

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE  
Thursday, December 17, 2020, 1:30 p.m.  
Zoom Teleconference  
Rapid City, South Dakota**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sarah Gilkerson – via proxy for South Dakota Transportation Commission, Larry Larson – Mayor of Box Elder, Bill Evans and Lance Lehmann – Rapid City Council Members, Richard Liggett and Talbot Wieczorek – Meade County Commissioners and Ron Rossknecht – Pennington County Commissioner

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Deb Hadcock – Pennington County Commissioner, Jeff Hollinshead – Box Elder City Council, Patrick Dame – Rapid City Regional Airport, Ken Young via proxy for Steve Allender – Mayor of Rapid City

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kip Harrington, Kelly Brennan and Melissa Karpo – Rapid City Department of Community Development, Mark Hoines – Federal Highway Administration

Larson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**General Public Comment**

No General Public Comment.

**Business**

**Rossknecht moved, Evans seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2020 meeting.**

Liggett joined the meeting.

**20TP037 – Approve the Southern Meade County East-West Connector Corridor Study – Final Report.** The Meade County Moving Forward 2040 Transportation Plan identifies a need for a connection between Erickson Ranch Road and 143<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Currently, there is an eight mile gap in east-west transportation connections between Elk Creek Road and Interstate 90. Meade County has also experienced additional demands on the county road system generated by increased development. HDR Engineering Inc. was selected to collect data, develop and analyze corridor alternatives and provide recommendations for a potential east-west corridor study, named the Southern Meade County East-West Connector Corridor Study. Twelve alternatives were identified as possible locations, then narrowed down to three build alternatives for further analysis. From there, Alternative 5 surfaced as the recommended alignment. This alternative will provide a corridor that can accommodate anticipated growth and provide an additional east/west road alignment approximately equidistant between Interstate 90 and Little Elk Creek Road. Brennan reviewed this report.

**Lehmann moved, Evans seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Southern Meade County East-West Connector Corridor Study – Final Report, with Liggett abstaining.**

**20TP039 – Acknowledge the 2021 Transportation Products and Due Dates.** Harrington reviewed the 2021 Transportation Products and Due Dates which provides product dates as a workflow guideline for year 2021. Frooman provided additional information on the Traffic Counts.

**No action was taken on this item.**

**20TP041 – Approve the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #21-001.** Harrington reviewed the 2021-2024 TIP Amendment #21-001 which identifies that the Anamosa Street Structure over Interstate 190 has a low load rating with no practical solution to strengthen the structure. The original project specified a pavement overlay in 2023, and has been modified to a complete structure replacement in 2027. Discussion ensued.

**Rossknecht moved, Liggett seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #21-001.**

**20TP042 – Approve the Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects.** Each year the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is required to develop the Annual Listing of Obligated Transportation Projects identifying the status of the transportation projects shown in the Transportation Improvement Program for fiscal year 2020. Harrington reviewed the listing of Projects with an added revision.

**Liggett moved, Evans seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Revised Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects.**

### **Election of Officers**

Larson opened the nominations.

**Liggett moved, Evans seconded and motion electing Larson as Chair carried unanimously.**

**Liggett moved, Wieczorek seconded and motion electing Young as Vice-Chair carried unanimously.**

### **Update on Construction Projects**

Gilkerson provided information on the current construction projects within the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization area. Harrington provided information on Rapid City's construction projects.

### **Update on Planning Projects**

Brennan and Harrington provided information on the current planning projects within the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization area.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.