

**MINUTES
OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
Thursday, October 16, 2025, 1:30 p.m.
Zoom/2nd Floor Circle of Friends Community Room
Rapid City, South Dakota**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Larson – Mayor of Box Elder, Sarah Gilkerson via Proxy for Jafar Karim – South Dakota Transportation Commission, Vicki Fisher via proxy for Jason Salamon – Mayor of Rapid City, Rod Pettigrew – Rapid City City Council, Deb Hadcock and Jason Theunissen as proxy for Ron Weifenbach – Pennington County Commission

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bill Evans – Rapid City Council, Talbot Wieczorek and Richard Liggett – Meade County Commission, Michael Knight – Box Elder City Council, Patrick Dame – Rapid City Regional Airport

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Palmer – South Dakota Department of Transportation

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

Meeting quorum was met.

General Public Comment

Public comment from the Technical and Citizens Committee was shared regarding Simon opening a 300-acre pit quarry next to Exit 46 and pedestrian and bicycle safety concerns along Deadwood Avenue.

Business

Hadcock moved, Pettigrew seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the October 16, 2025 Executive Policy Committee agenda.

Pettigrew moved, Gilkerson seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2025 Technical and Citizens Committee meeting.

25TP022 – Approve the 2026 Unified Planning Work Program – Final Report. The 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) includes the annual activities, planning studies, and products to be developed by the Metropolitan Planning Organization for 2026. The Unified Planning Work Program also identifies funding and staffing for conducting these tasks. Harrington reviewed the UPWP and the two studies that were voted on to pursue for the allocated funding with the UPWP for 2026.

Theunissen moved, Hadcock seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2026 Unified Planning Work Program – Final Report.

Fisher entered the meeting.

25TP023 – Approve the Agreement between the City of Rapid City and the South Dakota Department of Transportation for accomplishing the Rapid City Area Transportation Planning Process in the amount of \$709,687. This agreement provides federal transportation planning funds in the amount of \$709,687 to conduct activities identified in the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s 2025 Unified Planning Work Program. The local match from member agencies totals \$156,313. This agreement authorizes the reimbursement of funds for the City of Rapid City’s work identified in the 2026 Unified Planning Work Program through the Transportation Planning Budget (706). This includes eligible activities performed by Community Development and Public Works staff. Discussion ensued regarding the Micro-Transit feasibility Study and County costs for infrastructure in annexations.

Hadcock moved, Pettigrew seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Agreement between the City of Rapid City and the South Dakota Department of Transportation for accomplishing the Rapid City Area Transportation Planning Process in the amount of \$709,687

25TP024 – Approve the 2025 Rapid City Comprehensive Plan – Final Report. The Comprehensive Plan serves as the official policy document guiding community development in Rapid City, and will be used to shape the future of our community by reflecting the shared vision of residents. The Comprehensive Plan was developed in conformance with Chapter 11-6 of South Dakota Codified Laws, which regulates the minimum requirements of comprehensive plans. These requirements ensure transparency, community input, and formal adoption procedures in the formation of the Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan was made with the purpose of guiding and accomplishing a coordinated, adjusted, and harmonious development of the municipality, which will, in accordance with existing and future needs, best promote health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity or the general welfare, as well as efficiency and economy in the process of development. Discussion ensued regarding updating the Future Land Use plan in 2026.

Fisher moved, Pettigrew seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2025 Rapid City Comprehensive Plan – Final Report

Update on Construction Projects

Harrington provided information on current Rapid City construction projects. Palmer 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 2:09 p.m.