

Minutes

**SIOUXLAND INTERSTATE METROPOLITAN PLANNING COUNCIL (SIMPCO)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING COUNCIL (MPO)
Transportation Technical Committee (TTC)
Wednesday, August 31, 2022, 1:30 p.m.
SIMPCO office, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City IA & Zoom Conference Call**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gordon Phair (<i>Substitute for Dave Carney</i>)	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Jill Wanderscheid	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Aaron Lincoln	City of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa
Jeff Dooley	Dakota Dunes CID, South Dakota
Jason Allen	City of Sioux City, IA / Transit System
Lance Hedquist	City of South Sioux City, Nebraska
Ben Kusler (<i>Substitute for Mark Nahra</i>)	Woodbury County, Iowa
Jerry Boom	Union County, South Dakota
Eric Christensen	City of North Sioux City, South Dakota

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT/GUESTS:

Dakin Schultz	Iowa Department of Transportation
Sarah Gilkerson	South Dakota Dept. of Transportation
Craig Wacker	Nebraska Department of Transportation
Daniel Nguyen	Federal Transit Administration
Wes Fopma	Congressman Feenstra
Jessica Smith	Benesch

STAFF PRESENT:

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

The TTC met on Wednesday, August 31, 2022, 1:30 p.m., via in person and zoom. A quorum was present. Aaron Lincoln called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

- I. **Introductions:** Mr. Lincoln opened the meeting with a roll call.

- II. **Approval of the Agenda:** Mr. Lincoln asked if there were any additions or corrections to the August 31, 2022, regular meeting agenda. Change Item VII to an Action Item.

Gordan Phair moved to approve the agenda with change to Item VII, seconded by Jeff Dooley. Motion carried all ayes.

- III. **Approval of the Minutes:** Mr. Lincoln asked if there were any additions or corrections to the July 6, 2022, regular meeting minutes.

Eric Christensen moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Jason Allen. 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:** Members provided an update on the progress of transportation improvements currently underway throughout the MPO area.
- VI. **Resolution 2023-6 FY 2023 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) Amendment:** Michelle Bostinelos presented the committee with the MPO Resolution 2023-6 amendment to the FY 2023 TPWP. Michelle noted at the May 2022 MPO TTC meeting the committee discussed special projects to complete in FY 2023 which would then be amended into the TPWP. Michelle noted the special project selected would be funded using MPO carryover funds in the amount of \$192,703 which would require a 20% local match. Based on May meeting discussion, the TTC voted to select the South Lakeport Corridor Study for the FY 23 special project with the study's objective being to examine South Lakeport Street between Gordon Drive and Singing Hills Drive and S. Palmetto Street between Gordon Drive and Morningside Ave. The proposal was submitted to the DOT and approved to use the MPO carry over funds. Michelle asked the TTC to make a positive recommendation to the Policy Board to include this amend the special project into the TPWP as presented.

Aaron Lincoln moved make a positive recommendation to the Policy Board to approve Resolution 2023-6 FY 2023 TPWP amendment as presented, seconded by Gordon Phair. Roll call vote: Gordon Phair: aye; Jill Wanderscheid: aye; Aaron Lincoln: aye; Jeff Dooley: aye; Jason Allen: aye; Lance Hedquist: aye; Ben Kusler: aye; Jerry Buum: aye; Eric Christensen: aye. Motion carried (9:0).

- VII. **Revised Iowa Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Transportation Alternatives Program:** Michelle Bostinelos presented the revised targets for the STBG and TAP program and introduced the Carbon Reduction Targets. Michelle noted the IDOT recently distributed revised STBG and Iowa TAP programming targets for federal fiscal years FFY 2023-2026. Michelle presented the TTC with the previous STBG and TAP targets and the programmed projects for the SIMPCO MPO in comparison to the revised STBG and TAP targets. Michelle noted the TTC and Policy Board may choose to adjust the currently programmed projects or carry a balance for the next application round. Discussion held.

Gordon Phair motioned to defer item until next meeting, seconded by Jeff Dooley. Motion carried all ayes.

- VIII. **Draft Amendments FY 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP):** Michelle Bostinelos presented the following draft amendments to the FY 2045 LRTP. Michelle noted there will be a 30 day public comment before final approval.

1. Loess Hills Connector Trail in Sergeant Bluff needs to be programmed for a total estimated cost of \$446,500 with \$339,200 in Federal participation (TAP) in the FY2025-2035-time band. (Revision)
2. Dakota Dunes Pedestrian Bridge connecting Dakota Dunes to Sioux City over the Big Sioux River needs to be programmed for a total estimated cost of \$2,000,000 in the FY2025 – 2035-time band. (Revision)
3. Missouri River Pedestrian Bridge connecting South Sioux City to Sioux City need to be programmed for a total estimate cost of \$11,000,000 in the FY 2025- 2035-time band. (Revision)
4. Loess Hills Connector Trail in Sioux City needs to be programmed for a total estimated cost of \$654,000 with \$515,000 Federal participation (TAP) in the FY2025-2035-time band. (Revision)
5. Plywood Trail (Sioux City portion) needs to be programmed for a total estimated cost of \$1,225,000 in the FY2025 – 2035-time band. (Revision)
6. Floyd Boulevard Connector in Sioux City needs to be programmed for a total estimated cost of \$700,000 in the FY2025 – 2035-time band. (Revision)
7. Christy Road Trail Connector in Sioux City needs to be programmed for a total estimated cost of \$1,929,400 with \$945,800 Federal participation (TAP) in the FY2025-2035-time band.

IX. FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment: Staff presented the following amendment to the FY 2023-2026 TIP.

1. Hamilton Blvd. Reconstruction in Sioux City needs to be programmed for a total estimated cost of \$1,215,000 with \$972,000 (STBG-SWAP) in FY 2023.

Eric Christensen moved to approve the amendment presented, seconded by Gordon Phair. Motion carried all ayes.

X. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Discretionary Grant Opportunity: Staff discussed the SS4A grant with the TTC and requested motion regarding a joint application for both Sergeant Bluff and the City of Sioux City. Michelle noted the application is due September 15, 2022.

Jeff Dooley moved to approve the joint application for the SS4A Discretionary Grant Opportunity.

XI. Additional Comments: Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 2, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

XII. **Adjournment:** Eric Christensen moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gordon Phair. Meeting closed at 2:25 p.m.