

**MINUTES
OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
Thursday, September 19, 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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin Maher and Pat Roseland – Rapid City City Council, 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, Greg Heitmann – Federal Highway Administration and Bill Evans – Rapid City City Council

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

Meeting quorum was met.

General Public Comment

Carlson advised on the public comment from TACC about construction signage.

Business

Drewes moved, Karim seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the August 22, 2024 meeting.

24TP033 – Approve the 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – Draft Report. Brennan reviewed the 2025 UPWP draft that includes the annual activities, planning studies, and products to be developed by the Metropolitan Planning Organization for 2025. The Unified Planning Work Program also identifies funding and staffing for conducting these tasks.

Fisher moved, LaCroix seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2025 Unified Planning Work Program – Draft Report.

24TP034 – Letter of Support for the City of Rapid City’s Transportation Alternatives Grant Application. The City of Rapid City is submitting an application to assist with funding the reconstruction of trails in Mary Hall Park. The estimated cost of the project is \$528,532.79. Through this SDDOT grant program, the City of Rapid City could receive 81.95% of the project cost, or \$433,162.62, with the City providing

matching funds in the amount of \$95,400.17. The MPO's support may enhance the City's potential to receive this grant. Harrington reviewed this letter of support.

Karim moved, Drewes seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Letter of Support for the City of Rapid City's Transportation Alternatives grant Application.

Appointments to the Technical and Citizens Committee (TACC).

Fisher moved, Drewes seconded and motion carried unanimously to defer the appointments to the October 17, 2024 Executive Policy meeting.

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 1:55 p.m.