

Minutes

**SIOUXLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ASSOCIATION (SRTPA)
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
Monday, March 24, 2025, 1:30 p.m.
SIMPCO, 6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City, Iowa and via Zoom**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Williams, Chair	Ida County, Iowa
Thomas Rohe, Vice Chair	Plymouth County, Iowa
Laura Sievers	Woodbury County, Iowa
Kyle Basten	City of Cherokee, Iowa
Brian Pearson	Siouxland Regional Transit System
Kelly Puhmann	Cherokee County, Iowa
Charlie Bechtold	Monona County

Non-Voting Members/Guests:

Sarah Tracy	Department of Transportation – IA
Jared Austin	FTA Region 7

STAFF PRESENT:

Michelle Bostinelos, Executive Director	SIMPCO
Nathan Kistner, Regional Planner	SIMPCO
Emily Guthrie, Executive Assistant	SIMPCO

The Siouxland Regional Transportation Planning Association (SRTPA) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met on Monday, March 24, 2025, at 1:30 p.m., in person at 6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City, and virtually via Zoom.

Chair Jeff Williams called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

- I. Approval of the Agenda:** Chair Williams asked if there were any additions or corrections to the March 24, 2025, regular meeting agenda.

Laura Sievers moved to approve the meeting agenda as presented, seconded by Tom Rohe. Motion carried with all ayes.

- II. Approval of the Minutes:** Chair Williams asked if there were any additions or corrections to the regular meeting minutes of January 15, 2025.

Tom Rohe moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Brian Pearson. Motion carried all ayes.

- III. Review of Monthly Correspondence:** Michelle Bostinelos presented projects and activities outlined in the Director's Report included in the meeting packet since the January 15, 2025, meeting.

- IV. **Transportation Improvement Progress Report:** SRTPA TAC voting, and non-voting members provided an update on the progress of transportation improvements currently underway throughout the region.
- V. **FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments and Administrative Modifications:** Michelle Bostinelos informed the TAC that no amendments were submitted for discussion or approval before the meeting. Additionally, no amendments were presented during the meeting, and no action was taken.
- VI. **FY 2029 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) balance and applications:** Nathan Kistner presented the TAC with the balance and applications for review and recommendation to the Policy Board.

STBG – Nathan reported that staff received seven STBG requests totaling \$6,324,400. The Iowa DOT estimated target for the Iowa portion of the RPA is \$2,201,000 in FY 2029. Nate noted the balance for FY 2029 as \$1,893,485 due to a negative balance from FY 2027 of \$124,358. Discussion was held.

FY 2027 | Discussion on Deficit and Funding Adjustments:

Due to a \$124,000 deficit in FY 2027, the TAC proposed reducing funding by \$85,000 from the Plymouth County | K 22 project (TPMS 47095) and \$39,358 from the Cherokee | N 11th Street project (TPMS 53212). This adjustment aims to achieve a balance of \$2,201,000 in FY 2029.

FY 2027 | Motion:

Tom Rohe moved to recommend the proposed funding reductions for the Plymouth County and Cherokee County projects in FY 2027. The motion includes a clause to allocate additional STBG funding to restore the Plymouth County | K 22 project if the target/balance increases. Kyle Basten seconded the motion. Motion carried all ayes.

FY 2028 | Discussion on Deficit and Funding Adjustments:

Due to the \$183,157 deficit in FY 2028, the TAC proposed reducing funding by \$63,157 from the Le Mars | 7th Avenue SE project (TPMS 55506) and \$120,000 from the Woodbury County | Old Hwy 141 project. This adjustment aims to achieve a balance of \$2,201,000 in FY 2029.

FY 2028 | Motion:

Laura Sievers moved to recommend the proposed funding reductions for Le Mars and Woodbury County projects in FY 2028 as discussed. The motion includes a clause to allocate additional STBG funding to restore the Woodbury County | Old Hwy 141 project if the target/balance increases. Kelly Puhmann seconded the motion. Motion carried all ayes.

FY 2029 | Discussion on Allocating Funds to Submitted Applications | Motions:

1) SIMPCO Planning – Award 100% | \$48,000

Kelly Puhmann moved to approve awarding SIMPCO Planning at 100% funding. Motion seconded by Tom Rohe. Motion carried with all ayes.

2) Woodbury County | Old Hwy 141 – Award 100% | \$388,643

Tom Rohe moved to approve awarding Woodbury County | Old Hwy 141 at 100% funding. Motion seconded by Laura Sievers. Motion carried all ayes.

3) Monona County | K45-Old Hwy 75 – Award 100% | \$1,520,000

Laura Sievers moved to approve awarding Monona County | K45-Old Hwy 75 at 100% funding. Motion seconded by Charlie Bechtold. Motion carried all ayes.

4) Siouxland Regional Transit System (SRTS) | Vehicle Cameras & Floor Scrubber – Award \$124,357.

Kyle Basten moved to approve SRTS funding for \$124,357. Motion seconded by Brian Pearson. Motion carried all ayes.

Tom Rohe moved to allocate the remaining balance of \$120,000 to the Woodbury County | Old Hwy 141 project, compensating for the funding removed in FY 2028. Kelly Puhmann seconded the motion. Motion carried all ayes.

TAP – Nate reported that SIMPCO staff did not receive any applications for TAP funding, leaving a balance of \$567,669 for FY 2029. Michelle noted that Remsen reached out regarding a trail project after the application deadline. She recommended opening another application round.

Tom Rohe moved to re-open TAP applications for FY 2029 funding, with distribution starting on April 1, 2025, and a due date of April 30, 2025. Charlie Bechtold seconded the motion. Motion carried all ayes.

VII. FY 2026 DRAFT Transportation Planning Work Program: Michelle presented the draft FY 2026 TPWP in conformance with the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and each state's Department of Transportation. She noted final approval will be requested at the May meeting.

VIII. Sponsorship to Iowa Bicycle Coalition: Michelle presented the TAC with a recommendation to sponsor the Iowa Bicycle Coalition. SIMPCO recommends a total of \$5,000 total financial contributions to the Coalition with \$2,500 from the MPO and \$2,500 from the RPA.

Tom Rohe moved to not financially sponsor the Iowa Bicycle Coalition. The motion was seconded by Laura Sievers. Motion carried all ayes.

IX. Additional Comments:

- Next Meeting – May 14, 2024
- Upcoming Meeting – June 11, 2025

X. Adjournment: *Tom Rohe moved to adjourn, seconded by Charlie Bechtold. Chair Williams adjourned the meeting at 2:47 p.m.*