

Minutes

**SIUXLAND INTERSTATE METROPOLITAN PLANNING COUNCIL (SIMPCO)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING COUNCIL (MPO)
Transportation Technical Committee (TTC)
Wednesday, March 3, 2021, 1:30 p.m.
SIMPCO office, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City IA & Zoom Conference Call**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dave Carney, Chair	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Tom Rohe, Vice Chair	Plymouth County, 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
Jeff Dooley	Dakota Dunes CID, South Dakota
Ben Kusler (<i>Substitute for Mark Nahra</i>)	Woodbury County, Iowa
Lance Hedquist	City of South Sioux City, Nebraska
Jerry Buum	Union County, South Dakota
Jason Allen	City of Dakota City, Nebraska

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT/GUESTS:

Dakin Schultz	Iowa Dept. of Transportation
Gerri Doyle	Federal Transit Administration
Craig Wacker	Nebraska Dept. of Transportation

STAFF PRESENT:

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

The TTC met on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, 1:30 p.m., via in person and Zoom. A quorum was present. Chair Dave Carney called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

- 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 March 3, 2021 regular meeting agenda.

Tom Rohe moved to approve the agenda as presented, 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 January 6, 2021 regular meeting minutes.

Tom Rohe moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Aaron Lincoln. Motion carried all ayes.

- IV. **Review Monthly Correspondence:** Erin Berzina 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 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment** – Staff presented the following amendment to the FY 2021-2024 TIP for approval and positive recommendation to the Policy Board.

1. Railroad museum trail improvements in the Milwaukee Railroad Shops Historic District needs to be programmed for a total estimated cost of \$563,000 with \$450,000 Federal Participation (STBG-TAP) in FY 2021.

Tom Rohe moved to approve the amendment presented, seconded by Aaron Lincoln. Motion carried all ayes.

- VII. **FY 2025 Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Flex Allocation, Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Balance and Applications (Iowa)** – Staff presented the TAP Flex amount for FY 2025 and presented the STBG and TAP balance and applications for review and recommendation the Policy Board.

TAP FLEX

1. TAP Flex target amount of \$95,000 needs to be allocated to STBG and/or TAP Balances

Tom Rohe moved to reduce the amount of TAP Flex allocated to STBG in 2023 from \$92,500 to \$90,500 and allocating \$95,000 to the STBG program in FY 2025.

TAP

2. *Staff presented the Loess Hills Scenic Trail TAP application requesting \$200,000. Staff noted only one application submitted for TAP dollars.*

Dave Carney moved to amend the total federal aid award in FY 2023 TAP funds from \$182,800 to \$179,200 to adjust for lower target levels, then award the \$125,000 in TAP funds to the Loess Hills Scenic Trail project in FY 2025, seconded by Tom Rohe. Motion carried all ayes.

STBG

3. *Staff presented the TTC with three STBG applications totaling \$12,094,000 for FY 2025. The following applications were submitted:*
 - a. *First Street Reconstruction (Sergeant Bluff) request of \$1,794,000.*
 - b. *C-80 Overlay (Plymouth County) request of \$1,500,000*
 - c. *Gordon Drive – Bacon Creek Culvert Phase I & II (Sioux City) request of \$8,800,000.*

Jill Wanderscheid moved to fully award the STBG balance of \$5,318,400 to the Gordon Drive project, seconded by Mike Collect. All ayes, motion carried.

VIII. Draft MPO Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) FY 2022 – Erin Berzina and Michelle Bostinelos presented the draft MPO TPWP FY 2022 in conformance with Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and each state’s Department of Transportation. Michelle noted staff will be soliciting special projects before next meeting to use remaining planning dollars.

IX. Additional Comments – Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 5th

X. Adjournment – Aaron Lincoln moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tom Rohe. Chair Carney closed the meeting at 3:00 p.m.