

## Minutes

**SIouxLAND INTERSTATE METROPOLITAN PLANNING COUNCIL (SIMPCO)  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING COUNCIL (MPO)  
Transportation Technical Committee (TTC)  
Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 1:30 p.m.  
SIMPCO, 6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City IA & Zoom Conference Call**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Aaron Lincoln, Chair	City of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa
Tom Rohe, Vice Chair	Plymouth County, Iowa
Gordon Phair	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Jill Wanderscheid	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Mike Collett	City of Sioux City, Iowa/Airport
Andrew Tramp	Dakota Dunes CID, South Dakota
Jason Allen	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Transit System
Mark Nahra	Woodbury County, Iowa
Lance Hedquist	City of South Sioux City, Nebraska
Jerry Buum	Union County, South Dakota
Eric Christensen	City of North Sioux City, South Dakota
Bob Kratky	Cit of Dakota City, Nebraska

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

Dakin Schultz	Department of Transportation – IA
Greg Heitmann	Federal Highway Administration – SD
Sarah Gilkerson	Department of Transportation – SD
Larry Dean	Department of Transportation – SD
Katrina Burchart	Department of Transportation – SD
John Forman	Ulteig
Ragen Cote	Downtown Partners Sioux City
Marty Dougherty	Sioux City Economic Development
Matt Salvatore	Sioux City Parks and Recreation

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Michelle Bostinelos, Executive Director	SIMPCO
Corinne Erickson, Regional Planning Manager	SIMPCO
Ryan Brauer, Regional Planner	SIMPCO
Emily Guthrie, Administrative Assistant II	SIMPCO

The TTC met on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 1:30 p.m., via in person and zoom. A quorum was present. Chair Aaron Lincoln called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

- I. **Roll Call/Introductions:** Chair Lincoln opened the meeting with a roll call.
- II. **Approval of the Agenda:** Chair Lincoln asked if there were any additions or corrections to the March 6, 2024, regular meeting agenda.

*Mike Collett moved to approve the agenda presented, seconded by Mark Nahra. Motion carried all ayes.*

- III. Approval of the Minutes:** Chair Lincoln asked if there were any additions or corrections to the January 2, 2024, regular meeting minutes.

*Eric Christensen moved to approve the meeting minutes with spelling correction noted, seconded by Jill Wanderscheid. Motion carried.*

- IV. Review Monthly Correspondence:** Michelle Bostinelos provided an overview of current projects and staff activities outlined in the Director's 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 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments & Modifications:** Michelle Bostinelos presented the following amendments and modifications to the FY 2024-2027 TIP.

**Amendments**

1. Sioux City Transit System Bus #1341 (TPMS #10298) 35' Heavy Duty Low Floor ZEB needs to be programmed for a total estimated cost of \$1,200,000 with \$960,000 Federal participation (Section 5339) in FY 2024.

*Mike Collett moved to approve the amendment presented, seconded by Jason Allen. Mark Nahra abstained. Motion carried.*

2. South Dakota DOT Statewide Traveler Communications Strategy needs to be programmed for a total estimated cost of \$119,000 with \$95,000 Federal participation (State Transportation Innovation Grant) in FY 2024.

*Eric Christensen moved to approve the amendment presented, seconded by Gordon Phair. Motion carried all ayes.*

**Modifications**

1. Sergeant Bluff 1<sup>st</sup> Street from Fareway entrance to Old Lakeport Road (TPMS #48367) PCC pavement grade and replace to be programmed for a total estimated cost of \$2,760,000 with 1,794,000 Federal participation (STBG) in FY 2024. (*information item – no action*)

- VII. Iowa Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) and Carbon reduction Program (CRP) balance and applications:** Ryan Brauer presented the STBG, TAP, and CRP balances and applications for review and recommendation to the Policy Board.

**STBG** – Staff received one (1) STBG request totaling \$3,500,000

1. Bacon Creek Conduit Project (City of Sioux City) – \$3,500,000 for FY 28

*Mark Nahra motioned to move the 11<sup>th</sup> Street Reconstruction Project (City of Sioux City) in the amount of \$4,000,000 to FY 28. Motion includes approving Bacon Creek Conduit Project application for \$2,106,300 for FY 28. Motion seconded by Mike Collett. Motion carried all ayes.*

**TAP** – Staff received two (2) TAP requests totaling \$608,000 for FY 28

1. Christy Road to Glen Ellen Road Trail Project (City of Sioux City) – Phase I - \$308,000
2. Christy Road to Glen Ellen Road Trail Project (City of Sioux City) – Phase II - \$300,000

*Mark Nahra moved to approve Phase I for \$304,000 in FY 27. Motion includes approving Phase II for \$402,000 in FY 28. Motion seconded by Gordon Phair. Motion carried all ayes.*

**CRP** – Staff received four (4) CRP requests totaling \$2,401,384 for FY 2025-2028

1. Bacon Creek Channel Project (City of Sioux City) - \$1,185,184

*Mike Collett moved to approve the Bacon Creek Channel Project for \$672,300 in FY 28. Motion seconded by Gordon Phair. Motion carried all ayes.*

2. Downtown Bike and Pedestrian Riverfront Connections (City of Sioux City) - \$676,4000

*Mike Collett moved to approve the Downtown Bike and Pedestrian Riverfront Connections project for \$500,000 in FY 25. Motion seconded by Gordon Phair. Motion carried all ayes.*

3. Gordon Drive/Lewis Boulevard Multi-use Trail Project (City of Sioux City) - \$380,000

*Mike Collett moved to approve the Gordon Drive/Lewis Blvd Multi-use Trail project for \$232,000 in FY 28. Motion seconded by Gordon Phair. Motion carried all ayes.*

4. Transit Maintenance Garage Electrification Project (City of Sioux City) - \$159,800

*Mike Collett moved to approve the Transit Maintenance Garage Electrification project for \$160,000 in FY 25. Motion seconded by Gordon Phair. Motion carried with 11 in favor and 1 against.*

- VIII. Resolution 2024-13 Approval of Recommendation of Proposed Revisions to the Federal Functional Classification (FFC) Map by the City of Sioux City, City of Sergeant Bluff and Woodbury County, Iowa to the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) to recommend to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA):** Ryan Brauer presented the proposed FFC changes to the Iowa portion of the MPO. A recent review of the system has revealed the need for a change to the Federal Functional Classification Map of road segments due to changes in traffic flow and roadway infrastructure in Sioux City, Sergeant Bluff, and Woodbury County.

*Gordon Phair moved to approve Resolution 2024-13, seconded by Aaron Lincoln. Roll call vote: Aaron Lincoln: aye; Tom Rohe: aye; Gordon Phair: aye; Jill Wanderscheid: aye; Mike Collett: aye; Andrew Tramp: aye; Jason Allen: aye; Mark Nahra: aye; Jerry Buum: aye; Eric Christensen: aye; Bob Kratky: aye. (Lance left meeting) Motion carried (11:0).*

**IX. FY 25 Draft Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP):** Michelle Bostinelos presented the draft FY 25 draft TPWP for review.

**X. Additional Comments:** Next meeting – Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

**XI. Adjournment:** *Mike Collett moved to adjourn, seconded by Gordon Phair. Chair Lincoln adjourned at 3:10 p.m.*