

# Minutes

## Urbanized Development Commission of the Sioux Falls Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process

July 20, 2006

Dave Queal – Chairman

### **Members Present**

Beesley, Larry  
Costello, Pat  
Hagedorn, Otto  
Hoiner, Mark  
Jamison, Bob  
Remmich, Brad (Dick Gregerson)  
Smith, Kevin  
Staggers, Kermit  
Twedt, Carol  
Zweep, Jim

### **Members Absent**

Hajek, Anne  
Kavanaugh, Kevin  
Lawler, John  
Poppens, Michael  
Weeldreyer, Dennis

### **Staff Present**

Ausen, Shannon  
Henning, Disa  
Keller, Lynne  
Trebilcock, Sam

### **Others Present**

Brown, John  
Bruckner, Lindsay  
Kjenstad, Jason  
Staggers, Kermit Sr.

With a quorum present Chairman Queal called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

1. **Public Input on Non-Agenda Items.** There was no public input on Non-Agenda Items.
2. **Approval of the March 16 2006 Minutes.** Otto Hagedorn made a motion to approve the minutes with changes to wording in Public Input section. In the section speaking about a sidewalk on the north side of 57<sup>th</sup> between Cliff and Sycamore it should read 5 foot and 10 foot widths instead of inches. Motion was seconded by Jim Zweep. Motion passed unanimously.
3. At this point John Brown from Stockwell Engineers gave a presentation about Brandon's Holly Street Project.

**2007-2011 Transportation Improvement Program.** Shannon Ausen presented the first draft of the Transportation Improvement Program. The TIP is a program of transportation improvements developed jointly by the SDDOT, local participating units of government and committees of the MPO. State projects included within the TIP are also found in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The SD Transportation Commission approves the STIP after the MPO acts on the TIP. Projects located within the City of Sioux Falls are drawn from the City's Capital Improvements program (CIP), and county projects are developed internally and funding sources are included in the annual provisional budget for the Highway Departments. The projects listed in the TIP must conform to the Long Range Transportation Plan which was approved in 2005. Shannon pointed out several projects that had been moved back because of funding restraints and answered several questions from committee member. No action is needed on this item.

Jason Kjenstad of HDR Engineering gave a power point presentation on the Tea/Ellis Road Project up to County Road 106 which is included in the TIP.

4. **Final Draft 2007 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).** Lynne Keller introduced the final draft of the 2007 UPWP and highlighted some of the activities listed. The first public hearing for the 2007 UPWP was held on Thursday, May 18, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. at a meeting of the TAC. There were some suggestions for minor changes at that time and those have been incorporated into the document. The final public hearing was held at the TAC meeting earlier today. There was no testimony, questions or comments from the public at that meeting and the TAC recommended approval unanimously. With no comments or questions from the committee Carol Twedt made a motion to approve the UPWP and was seconded by Kevin Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

5. **Long Range Transportation Plan Minor Update.** Sam Trebilcock presented an update to the LRTP that specified the railroad relocation project that was mentioned on page 85 of the LRTP. The project will be financed through a \$40 million congressional earmark and will not create any need for additional local revenue. This will leave the LRTP financially constrained. Kevin Smith asked that someone explain to the committee how much was actually available at this time for this project. Mark Hoines explained that the \$40 million was spread out over the life of the transportation bill (5 years). Also Congress had already done 2 rescissions (taken away a percentage of the funding to use for something else) although only 1 rescission affected the earmarked \$40 million and there was also something called obligational authority that DOT uses to authorize spending of only a certain percentage of the money (generally 85%). Bob Jamison made a motion to approve and was seconded by Kevin Smith. Motion passed unanimously.
6. **Operations Plan.** Debra Gaikowski presented the Operations Plan which outlines the policies and procedures for the MPO and the Planning Process. It has recently been updated due to the passing of the new Transportation Bill. Any changes within the next few years to the plan will be penciled in as this is the final copy until the next one is due. Terry Keller made a motion for approval and was seconded by Anne Hajek. Motion passed unanimously.
7. **Sioux Falls MPO 2005 Year End Report.** Debra Gaikowski presented the 2005 Year End Report listing activities that have been accomplished by the MPO in 2005. The final budget is also listed showing the beginning amount, the amount expended throughout the year and the remaining balance in each category for each participating entity. The FTA Transit Report, which is completed annually in October, will be attached to the FHWA Year End Reports from this point forward when they are submitted to the Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Department. This was informational only.
8. **Other Business.** Debra Gaikowski explained that members of the CAC were concerned about a project, currently in the design phase, on 57th St. from Cliff Ave. to Sycamore Ave. They were concerned about how the design has been modified to eliminate the bike and pedestrian path on the south side of 57<sup>th</sup> St. The CAC therefore made a motion to go on record in support of the original plan that the city drew up with respect to the 57th Street Project between Cliff Ave. and Sycamore Ave. wherein there would be a sidewalk on the north side with a five foot width and a bike and pedestrian path on the south side with a 10 foot width and that the proposed bridge to be constructed over the railroad will be able to accommodate both the sidewalk and the path. The concerns were such that Shannon Ausen has been asked to come to the next CAC meeting to address the questions that CAC members have. The UDC took no formal action on this item.

Terry Keller introduced Brad Remmich who will be assuming Terry's position within SDDOT. Keller has taken a different position within SDDOT. Remmich will be attending the MPO meetings instead of Keller in the future.

Sam Trebilcock reminded everyone that Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> is Bike-to-Work day.

**Adjournment.** Otto Hagedorn moved to adjourn and was seconded by Anne Hajek. Chairman Queal adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.