

**MINUTES
OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
Thursday, February 16, 2017 1:30 p.m.
1st Floor Community Room
City/School Administration Center
Rapid City, South Dakota**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patsy Horton via Proxy for Steve Allender – Mayor of Rapid City ,Brad Remmich via Proxy for the South Dakota Transportation Commission, Patrick Dame – Rapid City Airport, Robert Heidgerken – Meade County Commissioner, Larry Larson – Mayor of Box Elder and Linda Rausch – Meade County Commissioner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Scott Allen – Box Elder City Council, Brad Estes – Rapid City Council and Deb Hadcock – Pennington County Commission

STAFF PRESENT: Kelly Brennan, Kip Harrington and Katie Parker – Rapid City Community Planning and Development Services

OTHERS PRESENT: None

Vice Chair Larson called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

General Public Comment

There was no general comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2016 MEETING

Hadcock moved, Dame seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2016 meeting.

17TP001 – Acknowledge the 2016 Traffic Count Book. Brennan explained the report that provides the public and business community with traffic count data to help them make more informed decisions. Brennan noted that numbers on West Boulevard and Mall Drive have had significant increases and that four street segments have volumes of more than 30,000 vehicles per day. Brennan also noted that there are twenty street segments with more than 20,000 vehicles per day. Discussion ensued.

Heidgerken entered the meeting.

Horton stated that a study regarding Elk Vale Road is anticipated to start this year. Horton further stated that the study will be a cost share between the city of Box Elder, Pennington County and the city of Rapid City.

Dame moved, Hadcock seconded and motion carried unanimously to acknowledge the 2016 Traffic Count Book.

17TP002 – Approve the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 17-002. Harrington briefed the committee on the Railroad Crossing Improvement project that will provide signal upgrades to the Rapid City, Pierre and Eastern Railroad crossing on East Boulevard in Rapid City at a cost of \$70,000. The project is 100% federally funded from the Highway Trust Fund through 23 U.S.C. 120(c). Harrington further stated that a new project has been added to the Transportation Alternatives Program that will construct sidewalks on 2nd and 3rd Streets in Piedmont near Piedmont Valley Elementary School in 2019. Harrington went on to add that two Transportation Alternatives Program projects in Rapid City have been delayed from 2018 to 2020 and 2021, respectively.

Larson moved, Hadcock seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 17-002.

17TP003 – Approve the 2016 Annual Report. Horton explained to the committee that this report provides a list of accomplishments along with the associated Unified Planning Work Program expenditures. Discussion ensued.

In response to a question from Hadcock, Horton responded that she sends out an email to the members of the Technical Coordinating Committee by the end of May requesting information on projects each member agency would like to have funded with Metropolitan Planning Organization funds. Horton further stated that requests for funding could come in at any time. Horton added that any corridor study would need to be included in the Long Range Transportation Plan. Discussion ensued.

Remmich moved, Hadcock seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2016 Annual Report.

Other Business

Update on Construction Projects

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

Update on Planning Projects

Harrington informed the committee about a meeting tonight about Mount Rushmore Road Reconstruction Project at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center in room 102 starting at 5:30 p.m.

Harrington reminded the committee that the Transit Feasibility Study looks at extending public transportation outside of Rapid City. Harrington also stated that a stakeholder meeting will be held on Thursday, March 2, 2017 with the study advisory team that will include stakeholder interviews. Harrington encouraged the committee to let him know if they would like to participate in these meetings. Harrington added that study completion is anticipated in August 2017.

Harrington encouraged committee members to attend a public meeting on Monday, March 6, 2017 for the I-90 Exit 61 to 67 Corridor Study from Elk Vale Road from Liberty Boulevard from 6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m. at Black Hills State University - Rapid City.

Harrington informed the committee of Railroad Quiet Zone Task Force that has been created to evaluate options to reduce train horn volume within the City of Rapid City, anticipated to kick off within the next month.

Harrington stated that he has been working with the South Dakota Department of Transportation on a project to develop software that would explore the financial benefits of access management.

Harrington updated the committee on the development of the Rapid City Area Website and also explained that member agencies would be able to post transportation documents to the site as well.

Harrington informed the committee that the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization would be updating its Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) transition plan.

Harrington stated that Brennan is working on the Socio-economic report and the information will be presented that at the April meeting.

In response to a question from Heidgerken, Harrington stated that a Request for Proposals is anticipated to go out this summer for Meade County's east – west corridor alignment, located just north of the Pennington County – Meade County line. Horton stated if the Meade County Commission wanted to complete a utility study in conjunction with the corridor study, the utility portion of the Request for Proposals would need to be done prior to the release of the Request for Proposals. Discussion ensued.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.