

Minutes

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

Policy Board

Thursday, March 7, 2024, 1:30 p.m.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Beaulieu, Chair	Dakota Dunes CID, SD
Keith Radig, Vice Chair	Woodbury County, IA
Mike Tokarczyk	Sioux City Transit System
Craig Anderson	Plymouth County, IA
Mike Dailey	Union County, SD
Dan Moore	City of Sioux City, IA
Julie Schoenherr	City of Sioux City, IA
Bob Giese	Dakota City, NE
Kodi Benson	City of North Sioux City, SD

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT & GUESTS:

Dakin Schultz	Department of Transportation – IA
Sarah Gilkerson	Department of Transportation - SD
Greg Heitmann	Federal Highway Administration – SD
John Forman	Ulteig
Wes Fopma	Congressman Feenstra Office

STAFF PRESENT:

Brian Pearson, Transit Director	SIMPCO/SRTS
Corinne Erickson, Regional Planning Manager	SIMPCO
Ryan Brauer, Regional Planner	SIMPCO
Emily Guthrie, Administrative Assistant II	SIMPCO

The MPO Policy Board met on Thursday, March 7, 2024, 1:30 p.m., via Zoom and in person at SIMPCO, located at 6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City, Iowa. A quorum was present. Vice Chair, Keith Radig, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. **Roll Call:** Vice Chair Radig opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

II. **Approval of the Agenda:** Vice Chair Radig asked if there were any additions or corrections to the March 7, 2024, regular meeting agenda.

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

III. **Approval of the Minutes:** Vice Chair Radig asked if there were any additions or corrections to the January 4, 2024, regular meeting minutes.

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

- IV. Review Monthly Correspondence:** Michelle Bostinelos 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 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments & Modifications:** Michelle Bostinelos presented the following amendments and modifications to the FY 2024-2027 TIP. Michelle noted the TTC made a positive recommendation for approval.

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.
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 Innovative Grant) in FY 2024.

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

Modifications

1. Sergeant Bluff 1st 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 only – no action*)

- VII. Iowa Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) balances and applications:** Ryan Brauer presented the STBG, TAP, and CRP balances and applications for approval. TTC recommendations discussed.

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

Keith Radig motioned to move the 11th 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 Julie Schoenherr. 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

Keith Radig 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 Julie Schoenherr. 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
2. Downtown Bike and Pedestrian Riverfront Connections (City of Sioux City) - \$676,4000
3. Gordon Drive/Lewis Boulevard Multi-use Trail Project (City of Sioux City) - \$380,000
4. Transit Maintenance Garage Electrification Project (City of Sioux City) - \$159,800

Keith Radig moved to approve the Bacon Creek Channel Project for \$672,300 in FY 28, Downtown Bike and Pedestrian Riverfront Connections for \$500,000 in FY 25, Gordon Drive/Lewis Blvd Multi-use Trail Project for 232,000 in FY 28, and the Transit Maintenance Garage Electrification Project for \$160,000 in FY 25. Motion seconded by Mike Tokarczyk. Motion carried all ayes.

- 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. Ryan noted the TTC made a positive recommendation for approval.

Keith Radig moved to approve Resolution 2024-13 as presented, seconded by Carol Schuldt. Roll call vote: Keith Radig: aye; Mike Tokarczyk: aye; Carol Schuldt: aye; Craig Anderson: aye; Julie Schoenherr: aye; Kodi Benson: aye. Motion carried (6:0).

- 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 – Thursday, May 2, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

- XI. Adjournment:** *Craig Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Keith Radig. Vice Chair Radig closed the meeting at 2:40 p.m.*