

SIouxLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ASSOCIATION (SRTPA)

Policy Board

Minutes

Thursday, January 25, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

SIMPCO, 6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Horton, Chair	Plymouth County, Iowa
Keith Radig, Vice Chair	Woodbury County, Iowa
Devlun Whiteing	Ida County, Iowa
Brad Pick	City of Le Mars, Iowa
Vince Phillips	Monona County, Iowa
Bryan Petersen	Cherokee County, Iowa

NON-VOTING MEMBERS/GUESTS:

Dakin Schultz	Iowa Dept. of Transportation
Wes Fopma	Congressman Feenstra

STAFF PRESENT:

Michelle Bostinelos, Executive Director	SIMPCO
Brian Pearson, Transit Director	SIMPCO/SRTS
Dawn Kimmel, Regional Planner II	SIMPCO
Ryan Brauer, Regional Planner	SIMPCO
Corinne Erickson, Regional Planner	SIMPCO

The Siouxland Regional Transportation Planning Association Policy Board met on Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom and in person at SIMPCO, located at 6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City, Iowa. A quorum was present.

Chair Gary Horton called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

- I. **Approval of the Agenda** – Chair Horton asked if there were any additions or corrections to the January 25, 2024, regular meeting agenda.

Keith Radig moved to approve the regular meeting agenda as presented, seconded by Vince Phillips. Motion carried with all ayes.

- II. **Approval of the Minutes:** Chair Horton asked if there were any additions or corrections to the November 16, 2023, regular meeting minutes.

Bryan Petersen moved to approve the regular meeting minutes with correction as presented, seconded by Devlun Whiteing. Motion carried with all ayes.

- III. **Review Monthly Correspondence:** Michelle Bostinelos presented pertinent correspondence since the November 16, 2023, Policy Board meeting.

- IV. **Transportation Improvement Progress Report:** Policy Board members and staff provided an update on the progress of transportation improvements currently underway throughout the region.
- V. **FY 2024-2027 Transportation Program (TIP) Amendments and Administrative Modifications:** Michelle Bostinelos presented the following amendment to the FY 2024-2027 TIP. Michelle noted the TAC made a positive recommendation for approval.

1. 12th Street SE (TPMS #47178) 8" PCC remove and replace in the City of Le Mars from 2nd Ave to 4th Ave SE needs to be programmed for a total cost of \$698,000 with \$432,600 (STBG SWAP) in FY 2025.

- VI. **Support for Iowa Department of Transportation's Application for Railroad Crossing Elimination Program Grant Funding:** SIMPCO staff along with Dakin Schultz from the IDOT asked the Policy Board to provide a letter of support for the submittal of the Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) grant under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) to fund a rail crossing study of the existing at-grade crossing of the BNSF Railway (BNSF) and the US Highway 75 (U.S. 75). elimination of a railroad crossing on US 75 in Plymouth County. Michelle noted the TAC made a positive recommendation to provide letter of support.

Gary Horton moved to approve the letter of support, seconded by Vince Phillips. Motion carried all ayes.

- VII. **Draft Passenger Transportation Plan:** Dawn Kimmel presented the Policy Board with the draft passenger transportation plan for comment and discussion. Dawn noted the final plan will be brought to the March SRTPA (RPA) meeting.
- VIII. **2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Draft Chapters 1-3:** Corinne Erickson presented the draft chapters 1: Introduction; chapter 2: Regional Background and Trends; chapter 3: Existing Regional Transportation System of the 2050 LRTP. Corinne noted the final plan will be brought back for approval at the November SRTPA (RPA) meetings.

IX. **Officer Elections:**

- a. Current Chair – Gary Horton
- b. Vice Chair – Keith Radig

Bryan Petersen moved to keep current officers as Gary Horton, Chair and Keith Radig as Vice Chair. Motion seconded by Vince Phillips. Motion carried all ayes.

- X. **Additional Comments:** Next Meeting – Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

XI. **Adjournment:** Chair Gary Horton the meeting at 10:00 a.m.