson: aye; Mike Dailey: aye; Keith Radig: aye; Pete Groetken: aye. Motion carried (7:0).

- 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 mentioned a positive recommendation was made by the TTC.

Keith Radig moved to approve Resolution 2021-3 Project Development Sioux City Transit System as presented, seconded by Richard Owens. Roll call vote: Ken Beaulieu: aye; Richard Owens: aye; Carol Schuldt: aye; Craig Anderson: aye; Mike Dailey: aye; Keith Radig: aye; Pete Groetken: aye. Motion carried (7:0).

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 mentioned a positive recommendation was made by the TTC.

Richard Owens moved to approve Resolution 2021-1 Approval of the FY 2021-2024 TIP as presented, seconded by Pete Groetken. Roll call vote: Ken Beaulieu: aye; Richard Owens: aye; Carol Schuldt: aye; Craig Anderson: aye; Mike Dailey: aye; Keith Radig: aye; Pete Groetken: aye. Motion carried (7:0).

- X. Request for Special Planning Projects:** Staff presented to the Policy Board 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. Michelle noted the TTC made a recommendation to fund the Hamilton Corridor Study for \$150,000 and to partially fund the Tri-State Bike Lanes project (including Sioux City, Sergeant Bluff, and rural Woodbury and Plymouth counties) in the amount of \$25,369. Michelle also reported the TTC moved to defer action on the NE carryover funds until September meeting with a note that the Policy Board should make final decision. Discussion was held.

Richard Owens moved to approve the recommendation from the TTC as presented, seconded by Pete Groetken. Motion carried all ayes.

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

- XII. Additional Comments:** Next meeting – September 3, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

- XIII. Adjournment:** Craig Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mike Dailey. Chair Beaulieu closed the meeting at 2:30 p.m.