

**MINUTES
OF THE
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Thursday, April 15, 2021 10:00 a.m.
Zoom Teleconference/Council Chambers
Rapid City, South Dakota**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sara Odden – Rapid City Public Works Department, Kip Harrington and Kelly Brennan - Rapid City Department of Community Development, Sarah Gilkerson – South Dakota Department of Transportation, Megan Gould – Rapid Transit Manager, Darren Soucy – Rapid City Police Department, Marlo Kapsa – Meade County Planning and Equalization Department, Fletcher Lacock – Rapid City Department of Community Development, Dennis Berg – Rapid City School District, Steve Frooman – City of Rapid City Traffic Engineer, Stacy Bartlett – South Dakota Department of Transportation, Kailey Selby – Pennington County Highway Department, Dale Pfeifle – Rapid City Public Works Department, Jack Dokken – SD Department of Transportation and Garth Wadsworth – City of Box Elder Planning Department

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brian Mueller – Pennington County Sheriff’s Office, Brett Burditt – Meade County School District, Alan Kerr – Douglas School District, Britney Molitor – Pennington County Planning Department, Chris Deitz – Rapid City Regional Airport, Jason Dubbs – City of Box Elder Police Department, Lisa Donner – SD Department of Transportation, Phil Anderson as proxy for Mayor Steve Heilman – City of Piedmont, Doug Curry – City of Box Elder Public Works Department, Lonnie Harmon – City of Summerset City Administrator, Bob Eben – Ellsworth Air Force Base, Scott Tegethoff – Meade County Highway, Ron Merwin – Meade County Sheriff’s Department Steve Frooman – City of Rapid City Traffic Engineer

OTHERS PRESENT: Melissa Karpo – Rapid City Department of Community Development and Mark Hoines – Federal Highway Administration

Vice-Chair Harrington called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

General Public Comment

There was no general public comment.

Business

Gilkerson moved, Odden seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2021 meeting.

21TP003 – Approve the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization 2020 Traffic Counts Report. Brennan reviewed the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization 2020 Traffic Counts Report that provides the public and business community with traffic count data to make informed decisions. The 2020 traffic counts saw a larger amount of negative percent changes from 2019. Many factors including the Covid-19 pandemic, construction, weather, and land use changes can influence daily traffic counts. Historically, the traffic counts are growing overall, with yearly fluctuations.

Lacock moved, Kapsa seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization 2020 Traffic Counts Report.

21TP008 – Approve the Section 5310 Award Recommendation. The Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) receives federal funds on a yearly basis as part of the Federal Transit Administration’s Section 5310 program to provide capital assistance to elderly persons and/or persons with disabilities. The Rapid City Area MPO solicited applications from entities throughout the region regarding assistance with vehicles and/or operating costs. Funding is provided as an 80/20 split for capital costs and as a 50/50 split for operating costs. Three organizations submitted applications for review. The scoring committee, which is composed of Rapid City Staff and MPO representatives, recommends granting \$90,000 to Black Hills Works for two ADA minivans. These minivans will enable wheelchair transit options to assist Black Hills Works in eliminating transportation gaps identified in the Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan. Brennan reviewed the Award Recommendation.

Lacock moved, Dokken seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Section 5310 Award Recommendation.

Election of Officers

Harrington opened the nominations.

Brennan moved, Lacock seconded and a motion electing Harrington as Chair carried unanimously.

Lacock moved, Gould seconded and a motion electing Brennan as Vice-Chair carried unanimously.

Update on Construction Projects

Gilkerson provided information on construction projects in the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. Odden provided information on current Rapid City 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 10:26 a.m.