

Minutes

SIOUXLAND INTERSTATE METROPOLITAN PLANNING COUNCIL (SIMPCO) METROPOLITAN PLANNING COUNCIL (MPO) Transportation Technical Committee (TTC)

Wednesday, January 8, at 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
Jason Allen	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Transit System
Jerry Buom	Union County, South Dakota
Gordon Phair	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Mike Collett	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Airport
Bob Kratky	City of Dakota City, NE
Laura Sievers	Woodbury County, Iowa
Jill Wanderscheid	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Jeff Dooley	City of North Sioux City, SD
Andrew Tramp	Dakota Dunes CID, SD

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT/GUESTS:

Sarah Tracy	Department of Transportation - IA
Greg Heitmann	Federal Highway Administration – SD
Sarah Gilkerson	Department of Transportation - SD
Dakin Schultz	Federal Highway Administration – IA
Greg Youell	Felsburg Holt & Ullevig
Luke Hoffman	Iowa Bicycle Coalition

STAFF PRESENT:

Michelle Bostinelos, Executive Director	SIMPCO
Brian Pearson, Transit Director	SRTS/SIMPCO
Corinne Erickson, Regional Planning Manager	SIMPCO
Ryan Brauer, Regional Planner	SIMPCO
Nathan Kistner, Regional Planner	SIMPCO
Emily Guthrie, Executive Assistant	SIMPCO

The TTC met on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, 1:30 p.m., via in person, at 6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City, and via 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 regular meeting agenda of January 8, 2025.

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

- III. Approval of the Minutes:** Chair Lincoln asked if there were any additions or corrections to the regular meeting minutes of November 6, 2024.

Gordon Phair moved to approve the meeting minutes presented, seconded by Tom Rohe. Motion carried all ayes.

- IV. Review Monthly Correspondence:** Corinne Erickson 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 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment:** Michelle Bostinelos presented the following amendment to the FY 2025-2028 TIP for recommendation to the Policy Board.

1. South Dakota DOT Regional Operations forum needs to be programmed for a total cost of \$104,000 with full Federal participation (SHRP2) in FY 2025.

*Tom Rohe moved to approve the amendment as presented, seconded by Bob Kratky.
Motion carried all ayes.*

- VII. 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Draft Chapters 3: Active Transportation and Chapter 4: Transit:** SIMPCO Regional Planners, Nate Kistner and Dawn Kimmel, presented Chapters 3 and 4 of the DRAFT LRTP for review and comments.

Comment to include South Sioux City, Nebraska and South Dakota trail projects in featured projects under Chapter 3.

Michelle noted chapters will be reviewed at each meeting until the final document is finalized and approved in January.

- VIII. MPO Officer Elections:**

1. Current Chair – Aaron Lincoln
2. Current Vice Chair – Tom Rohe

Nominations:

Tom Rohe moved to nominate Aaron Lincoln as Chair, seconded by Jason Allen. Motion carried all ayes.

*Jason Allen moved to nominate Tom Rohe as Vice Chair, seconded by Mike Collett.
Motion carried all ayes.*

- IX. Guest Speaker: Luke Hoffman, Executive Director, Iowa Bicycle Coalition:** Luke provided an overview of the organization and announced the renewal of the 2012 Economic Impacts of Cycling and Trails Study, released by the Iowa Bicycle Coalition and the University of Northern Iowa. He highlighted that the Coalition plans to use the data from this study to advocate for cyclists and support trail projects across Iowa in the upcoming legislative session. Luke invited anyone interested in partnering on the study to contact him directly.

The committee members have requested that the MPO's partnership with the Coalition be included on the March meeting agenda for further discussion and recommendations.

X. Additional Comments:

Next Meeting –

- MPO TTC Wednesday, March 5, 2025, 1:30 PM
- MPO TTC Wednesday, May 7, 2025, 1:30 PM

- XI. Adjournment:** Chair Lincoln adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.