

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE  
Thursday, October 20, 2022, 1:30 p.m.  
Zoom/3<sup>rd</sup> Floor West Meeting Room, Rose Quartz  
Rapid City, South Dakota**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jafar Karim – South Dakota Transportation Commission, Larry Larson – Mayor of Box Elder, Vicki Fisher via proxy for Steve Allender – Mayor of Rapid City, Richard Liggett and Talbot Wieczorek– Meade County Commission and Gary Drewes and Ron Rossknecht – Pennington County Commission

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** and Patrick Dame – Rapid City Regional Airport, Jesse Ham and Pat Roseland – Rapid City City Council

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Sarah Gilkerson and Mike Carlson – South Dakota Department of Transportation and Mark Hoines – Federal Highway Administration

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

Meeting quorum was met.

**General Public Comment**

No general public comment.

**Business**

**Fisher moved, Drewes seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2022 meeting.**

**22TP025 – Acknowledge the Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan 2022 Annual Update.** The Coordinated Public Transit - Human Services Transportation Plan was approved in March 2019 and identifies the gaps and needs in transportation related to persons with disabilities, seniors and individuals with low incomes. The plan provides strategies to fix these gaps and needs, followed by priorities for implementing these strategies. An inventory of participating transportation providers was also provided. Agencies interested in receiving federal funds to help pay for vehicles, such as buses or vans, participated in this locally developed, coordinated public transit - human services transportation plan. This Annual Update identifies the 2022 accomplishments and on-going tasks as well as those not yet initiated and/or scheduled for next year. Rapid Transit System's primary focus in 2022 was to continue to provide safe and efficient transportation while addressing the unique challenges presented by Covid-19. Moving forward into 2023, it is anticipated that prioritizing goals aside from daily operations will be the focus. Brennan reviewed this update. Discussion ensued.

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

**22TP026 – Approve the 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – Final Report.** Brennan reviewed the 2023 UPWP final report for the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. This document includes the annual activities, planning studies, and products to be developed by the Metropolitan Planning Organization for 2023. The Unified Planning Work Program also identifies funding and staffing for conducting these tasks. Discussion ensued.

**Karim moved, Drewes seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2023 Unified Planning Work Program – Final Report.**

**22TP027 – Approve the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #23-001.** The 2023-2026 TIP Amendment #23-001 increases funding for tree clearing and the construction of median and ramp crossovers at Exit 46-Elk Creek Road, on Interstate 90. Harrington reviewed this Amendment. Discussion ensued.

**Fisher moved, Wieczorek seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #23-001.**

**22TP028 – Approve the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #23-002.** The 2023-2026 TIP Amendment updates the 2023 funding totals, due to rollover of \$988,313 in Section 5307 grant funds, which will increase the required local match. Harrington reviewed this amendment.

**Drewes moved, Karim seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #23-002.**

Rossknecht entered the meeting.

#### **Update on Construction Projects**

Carlson 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**

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 2:10 p.m.