

Minutes

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

Thursday, March 4, 2021, 1:30 p.m.

SIMPCO office, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City IA & Zoom Conference Call

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Beaulieu, Chair	Dakota Dunes CID, SD
Richard Owens, Vice Chair	Sioux City Transit System
Carol Schuldt	South Sioux City, NE
Don Kass (<i>Substitute for Craig Anderson</i>)	Plymouth County, IA
Bill Gaukel	City of Sergeant Bluff, IA
Kodi Benson	City of North Sioux City, SD
Mike Dailey	Union County, SD
Keith Radig	Woodbury County, IA
Pete Groetken	City of Sioux City, IA
Julie Schoenherr	City of Sioux City, IA

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT & GUESTS:

Dakin Schultz	Iowa Dept. of Transportation
Sarah Gilkerson	South Dakota Dept. of Transportation

STAFF PRESENT:

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

The MPO Policy Board met on Thursday, March 4, 2021, 1:30 p.m., via Zoom and in person at the SIMPCO office. A quorum was present. Chair Ken Beaulieu called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

- 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 March 4, 2021 regular meeting agenda.

Mike Dailey moved to approve the agenda with amendment, seconded by Carol Schuldt. Motion carried all ayes.

- III. **Approval of the Minutes:** Chair Beaulieu asked if there were any additions or corrections to the January 7, 2021 regular meeting minutes.

Mike Dailey moved to approve the minutes presented, seconded by Richard Owens. Don Kass abstained. Motion carried.

- 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:** The Iowa Department of Transportation and 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. Staff noted the TAC made a positive recommendation.

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.

Bill Gaukel moved to approve the amendment presented, seconded by Julie Schoenherr. 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 for FY 2025 and presented the STBG and TAP balance and applications for review and approval.

TAP FLEX

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

Richard Owens moved to approve the positive recommendation presented from the TTC to allocate \$95,000 to the STBG program in FY 2025, seconded by Don Kass. Motion carried all ayes.

TAP Application

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

Julie Schoenherr moved to approve the positive recommendation presented from the TTC to adjust the total federal aid award in FY 2023 TAP funds from \$182,800 to \$179,200 to adjust for lower target levels, then award \$125,000 in TAP funds to the Loess Hills Scenic Trail project in FY 2025, seconded by Carol Schuldt. Motion carried all ayes.

STBG

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

Staff noted TAC made a positive recommendation to award \$5,318,400 to the Gordon Drive project. Discussion held.

Bill Gaukel motioned to fully award both the First Street Reconstruction project and the C-80 Overlay project and allocate the rest of the funds in the amount of \$2,024,400 to the Gordon Drive project. Motion seconded by Don Kass. Roll Call Vote: Ken Beaulieu: aye; Richard Owens: aye; Carol Schuldt: aye; Don Kass: aye; Bill Gaukel: aye; Kodi Benson: aye; Mike Dailey: aye; Keith Radig: aye; Pete Groetken: nay; Julie Schoenherr: nay. Motion carries 8:2.

- 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: Thursday, May 6th

X. Adjournment: *Mike Dailey moved to adjourn the meetings, seconded by Don Kass. Chair Beaulieu adjourned at 2:45 p.m.*