

Conflict of Interest Policy

As a General Policy, the Sioux Falls Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) seeks to prevent and avoid any conflicts of interest in the conduct of its business operations and to avoid any appearance of such conflicts to the public it services. Each MPO commission and committee member, or his/her alternate, has the duty to place the interests of the MPO foremost in any dealings on behalf of the organization and has a continuing responsibility to comply with this Policy.

In order to comply with this Policy, it is expected that:

- If a commission or committee member, or his/her alternate, has a potential conflict of interest in a proposed transaction with the MPO in the form of a significant personal or organizational financial interest in the transaction or holds a position as trustee, director, officer or staff member in such organization or business, he or she must make full disclosure of such interest before any discussion or negotiation of such transaction. The disclosure shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.
- Any commission or committee member, or his/her alternate, who has a potential conflict of interest with respect to any matter coming before the MPO shall not participate in any discussion of or vote in connection with the matter if the member's personal or organizational financial interest would impair the member's independence of judgement or if it could reasonably be inferred that the financial interest would influence the member's participation in the action. The disclosure shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.
- Any commission or committee member, or his/her alternate, who gains privileged information by virtue of his or her role as a commission or committee member shall not use that privileged information for personal or professional gain.

This Policy shall be distributed to each commission and committee member. A signature in the designated space at the bottom of this Policy will indicate that commission or committee member's agreement to abide by this Policy to the best of his or her ability. Noncompliance with the intent and spirit of this Conflict of Interest Policy may result in action deemed appropriate by the MPO.

This Policy may be revised or amended as determined appropriate by the MPO.

I have read the above statement of policy regarding conflict of interest and agree to abide by the policy to the best of my ability in my role as a Sioux Falls MPO commission or committee member.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____