

Minutes

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

Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tom Rohe, Vice Chair	Plymouth County, Iowa
Jason Allen	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Transit System
Mike Collett	City of Sioux City, Iowa / Airport
Jerry Buom	Union County, South Dakota
Gordon Phair	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Laura Sievers	Woodbury County, Iowa
Jill Wanderscheid	City of Sioux City, Iowa
Andrew Tramp	Dakota Dunes CID, SD

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT/GUESTS:

Sarah Tracy	Department of Transportation – IA
Jarrod Walker	Department of Transportation - NE
Sarah Gilkerson	Department of Transportation – SD
Dan Carpenter	Benesch

STAFF PRESENT:

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

The TTC met on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, 1:30 p.m., via in person, at 6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City, and via zoom. A quorum was present. Vice Chair Tom Rohe called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. **Roll Call/Introductions:** Vice Chair Tom Rohe opened the meeting with a roll call.

II. **Approval of the Agenda:** Vice Chair Tom Rohe asked if there were any additions or corrections to the regular meeting agenda of March 5, 2025.

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

III. **Approval of the Minutes:** Vice Chair Tom Rohe asked if there were any additions or corrections to the regular meeting minutes of January 8, 2025.

Gordon Phair moved to approve of the meeting minutes presented, seconded by Laura Sievers. Motion carried with 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. **SUDAS Board of Directors Appointment:** Michelle Bostinelos reported that the SIMPCO MPO needs to appoint a representative to serve on the Statewide Urban Design and Specifications (SUDAS) Board of Directors. She noted that MPO TTC Chair, Aaron Lincoln, previously served and has stated he would like to continue as the representative for another term.

Gordon Phair motioned to appoint Aaron Lincoln for appointment to the SUDAS Board of Directors for another term. Motion was seconded by Mike Collett. Motion carried with all ayes.

- VII. **Iowa Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) balances and applications:** Ryan Brauer presented the TTC with the balances and applications for review and recommendation to the Policy Board.

STBG – Ryan reported that staff received one STBG request totaling \$3,000,000 for FY 2029 from the City of Sioux City for the Bacon Creek Conduit project. The Iowa DOT has estimated the FY 2029 target for the Iowa portion of the MPO at \$3,044,000, resulting in an STBG balance of \$3,828,900 for FY 2029. Discussion was held.

Mike Collett motioned to approve the project request from the City of Sioux City for the Bacon Creek Conduit project for a total of \$3,800,000. The motion was seconded by Gordon Phair. Motion carried with all ayes.

CRP – Ryan reported that staff received two CRP requests totaling \$660,884 for FY 2029: \$512,884 for the City of Sioux City's Bacon Creek Channel project and \$148,000 for the City of Sioux City's Gordon Dr/Lewis Blvd Multi-use Trail Project. The Iowa DOT has estimated the FY 2029 target for the Iowa portion of the MPO at \$263,000. Discussion was held.

Gordon Phair moved to approve 100% funding (\$148,000) for the Gordon Drive/Lewis Blvd Multi-use Trail Project, with the remaining balance of \$115,000 awarded to the Bacon Creek Channel project for FY 2029. Laura Sievers seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

TAP – Ryan reported that staff received a TAP request totaling \$1,015,200 for FY 2029 from the City of Sioux City for the Viaduct Connector Trail – Phase 1 project. The Iowa DOT has estimated the FY 2029 target for the Iowa portion of the MPO at \$295,000, leaving a TAP balance of \$1,093,600 for FY 2029. Michelle Bostinelos noted that the City of Sioux City provided a letter to the SIMPCO MPO, wishing to cancel the TAP programming agreements and decline the FY 2027 and FY 2028 TAP funding designated for the Christy Road to Glen Ellen Trail Project due to various property acquisition and easement matters (TPMS #55555 for \$304,000 and TPMS #55556 for \$402,000), as enclosed in the agenda packet.

Mike Collet moved to approve 100% funding (\$1,015,200) for the Viaduct Connector Trail – Phase 1 project. Gordon Phair seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- VIII. Sponsorship to the Iowa Bicycle Coalition:** Michelle Bostinelos presented recommendation to sponsor the Iowa League of Bicycles at \$5,000 with \$2,500 from the MPO and \$2,500 from the RPA. This is a follow up from the presentation in January from Luke Hoffman, Executive Director of the Iowa Bicycle Coalition requesting the MPO to become a partner of the Economic and Health Impacts of Cycling and Trails Study.

Laura Sievers motioned not to sponsor the Iowa Bicycle Coalition study. Jill Wanderscheid seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

- IX. FY 26 Draft Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP):** Michelle Bostinelos presented the FY 26 Draft TPWP for review and comment.
- X. 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Draft Chapters 2: Community Overview and Chapter 7: Environmental Impacts:** Bess Seaman presented draft Chapter 2 with Nathan Kistner presenting Chapter 7 for review and comments on the documents.
- XI. Additional Comments:** Next Meeting – Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.
- XII. Adjournments:** *Gordon Phair motioned to adjourn, seconded by Tom Rohe. Meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.*