

**MINUTES
OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
Thursday, April 13, 2023, 1:30 p.m.
Zoom/2nd Floor Circle of Friends Community Room
Rapid City, South Dakota**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sarah Gilkerson via proxy for Jafar Karim – South Dakota Transportation Commission, Larry Larson – Mayor of Box Elder, Richard Liggett – Meade County Commission, Vicki Fisher via proxy for Steve Allender – Mayor of Rapid City, Pat Roseland– Rapid City City Council, Gary Drewes and Lloyd LaCroix – Pennington County Commission

MEMBERS ABSENT: Talbot Wieczorek– Meade County Commission, Patrick Dame – Rapid City Regional Airport and Jesse Ham – Rapid City City Council

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Carlson, Steve Gramm and Katrina Burckhard– 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 Public Comment.

Business

Fisher moved, Gilkerson seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2023 meeting.

23TP007 – 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. One organization submitted applications for review. Brennan reviewed the recommendation to award Black Hills Works \$160,000 in Section 5310 funds for the purchase of two transit style buses.

Fisher moved, Drewes seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Section 5310 Award recommendation.

23TP008 – Acknowledge the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization 2022 Traffic Volume Counts Report. Brennan reviewed the Rapid City Area

Metropolitan Planning Organization's 2022 Traffic Volume Counts Report. This report provides the public and business community with traffic count data to help make informed decisions. Discussion ensued.

No action was taken on this item.

23TP009 – Approve the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program

Amendment #23-005. Harrington reviewed the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #23-005. This amendment adds funding for a Roadway Safety Improvement project in 2023 to add High Friction Surface Treatment to roadways in the Rapid City Region. SDDOT received a State Transportation Innovation Grant, and a new Miscellaneous project must be added in 2023 to allow for the expenditure of the grant allocation. An additional Roadway Safety Improvement project in 2024 will update the Strategic Highway Safety Plan. Finally, a 2025 Transportation Alternative Program grant project has been awarded in 2025 to install sidewalk along South Ellsworth Road in Box Elder.

Drewes moved, Fisher seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #23-005.

LaCroix entered the meeting.

23TP011 – Acknowledge the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program

Amendment #23-002A. This Administrative Amendment revises the funding for the project to replace the Anamosa Street bridge over I-190. The Transportation Commission awarded \$329,000 in Transportation Alternative Program funds to the project, thereby decreasing the funding in the Interstate Maintenance category from \$6.636 million to \$6.307 million. There is no net increase in funding. Harrington reviewed this Amendment.

No action was taken on this item.

Gilkerson gave a presentation on the Critical Urban Freight Corridor.

Update on Construction Projects

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

Update on Planning Projects

Harrington and Brennan 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 2:01 p.m.