

## Minutes

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

#### Policy Board

Thursday, March 2, 2023, 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	City of South Sioux City, NE
Craig Anderson	Plymouth County, IA
Bill Gaukel	City of Sergeant Bluff, IA
Keith Radig	Woodbury County, IA
Julie Schoenherr	City of Sioux City, IA
Bob Giese	Dakota County, NE

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

Dakin Schultz	Iowa Dept. of Transportation
Sarah Gilkerson	South Dakota Dept. of Transportation
Daniel Nguyen	Federal Transit Association
Wes Fopma	Congressman Feenstra
Lance Hedquist	City of South Sioux City, NE
Mark Nahra	Woodbury County, IA

#### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Michelle Bostinelos, Executive Director	SIMPCO
Brian Pearson, Assistant Transit Director	SRTS/SIMPCO
Erin Berzina, Regional Planning Director	SIMPCO
Ryan Brauer, Regional Planner	SIMPCO
Dawn Kimmel, Regional Planner	SIMPCO
Emily Coppock, Administrative Assistant	SIMPCO

The MPO Policy Board met on Thursday, March 2, 2023, 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 March 2, 2023, 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 January 5, 2023, regular meeting minutes.

*Keith Radig 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. **FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments and Modifications**  
– Michelle Bostinelos presented the following amendments to the FY 2023-2026 TIP for approval. Michelle noted the TTC made a positive recommendation.
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 \$168,000 Federal participation (Section 5307) in FY 2023.
  2. Sioux City Transit system needs to program mobile fair collection for a total estimated cost of \$100,000 with \$80,000 Federal participation (Section 5307) in FY 2023.
  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.

*Keith Radig moved to approve the amendments presented, seconded by Craig Anderson.  
Motion carried all ayes.*

- VII. **FY 2027 Iowa Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) balance and applications** – Ryan Brauer presented the Policy Board with the FY 2027 STBG balance and applications submitted. 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. 15<sup>th</sup> Street to W. 20<sup>th</sup> Street) Resurfacing Project (Total: \$1,695,000 Request: \$1,356,000)
- Morningside Avenue Reconstruction Project (Total: \$4,000,000 Request: \$3,200,000)

TTC Recommendations:

- The TTC recommended to move the South Bridge Interchange project from FY 27 to FY 26. The TTC recommended 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. The TTC recommended 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 was recommended by the TTC to fund the Hamilton Boulevard resurfacing project in FY 2027.

*Keith Radig moved to approve the TTC recommendations presented, seconded by Bill Gaukel. 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. Dawn noted the TTC made a positive recommendation.

*Keith Radig moved to approve submitting the application to the South Dakota DOT for final approval. Motion seconded by Carol Schuldt. Motion carried all ayes.*

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

*Keith Radig moved to appoint Aaron Lincoln, seconded by Carol Schuldt. Motion carried all ayes.*

- X. **Resolution 2023-9 Performance Measure II (pavement & bridges) and Performance Measure III (system performance and freight)** – Michelle Bostinelos presented the policy board with the PM II and III from Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota DOT(s). Michelle noted the TTC made a positive recommendation for approval.

*Keith Radig moved to approve the performance measure presented, seconded by Julie Schoenherr. Roll call vote: Ken Beaulieu: aye; Carol Schuldt: aye; Craig Anderson: aye; Bill Gaukel: aye; Keith Radig: aye; Julie Schoenherr: aye; Bob Giese: aye. Motion carried 7:0.*

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

XII. **Additional Comments** – Next meeting: May 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

XIII. **Adjournment** – Craig Anderson moved to adjourn, seconded by Keith Radig. Chair closed the meeting 2:10 p.m.