

Minutes

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

Policy Board

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

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Owens	Sioux City Transit System
Carol Schuldt	South Sioux City, NE
Craig Anderson	Plymouth County, IA
Keith Radig	Woodbury County, IA
Pete Groetken	City of Sioux City, IA
Julie Schoenherr	City of Sioux City, IA
Larry Albenesius	City of Dakota City, NE
Kodi Benson	City of North Sioux City, SD

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT & GUESTS:

Dakin Schultz	Iowa Dept. of Transportation
Wes Fopma	Congressman Feenstra

STAFF PRESENT:

Michelle Bostinelos, Executive Director	SIMPCO
Erin Berzina, Regional Planning Director	SIMPCO
Corinne Erickson, Regional Planner	SIMPCO
Emily Coppock, Administrative Assistant	SIMPCO

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

I. **Roll Call:** Vice Chair Owens opened the meeting with a roll call.

II. **Approval of the Agenda:** Vice Chair Owens asked if there were any additions or corrections to the November 4, 2021, regular meeting agenda.

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

III. **Approval of the Minutes:** Vice Chair Owens asked if there were any additions or corrections to the September 2, 2021, regular meeting minutes.

Craig Anderson moved to approve the minutes presented, seconded by Pete Groetken. 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. **Resolution 2022-5 MPO Targets for Safety Performance Measures:** Michelle Bostinelos presented the board with resolution 2022-5 which sets the safety performance targets for the MPO. Michelle noted the TTC made a positive recommendation for approval.

Pete Groetken moved to approve the resolution presented, seconded by Craig Anderson. Roll call vote: Richard Owens: aye; Carol Schuldt: aye; Craig Anderson: aye; Keith Radig: aye; Pete Groetken: aye; Julie Schoenherr: aye; Larry Albenesius: aye; Kodi Benson: aye. Motion carried 8:0.

VII. **Iowa Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG/TAP) Deadlines and Application Process:** Michelle Bostinelos presented the board with the application process for the Iowa STBG/TAP and proposed deadline for the next application round for approval. Michelle noted the deadline for the application will be February 11, 2021. She also noted the TTC made a positive recommendation for approval.

Pete Groetken moved to approve the deadline and application process presented, seconded by Carol Schuldt. Motion carried all ayes.

VIII. **FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment:** Michelle Bostinelos presented the board the following amendment to the FY 2022-2025 TIP. Michelle noted the TAC made a positive recommendation for approval.

- a. Railroad and museum trail improvements in Sioux City needs to be programmed for a total cost of \$563,000 with \$450,000 Federal participation (TAP) in FY 2022.

Pete Groetken moved to approve the amendment presented, seconded by Craig Anderson. Motion carried all ayes.

IX. **2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendments:** Michelle Bostinelos presented the board with the following proposed amendments to the 2045 LRTP. Michelle noted the TAC made a positive recommendation for approval.

1. Sioux Point Road Pedestrian/Bicycle Trail in Dakota Dunes, SD needs to be programmed for a total estimated cost of \$379,900 with \$297,900 in Federal participation (TAP) in the FY 21-24 time-band.
2. Sioux Point Road Share Use Path in North Sioux City, SD needs to be programmed for a total estimated cost of \$941,900 with \$400,000 in Federal participation (TAP) in the FY 21-24 time-band.

3. Veterans Trail/Mid-American Trail/25th Street Trail in South Sioux City needs to be programmed for a total estimated cost of \$1,065,000 with \$852,000 Federal participation TAP in the FY 21-24 time-band.

Pete Groetken moved to approve the amendments presented, seconded by Larry Albenesius. Motion carried all ayes.

X. **Additional Comments:** Next Meeting – Thursday, January 6, 2021

XI. **Adjournment:** *Julie Schoenherr moved to close the meeting, seconded by Pete Groetken. Chair closed the meeting at 2:20 p.m.*