

Minutes

**SIOUXLAND INTERSTATE METROPOLITAN PLANNING COUNCIL (SIMPCO)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING COUNCIL (MPO)
Transportation Technical Committee (TTC)
Wednesday, March 1, 2023, 1:30 p.m.
SIMPCO office, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City IA & Zoom Conference Call**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dave Carney, Chair	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Tom Rohe, Vice Chair	Plymouth County, Iowa
Jill Wanderscheid	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Mike Collett	City of Sioux City, Iowa/Airport
Jeff Dooley	Dakota Dunes CID, South Dakota
Jason Allen	City of Sioux City, IA / Transit System
Mark Nahra	Woodbury County, Iowa
Jerry Boom	Union County, Iowa
Eric Christensen	City of North Sioux City, South Dakota

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT/GUESTS:

Dakin Schultz	Iowa Dept. of Transportation
Darla Hugaboom	Federal Highway Administration - SD
Sarah Gilkerson	South Dakota Dept. of Transportation
Craig Wacker	Nebraska Dept. of Transportation
Daniel Nguyen	Federal Transit Administration
Jessica Smith	Benesch Consulting

STAFF PRESENT:

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

The TTC met on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, 1:30 p.m., via in person and zoom. A quorum was present. Chair Carney called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

- I. **Introductions:** Chair Carney opened the meeting with a roll call.
- II. **Approval of the Agenda:** Chair Carney asked if there were any additions or corrections to the March 1, 2023, regular meeting agenda.

Tom Rohe moved to approve the agenda presented, seconded by Jason Allen. Motion carried all ayes.

- III. **Approval of the Minutes:** Chair Carney asked if there were any additions or corrections to the January 4, 2023, regular meeting minutes.

Tom Rohe 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. **FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments and Modifications**
– Michelle Bostinelos presented the following amendments to the FY 2023-2026 TIP.
1. Sioux City Transit System needs to program MLK boiler and chiller equipment repairs and replacement for a total estimated cost of \$210,000 with \$168,00 Federal participation (Section 5307) in FY 2023.
 2. Sioux City Transit system needs to program mobile fare collection for a total estimated cost of \$100,000 with \$80,000 Federal participation (Section 5307) in FY 2023.

Mike Collett moved to approve the Sioux City Transit Amendments presented, seconded by Jill Wanderscheid. Motion carried all ayes.

3. South Dakota DOT needs to program purchase mobile retroreflectometers – statewide for a total estimated cost of \$468,000 with \$421,000 Federal participation (Roadway Safety Improvement) in FY 2023.
4. South Dakota DOT needs to program expand 3D model field verification capabilities for a total estimated cost of \$125,000 with \$100,000 Federal participation in FY 2023.

Eric Christensen moved to approve the South Dakota amendments presented, seconded by Tom Rohe. Motion carried all ayes.

- VII. **FY 2027 Iowa Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) balances and applications** – Ryan Brauer presented the STBG balance and applications submitted for review and recommendation to the Policy Board. Ryan noted that staff received a total of three STBG requests totaling \$6,681,000 for FY 2027. The Iowa DOT has estimated the FY 2027 target for the Iowa portion of the MPO at \$3,044,000 leaving a STBG balance of \$3,386,000.

Applications Submitted:

- Southbridge Interchange (total: \$3,125,000 Request: \$2,125,000)
- Hamilton Boulevard (W. 15th Street to W. 20th Street) Resurfacing Project (Total: \$1,695,000 Request: \$1,356,000)
- Morningside Avenue Reconstruction Project (Total: \$4,000,000 Request: \$3,200,000)

Recommendations:

- Move the South Bridge Interchange project from FY 27 to FY 26. Allocating \$2,030,000 to this project in FY 26.
- Currently \$4,000,000 is programmed for the 11st Street reconstruction project for FY 26. Recommendation is to split this project into two years (FY 26 & FY 27) programming \$2,000,000 to FY 26 and \$2,000,000 to FY 27.
- The remaining \$1,356,000 to fund the Hamilton Boulevard resurfacing project in FY 2027.

Mark Nahra moved to approve the discussed recommendations to the Policy Board, seconded by Jason Allen. Motion carried all ayes.

- VIII. **South Dakota DOT Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Applications** - Dawn Kimmel reported the South Dakota Department of Transportation has made funds available through the Federal Transit Administration's Section 5310 program to provide funding assistance for projects that enhance transit services for elderly persons and/or persons with disabilities. SIMPCO opened applications for eligible projects to our South Dakota service area. Dawn reported that one organization applied. The city of North Sioux City requests funds to support the addition of three (3) bus shelters with benches and ADA concrete pads to stops along and near Derby Ln as serviced through the Sioux City Transit System. Dawn noted the project review committee recommended approving available 5310 funding allocation to the city of North Sioux city in the amount of \$20,586 for the purchase and installation of three (3) bus shelters with benches, and concrete and ADA pads.

Mike Collett moved to approve submitting the presented application to the SDDOT for final approval, seconded by Eric Christensen. Motion carried all ayes.

- IX. **Iowa Statewide Urban Design and Specifications (SUDAS) Appointment** – Michelle Bostinelos asked the TTC to appoint a member to represent the SIMPCO MPO on the SUDAS Board.

Mark Nahra moved to re-appoint Aaron Lincoln as representative, seconded by Tom Rohe. Motion carried all ayes.

- X. **Resolution 2023-9 Performance Measures II (pavement & bridges) and Performance Measure III (system performance and freight)** – Michelle Bostinelos presented the PM II and PM III from Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota DOT(s) to the TTC for recommendation of MPO adoption to the Policy Board.

Jason Allen moved to approve Resolution 2023-9 as presented, seconded by Tom Rohe. Roll call vote: Dave Carney: aye; Tom Rohe: aye; Jill Wanderscheid: aye; Mike Collett: aye; Jeff Dooley: aye; Mark Nahra: aye; Jerry Buum: aye; Eric Christensen: aye. Motion carried 9:0.

- XI. **FY 24 Draft Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP)** – Michelle Bostinelos presented the FY 24 draft TPWP for review.

XII. **Additional Comments** – Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 3rd at 1:30 p.m.

XIII. **Adjournment** – *Tom Rohe moved to adjourn, seconded by Jason Allen.* Chair closed the meeting at 2:30 p.m.