

Minutes

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

Policy Board

Thursday, November 2, 2023, 1:30 p.m.

SIMPCO, 6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City IA & Zoom Conference Call

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Beaulieu, Chair
Mike Tokarczyk
Craig Anderson
Keith Radig
Dan Moore
Julie Schoenherr
Bob Giese
Kodi Benson

Dakota Dunes CID, SD
Sioux City Transit System
Plymouth County, IA
Woodbury County, IA
City of Sioux City, IA
City of Sioux City, IA
Dakota City, NE
City of North Sioux City, SD

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT & GUESTS:

Dakin Schultz
Greg Heitmann
Wes Fopma

Department of Transportation - IA
Federal Highway Administration - SD
Congressman Feenstra Office

STAFF PRESENT:

Michelle Bostinelos, Executive Director	SIMPCO
Erin Berzina, Regional Planning Director	SIMPCO
Corinne Erickson, Regional Planner	SIMPCO
Emily Guthrie, Administrative Assistant II	SIMPCO

The MPO Policy Board met on Thursday, November 2, 2023, 1:30 p.m., via Zoom and in person at SIMPCO, located at 6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City, Iowa. 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 2, 2023, regular meeting agenda.

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

III. **Approval of the Minutes:** Chair Beaulieu asked if there were any additions or corrections to the September 7, 2023, regular meeting minutes.

Craig Anderson moved to approve the minutes presented, seconded by Dan Moore. 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 2024-11 MPO Targets for Safety Performance Measures: Michelle Bostinelos presented the board with Resolution 2024-11 setting the Safety Performance Targets for the MPO. Michelle noted the TTC made a positive recommendation.

Dan Moore moved to approve the resolution presented, seconded by Craig Anderson. Roll call vote: Ken Beaulieu: aye; Mike Tokarczyk: aye; Craig Anderson: aye; Keith Radig: aye; Dan Moore: aye; Julie Schoenherr: aye; Kodi Benson: aye. Motion carried (7:0).

VII. Iowa Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), & Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Deadlines and Application Process: Ryan Brauer presented the application process for the Iowa STBG, CRP & TAP programs, and proposed deadline for the next application round. Ryan noted the recommended distribution date of application materials as January 5, 2024, with applications due back to SIMPCO on February 9, 2024. Ryan noted the TTC made a positive recommendation.

Julie Schoenherr moved to approve the process and application dates, seconded by Mike Tokarczyk. Motion carried all ayes.

VIII. FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments: Michelle Bostinelos presented the following Amendments to the FY 2024-2027 TIP. Michelle noted the TTC made a positive recommendation.

1. Westside Connecting Trail (from Covington School west on W 21st Street, south at 3rd Avenue and west on W25th Street to Hwy77) in South Sioux City needs to be programmed for a total estimated cost of \$1,417,500 with \$1,134,000 Federal participation (TAP) in FY 2024.
2. Iowa 12 pavement rehab project from Military Road in Sioux City to S Jct. IA 3 needs to be programmed for a total estimated cost of \$2,000,000 with \$1,600,000 Federal participation (NHPP) and \$400,000 State participation (PRF) in FY 2024.
3. US 20 pavement rehab and paved shoulder strengthening from Nebraska to 0.4 miles east of county road D22 needs to be programmed for a total estimated cost of \$13,000,750 with \$3,879,477 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), \$7,821,198 National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) and \$1,300,075 State participation (PRF) in FY 2024.

Dan Moore moved to approve the amendments presented, seconded by Mike Tokarczyk. Motion carried all ayes.

- IX. Resolution 2024-12 Urban Area Boundary Adjustment (UAB) for Nebraska:** Michelle Bostinelos presented the adjusted UAB for the Nebraska portion of the SIMPCO MPO. Michelle noted the TTC made a positive recommendation.

Julie Schoenherr moved to approve the resolution presented, seconded by Dan Moore. Roll call vote: Ken Beaulieu: aye; Mike Tokarczyk: aye; Craig Anderson: aye; Keith Radig: aye; Dan Moore: aye; Julie Schoenherr: aye; Kodi Benson: aye. Motion carried (7:0).

- X. Additional Comments:** Next meeting – Thursday, January 4, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

- XI. Adjournment:** *Craig Anderson moved to adjourn, seconded by Dan Moore.* Chair Beaulieu adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.