

## Minutes

### SIOUXLAND INTERSTATE METROPOLITAN PLANNING COUNCIL (SIMPCO) METROPOLITAN PLANNING COUNCIL (MPO)

#### Policy Board

Thursday, September 1, 2022, 1:30 p.m.

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

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ken Beaulieu, Chair	Dakota Dunes CID, SD
Carol Schuldt	South Sioux City, NE
Craig Anderson	Plymouth County, IA
Bill Gaukel	City of Sergeant Bluff, IA
Keith Radig	Woodbury County, IA
Dan Moore	City of Sioux City, IA
Julie Schoenherr	City of Sioux City, IA
Janet Gill (Substitute for Larry Albenesius)	Dakota County, NE
Kodi Benson	City of North Sioux City, SD

#### **NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT & GUESTS:**

Dakin Schultz	Iowa Dept. of Transportation
Sarah Gilkerson	South Dakota Dept. of Transportation
Darla Hugaboom	Federal Highway Administration – IA

#### **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 MPO Policy Board met on Thursday, September 1, 2022, 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 the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.
- II. **Approval of the Agenda:** Chair Beaulieu asked if there were any additions or corrections to the September 1, 2022, regular meeting agenda.

*Craig Anderson moved to approve the agenda with corrections, seconded by Julie Schoenherr. Motion carried all ayes.*

- III. **Approval of the Minutes:** Chair Beaulieu asked if there were any additions or corrections to the July 7, 2022, regular meeting minutes.

*Dan Moore moved to approve the minutes presented, seconded by Julie Schoenherr. 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:** The Iowa Department of Transportation and 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) Amendments:** Michelle Bostinelos presented the Policy Board with an amendment to the 2023-6 TPWP to include additional project and revise the budget of the FY 23 TPWP. The recommendation is to include the following special project: South Lakeport Corridor Study for an estimated cost of \$400,000 with \$192,803 federal participation.

*Dan Moore moved to approve Resolution 2023-6 as presented, seconded by Craig Anderson. Roll call vote: Ken Beaulieu: aye; Carol Schuldt: aye; Craig Anderson: aye; Bill Gaukel: aye; Keith Radig: aye; Dan Moore: aye; Julie Schoenherr: aye; Janet Gill: aye; Kodi Benson: aye. Motion carried 9:0.*

- VII. **Revised Iowa Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Carbon Reduction Targets:** Michelle Bostinelos presented the revised targets for the STBG and TAP program and introduced the Carbon Reduction Targets. Michelle noted the TTC made a recommendation to defer item until November meeting. Policy Board decided to wait until they receive a recommendation from the TTC.
- VIII. **Draft Amendments FY 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP):** Staff presented the Policy Board with the following draft amendment to the FY 2045 LRTP for information.
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:** Michelle Bostinelos presented the following amendment to the FY 2023-2026 TIP. Michelle noted the TTC made a positive recommendation.

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.

*Craig Anderson moved to approve the amendment presented, seconded by Julie Schoenherr. Motion carried all ayes.*

X. **Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Discretionary Grant Opportunity:** Michelle Bostinelos reported to the board an opportunity through the U.S. DOT to apply for SS4A funds. Michelle noted there are two components to the grant, an action plan grant and an implementation plan grant. Michelle noted the IA DOT sent a notice stating they will help with an 80/20% match if application is approved. Michelle proposed to apply for the action plan grant that would cover Sioux City and Sergeant Bluff with the MPO as applicant and the communities as sub applicant. Michelle noted the TTC made a positive recommendation to apply.

*Julie Schoenherr moved to approve the grant application proposal presented, seconded by Carol Schuldt. Motion carried all ayes.*

XI. **Additional Comments:** Next Meeting: Thursday, November 3, 2022, 1:30 p.m.

XII. **Adjournment:** *Craig Anderson moved to adjourn seconded by Julie Schoenherr. Chair Beaulieu close the meeting at 2:05 p.m.*