

Minutes

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

Thursday, January 9, 2025, 1:30 p.m.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Beaulieu, Chair	Dakota Dunes CID, SD
Craig Anderson	Plymouth County, IA
Kodi Bensen	City of North Sioux City, SD
Ron Hansen	City of Sergeant Bluff, IA
Mike Dailey	Union County, SD
Randy Meyer	City of South Sioux City, NE
Bob Giese	Dakota County, NE
Dan Moore	City of Sioux City, IA
Julie Schoenherr	City of Sioux City, IA
Mike Tokarczyk	Sioux City Transit System

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT & GUESTS:

Sarah Gilkerson	Department of Transportation – SD
Jessica Felix	Department of Transportation - IA
Sarah Tracy	Department of Transportation – IA
Lance Hedquist	City of South Sioux City, NE
Kathryn Vlaanderen	KTIV
Luke Hoffman	Iowa Bicycle Coalition

STAFF PRESENT:

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

The MPO Policy Board met on Thursday, January 9, 2025, 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 January 9, 2025, regular meeting agenda.

Craig Anderson moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Mike Dailey. Motion carried all ayes.

- III. **Approval of the Minutes:** Chair Beaulieu asked if there were any additions or corrections to the November 7, 2024, regular meeting minutes.

Craig Anderson moved to approve the minutes as presented, second by Dan Moore. 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 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment:** Michelle Bostinelos presented the following amendment to the FY 2025-2028 TIP for approval noting the TTC made a positive recommendation.

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.

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

- VII. **2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Draft Chapters 3: Active Transportation and Chapter 4: Transit:** Regional Planners, Nathan Kistner and Dawn Kimmel each presented on the draft chapters to the LRTP. Michelle noted that draft chapters will be brought forward at each meeting for review by the TTC and Policy Board with final approval of the document in January.

- VIII. **MPO Officer Elections:**

- Current Chair – Ken Beaulieu
- Current Vice Chair – Keith Radig

Craig Anderson moved to nominate Ken Beaulieu for Chair, seconded by Mike Dailey. Motion carried.

Mike Dailey moved to nominate Craig Anderson as Vice Chair, seconded by Dan Moore. Motion carried.

- IX. **Guest Speakers: 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.

Members have requested to add this discussion item to the next meeting agenda to decide whether to partner with or donate to the Coalition.

X. Additional Comments:

Next Meetings:

- MPO Policy Board, Thursday, March 6, 2025, 1:30 p.m.
- MPO Policy Board, Thursday, May 8, 2025, 1:30 p.m.

XI. Adjournment: *Julie Schoenherr moved to adjourn, seconded by Mike Dailey. Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.*