

**MINUTES
OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
Thursday, June 16, 2022, 1:30 p.m.
Zoom/2nd Floor Community Room
Rapid City, South Dakota**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jafar Karim –South Dakota Transportation Commission, Vicki Fisher via proxy for Steve Allender – Mayor of Rapid City, Patrick Dame – Rapid City Regional Airport, Gary Drewes and Ron Rossknecht – Pennington County Commission and Talbot Wieczorek – Meade County Commission

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeff Hollinshead – Box Elder City Council, Larry Larson – Mayor of Box Elder, Bill Evans and Lance Lehman – Rapid City City Council and Richard Liggett – Meade County Commission

STAFF PRESENT: Kip Harrington, Kelly Brennan and Melissa Bloomberg – Rapid City Department of Community Development

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Hoines and Chris Kwilinski – Federal Highway Administration, Sarah Gilkerson – South Dakota Department of Transportation and Matthew Downey and Paul Brown – Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig

Vice-Chairman Rossknecht called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

General Public Comment

No General Public Comment.

Business

Drewes moved, Wieczorek seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2022 meeting.

22TP003 – Acknowledge the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization 2021 Traffic Counts Report. Brennan reviewed the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s 2021 Traffic Volume Counts Report. This report provides the public and business community with traffic count data to help make informed decisions.

No action was taken on this item.

22TP006 – Approve the 2022 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment #22-01. Harrington reviewed Amendment #22-01 to the 2022 Unified Planning Work Program to add funding for the Highway 1416 and Radar Hill Road Corridor Study. The project is a joint study between the City of Box Elder and Pennington County.

Dame moved, Drewes seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2022 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment #22-01.

22TP008 – Acknowledge the Meade County Master Transportation Plan – Draft Report. The Meade County Master Transportation Plan (MTP) is a key planning document that will guide transportation investment and policy through the year 2045. This plan serves as an update to the current MTP, which was completed in 2016. The MTP was a collaborative effort involving stakeholders, agency partners, and community members, and provides a blueprint for development of the transportation system using the community's goals and priorities as a foundation. Harrington provided a presentation of this draft. Discussion ensued.

No action was taken on this item.

22TP012 – Approve the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program – Draft Report. Harrington reviewed the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Draft Report that is required by the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. This is a four-year priority list and financial plan for highway, transit and intermodal projects. The TIP is intended to serve as a fiscal management tool to assist state and local agencies in matching transportation needs with resources.

Dame moved, Wieczorek seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program – Draft Report.

22TP013 – Acknowledge the Cambell Street Structure Study – Draft Report. The Rapid City Metropolitan Planning Organization initiated the Cambell Street Structure Study in an effort to identify potential mobility improvements along the Cambell Street corridor. The Cambell Street Structure that extends over the Rapid City, Pierre and Eastern Railroad is scheduled to be replaced in the next five to 10 years, offering an opportunity to make the surrounding area safer, more accessible, and more functional for everyone. A routing and infrastructure improvement recommendation was developed through an evaluation of travel analysis data, gathering of public input, regular discussions with local and regional stakeholders, and an alternatives analysis. The recommended improvements will support safe and comfortable multimodal travel through this the Cambell Street structure area. Matthew Downey and Paul Brown from Felsburg, Holt and Ullevig provided a presentation. Discussion ensued.

No action was taken on this item.

22TP014 – Approve the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Self Certification. Each year the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is required to demonstrate and resolve that its transportation planning process is addressing the major issues in the metropolitan planning area and that the process is conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements of the Self Certification Process (23 C.F.R. 450.334). Harrington reviewed the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Self Certification.

Wieczorek moved, Dame seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Self Certification.

22TP015 – Approve the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #22-004. Harrington reviewed the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement

Program (TIP) Amendment #22-004. This amendment adds funding for the rehabilitation of Dynamic Message Boards throughout the state.

Dame moved, Drewes seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #22-004.

Update on Construction Projects

Harrington provided information on Rapid City's construction projects.

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

Update on Planning Projects

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 2:26 p.m.