

**MINUTES
OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
Thursday, October 17, 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– Pennington County Commission, Kevin Maher and Pat Roseland – Rapid City City Council, Talbot Wieczorek – Meade County Commission and Patrick Dame – Rapid City Regional Airport

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary Drewes – Pennington County Commission, Richard Liggett – Meade County Commission 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 City Council

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

Meeting quorum was met.

General Public Comment

Harrington advised on the public comment from TACC about the Bicycle and Pedestrian Hub.

Business

LaCroix moved, Wieczorek seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2024 meeting.

24TP035 – Approve the 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – Final Report. Brennan reviewed the 2025 UPWP final report 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 – Final Report

24TP036 – Approve the Agreement between the City of Rapid City and the South Dakota Department of Transportation for accomplishing the Rapid City Area Transportation Planning Process in the amount of \$1,225,972. This agreement provides federal transportation planning funds in the amount of \$1,225,972 to conduct activities identified in the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s 2025

Unified Planning Work Program. The local match from member agencies totals \$134,653. This agreement authorizes the reimbursement of funds for the City of Rapid City's work identified in the 2025 Unified Planning Work Program through the Transportation Planning Budget (706). This includes eligible activities performed by Community Development and Public Works staff. Brennan reviewed this agreement.

Fisher moved, Dame seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Agreement between the City of Rapid City and the South Dakota Department of transportation for accomplishing the Rapid City Area Transportation Planning Process in the amount of \$1,225,972.

24TP037 – Acknowledge the Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Action Plan. The Statewide Coordinated Public Transit - Human Services Transportation Plan was approved in July 2024 and identifies the gaps and needs in transportation related to persons with disabilities, seniors and individuals with low incomes. This Action Plan identifies past goals, successes, coordination with other agencies, newly set goals, and timeframes of the new goals. The Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Action Plan will be updated annually to continue to address goals and any other changes to the plan. Brennan reviewed this action plan. Discussion ensued about the Medicaid providers for non-emergency services.

No action was taken on this item.

24TP038 – Approve the Letter of Support for the SDDOT Exit 46 Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Application. The South Dakota Department of Transportation is submitting an application to assist with funding the reconstruction of Interstate 90 Exit 46 Bridge Reconstruction Project. The project includes reconstructing the Exit 46 (Elk Creek Road) bridge to include multimodal facilities for those walking and biking, grade-separating Elk Creek Road from a railroad, as well as regrading and resurfacing both directions of I-90 from east of Exit 44 to west of Exit 48. The RCE project will provide grade-separated access on Elk Creek Road over the RCP&E Railroad. Harrington reviewed this letter of support.

Wieczorek moved, LaCroix seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Letter of Support for the SDDOT Exit 46 Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Application.

24TP039 – Approve the Letter of Support for the SDDOT Exit 46 Reconnecting Communities Grant Application.The South Dakota Department of Transportation is submitting an application to assist with funding the reconstruction of Interstate 90 Exit 46 Bridge Reconstruction Project. The project includes reconstructing the Exit 46 (Elk Creek Road) bridge to include multimodal facilities for those walking and biking, grade-separating Elk Creek Road from a railroad, as well as regrading and resurfacing both directions of I-90 from east of Exit 44 to west of Exit 48. Harrington reviewed this letter of support.

Fisher moved, Wieczorek seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Letter of Support for the SDDOT Exit 46 Reconnecting Communities Grant Application.

24TP040 – Approve the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment (TIP) #24-004. This TIP Amendment adds funding to the Miscellaneous category for a Planning Study to create a Pilot Program for Wildlife Crossings on state highways. Harrington reviewed this amendment.

LaCroix moved, Wieczorek seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #24-004.

24TP041 – Approve the Rapid City Safe Streets and Roads for All Safety Action Plan Public Participation Plan. Public input is vital to the Safe Streets and Roads for All Safety Action Plan in order to identify the most effective means of soliciting ideas and opinions from the general public, stakeholders, and member agencies as they relate to the transportation planning process. Several activities will be scheduled including both virtual and in-person. The Public Participation Plan outlines the specific public input strategies that will be implemented as the Safe Streets and Roads for All Safety Action Plan progresses. These strategies include media/press releases, surveys, and public open houses, all of which are intended to actively solicit comments and engage the interests of the public throughout the participation process. Harrington reviewed this Public Participation plan.

Fisher moved, Dame seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Rapid City Safe Streets and Roads for All Safety Action Plan Public Participation Plan.

24TP042 – Approve the Rapid TRIP 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Public Participation Plan. Public input is vital to the Rapid TRIP 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan in order to identify the most effective means of soliciting ideas and opinions from the general public, stakeholders, and member agencies as they relate to the transportation planning process. Several activities will be scheduled including both virtual and in-person. The Public Participation Plan outlines the specific public input strategies that will be implemented as the Rapid TRIP 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan progresses. These strategies include media/press releases, surveys, and public open houses, all of which are intended to actively solicit comments and engage the interests of the public throughout the participation process. Harrington reviewed this Public Participation Plan.

Fisher moved, Wieczorek seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Rapid TRIP 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Public Participation Plan.

Appointments to the Technical and Citizens Committee (TACC). At the August 22, 2024 Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization meetings, the Executive Policy Committee approved a motion to revise the Operations Plan and Bylaws to create the Technical and Citizens Committee (TACC). The TACC is comprised of all of the members of the former Technical Coordination Committee, and two (2) representatives appointed by the Meade County Commission plus up to eight (8) members of the general public, formerly included in the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). In order for members of the former CAC, other than the Meade County appointees, to become voting members of the TACC, CAC members were requested to submit a Citizen

Interest Application through the City of Rapid City. Harrington reviewed the members for approval.

Fisher moved, Wieczorek seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the prospective TACC citizen representatives.

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. Gilkerson provided information on the Statewide Active Transportation Plan.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.