

Minutes

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

Policy Board

Thursday, November 3, 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
Craig Anderson	Plymouth County, IA
Rich Headid (<i>Substitute for Mike Dailey</i>)	Union County, SD
Keith Radig	Woodbury County, IA
Julie Schoenherr	City of Sioux City, IA
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
Daniel Nguyen	Federal Transportation Administration
Wes Fopma	Congressman Feenstra

STAFF PRESENT:

Erin Berzina, Regional Planning Director	SIMPCO
Ryan Brauer, Regional Planner	SIMPCO
Emily Coppock, Administrative Assistant	SIMPCO
Brian Pearson, Assistant Transit Director	SRTS/SIMPCO

The MPO Policy Board met on Thursday, November 3, 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 November 3, 2022, regular meeting agenda.

Keith Radig moved to approve the agenda with corrections, seconded by Craig Anderson. Motion carried all ayes.

- III. **Approval of the Minutes:** Chair Beaulieu asked if there were any additions or corrections to the September 1, 2022, regular meeting minutes.

Craig Anderson moved to approve the minutes presented, seconded by Keith Radig. 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 2023-7 MPO Targets for Safety Performance Measures:** Erin Berzina presented the safety performance measure targets for the MPO for approval from the Policy Board. Noted the TTC made a positive recommendation.

Keith Radig moved to approve the safety performance measure targets as presented, seconded by Julie Schoenherr. Roll call vote: Ken Beaulieu: aye; Craig Anderson: aye; Rich Headid: aye; Keith Radig: aye; Julie Schoenherr: aye; Kodi Benson: aye. Motion carried (6:0).

- VII. **Revised Iowa Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP):** Erin Berzina noted this agenda item was deferred from the September 1, 2022, meeting. Staff presented the revised targets for the STBG and TAP program for approval. Erin noted the MPO can elect to allocate the balance to current programmed projects or wait to allocate the funds in May to newly programmed projects.

She also reported the TTC made a recommendation to allocate \$628,000 of STBG funds to FY 23 for the Hamilton Blvd Reconstruction Project and to move \$429,000 TAP funds from FY 25 to FY 24 for the Phase 1 of the Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail and move \$204,600 from Phase 2 of the Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail from FY 26 to FY 24 leaving a remaining balance of \$310,400 in FY 26 for Phase 2.

Keith Radig moved to approve the TTC recommendation as presented, seconded by Julie Schoenherr. Motion carried all ayes.

- VIII. **Iowa Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) / Transportation Alternative Program (TAP):** Ryan Brauer presented the Policy Board with the application process for the Iowa STBG/TAP and proposed deadline for the next application round. Ryan noted applications will be distributed January 6, 2023, with a due date of February 10, 2023.

Keith Radig moved to approve the Iowa STBG and TAP application process and deadline, seconded by Julie Schoenherr. Motion carried all ayes.

- IX. **Resolution 2023-8 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendments:** Erin Berzina presented the following amendments to the 2045 LRTP. Erin noted the TTC made a positive recommendation for 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.

Keith Radig moved to approve the amendments presented except for the Plywood Trail (Sioux City portion). Motion seconded by Craig Anderson. Motion carried all ayes. Roll call vote for amendments excluding Plywood Trail (Sioux City portion): Ken Beaulieu: aye; Craig Anderson: aye; Rich Headid: aye; Keith Radig: aye; Julie Schoenherr: aye; Kodi Benson: aye. Motion carried all ayes. (6:0)

Plywood Trail (Sioux City portion): Keith Radig moved to approve the Plywood Trail (Sioux City portion) amendment as presented, seconded by Julie Schoenherr. Motion opposed by Craig Anderson. Motion abstained by Rich Headid. Roll call vote: Ken Beaulieu: nay; Craig Anderson: nay; Rich Headid: abstain; Keith Radig: aye; Julie Schoenherr: aye; Kodi Benson: aye. Motion carried (3:2).

X. **Additional Comments:** Next meeting – January 5, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

XI. **Adjournment:** *Keith Radig moved to adjourn, seconded by Rich Headid. Chair Beaulieu adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.*