

**MINUTES
OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
Thursday, August 22, 2024, 1:30 p.m.
Zoom/2nd Floor Circle of Friends Community Room
Rapid City, South Dakota**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jafar Karim – South Dakota Transportation Commission, Vicki Fisher via proxy for Jason Salamun – Mayor of Rapid City, Larry Larson – Mayor of Box Elder, Lloyd LaCroix and Gary Drewes – Pennington County Commission and Kevin Maher and Pat Roseland – Rapid City City Council

MEMBERS ABSENT: Richard Liggett and Talbot Wieczorek – Meade County Commission, Patrick Dame – Rapid City Regional Airport and Michael Knight – Box Elder 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 Greg Heitmann – Federal Highway Administration

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

Meeting quorum was met.

General Public Comment

No General Public Comment.

Business

Fisher moved, Karim seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2024 meeting.

24TP027 – Approve the 2024 Rapid City MPO Meeting Dates and Location. Harrington reviewed the 2024 Rapid City MPO Meeting Dates and Locations.

Fisher moved, Drewes seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2024 Rapid City MPO Meeting Dates and Location.

24TP028 – Major Street Plan Analysis and Update – Final Report. Rapid City adopted its Major Street Plan (MSP) in 1990 and has performed numerous revisions to the MSP over the last few decades. However, many proposed future road alignments have not been analyzed since the initial creation of the MSP. Many of the future road segments have become dated due to changes in land use, development patterns, and construction projects over the years. Additionally, most of the other Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization member agencies have adopted Major Street Plans or Transportation Plans leading to incongruities among future road alignments and classifications. The Major Street Plan Analysis and Update developed conceptual

roadway alignments and profiles for 40 arterial and collector roadways anticipated to be developed/constructed with the 20-year planning horizon. Proposed segment alignments considered design speeds, grades, curvature, topography, existing development, environmental constraints, identified where drainage facilities/crossings may be needed, and noted special considerations associated with specific corridor conceptual alignments. Special considerations included but were not limited to potential retaining walls/structures, bridges, FEMA/floodway/flood plain impacts, rail crossings and permits, existing road modifications, and parkland impacts. Brennan reviewed the report. Discussion ensued regarding the removed and added connector roads.

LaCroix moved, Maher seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Major Street Plan Analysis and Update – Final Report.

24TP029 – Approve the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program – Final Report. Each year the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is required to develop the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). 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. The TIP development, review, and approval process includes participation from affected public agencies, citizens' groups, private transportation providers and representatives from various transportation entities. Harrington reviewed this report.

Fisher moved, LaCroix seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program – Final Report.

24TP030 – Approve the Technical and Citizens Committee Bylaws. At the April 18, 2024 Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization meetings, the Executive Policy Committee approved a motion to create the Technical and Citizens Committee by combining the Citizens Advisory Committee and the Technical Coordinating Committee (TACC). Harrington reviewed these Bylaws.

Fisher moved, Drewes seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Technical and Citizens Committee Bylaws.

24TP031 – Approve the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Final Operations Plan Update. The Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization has revised the Operations Plan to include updating the Metropolitan Planning Organization Committees to combine the Citizens Advisory Committee and the Technical Coordinating Committee; and updating the document layout. Harrington reviewed the Final Operations Plan Update.

Fisher moved, Drewes seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Final Operations Plan Update.

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

Brennan and 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 2:01 p.m.