

**SIOUXLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ASSOCIATION (SRTPA)**  
**Policy Board**  
**Minutes**

**Thursday, March 27, 2025, 9:30 a.m.**  
**SIMPCO, 6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City, Iowa and via Zoom**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Vince Phillips, Chairman	Monona County, Iowa
Devlun Whiteing, Vice Chairman	Ida County, Iowa
Dave Dietrich	Woodbury County, Iowa
Doug Manley	Plymouth County, Iowa
Shane Bellefy	Cherokee County, Iowa
Brad Pick	City of Le Mars, Iowa

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS/GUESTS PRESENT:**

Jared Austin	Federal Transit Administration
Kaylee Sands	Federal Transit Administration
Sarah Tracy	Department of Transportation – IA
Will Fopma	Congressman Feenstra Office

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

The Siouxland Regional Transportation Planning Association Policy Board met on Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom and in person at SIMPCO, located at 6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City, Iowa. A quorum was present.

*Vice Chairman, Devlun Whiteing, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.*

- I. **Approval of the Agenda:** Vice Chairman, Devlun Whiteing, asked if there were any additions or corrections to the regular meeting agenda of March 27, 2025.

*Dave Dietrich moved to approve the regular meeting agenda as presented, seconded by Devlun Whiteing. Motion carried with all ayes.*

- II. **Approval of the Minutes:** Vice Chairman, Devlun Whiteing, asked if there were any additions or corrections to the January 23, 2025, regular meeting minutes.

*Vince Phillips moved to approve the regular meeting minutes with correction to Item III. as Devlun Whiteing moved to nominate Vince Phillips as Chairman. Motion seconded by Devlun Whiteing. Motion carried with all ayes.*

- III. **Review Monthly Correspondence:** Corinne Erickson presented pertinent information on projects and activities outlined in the Director's Report included in the meeting packet from the January 23, 2025, 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 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments and Administrative Modifications:** Michelle Bostinelos noted the TAC did not present any amendments or administrative modifications to the TIP. No action was taken.
- VI. **FY 2029 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) balance and applications:** Regional Planner, Nathan Kistner, presented the STBG and TAP 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 held.

**FY 2027 | Discussion on Deficit and Funding Adjustments | TAC Recommendation:**  
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 2028 | Discussion on Deficit and Funding Adjustments | TAC Recommendation:**  
Due to the \$183,157 deficit in FY 2028, the TAC proposed reducing funding by \$63,157 from the Le Mars | 7<sup>th</sup> 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 2027 & FY 2028 | Motion:**

*Devlun Whiteing moved to recommend the proposed funding reductions for the Plymouth County and Cherokee County projects in FY 2027 & the reductions in funding for Le Mars and Woodbury County projects in FY 2028. The motion includes a clause to allocate additional STBG funding to restore the Plymouth County | K 22 project & the Woodbury County | Old Hwy 141 project if the target/balance increases in those fiscal years. Doug Manley seconded the motion. Motion carried all ayes.*

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

- 1) SIMPCO Planning – Award 100% | TAC Recommendation: \$48,000
- 2) Woodbury County | Old Hwy 141 – TAC Recommendation: Award 100% | \$388,643
- 3) Monona County | K45-Old Hwy 75 – TAC Recommendation: Award 100% | \$1,520,000
- 4) Siouxland Regional Transit System (SRTS) | Vehicle Cameras & Floor Scrubber – TAC Recommendation: Award \$124,357.

TAC Recommendation includes a clause to restoring \$120,000 to Woodbury County | Old Hwy 141 project, compensating for the funding removed in FY 2028.

*Vince Phillips moved to approve the TAC recommendations as presented, seconded by Dave Dietrich. Motion carried all ayes.*

**TAP** – Nathan reported that SIMPCO staff did not receive any applications for TAP funding, leaving a balance of \$567,669 for FY 2029. Nathan noted the TAC made a positive recommendation to re-open the TAP application for another round with applications distributed on April 1 with a due date of April 30. Applications will be reviewed and voted on at the May SRTPA meetings.

*Dave Dietrich moved to re-open the TAP application for 30 days starting April 1. The motion was seconded by Doug Manley. Motion carried all ayes.*

- VII. **FY 2026 DRAFT Transportation Planning Work Program:** Michelle Bostinelos presented the draft FY 2026 TPWP in conformance with the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and each state's Department of Transportation. Michelle mentioned that the draft will undergo a public comment period before being presented for approval at the May meeting.

- VIII. **Guest Speaker: Luke Hoffman, Executive Director, Iowa Bicycle Coalition:** Michelle Bostinelos presented the Policy Board with a SIMPCO recommendation to sponsor the Iowa Bicycle Coalition for a total of \$5,000 with \$2,500 from the MPO (Metro) and \$2,500 (Rural). Michelle noted the TAC made a recommendation to not sponsor the coalition at this time.

*Vince Philips moved to not sponsor the coalition, seconded by Doug Manley. Motion carried all ayes.*

- IX. **Additional Comments:**

- *Next Meeting – May 22, 2025*
- *Upcoming Meeting – June 26, 2025*

- X. **Adjournment** *Vice Chairman, Devlun Whiteing, adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.*