

**MINUTES
OF THE
TECHNICAL AND CITIZENS COMMITTEE
Thursday, October 17, 2024 10:00 a.m.
Zoom/2nd Floor Circle of Friends Community Room
Rapid City, South Dakota**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kip Harrington, Kelly Brennan and Cassie Hayes – Rapid City Department of Community Development, Sarah Gilkerson and Mike Carlson – South Dakota Department of Transportation, Sara Odden and Jesse Rieb – Rapid City Public Works Department, Tonya Vig – Meade County Planning, Megan Gould-Stabile – Rapid Transit System, Monte Meier – South Dakota Department of Air, Rail and Transit, Lauralee Patton – City of Box Elder Planning Department, Eric Radke – Pennington County Highway and Roger Gallimore – Meade County Citizen Appointee

MEMBERS ABSENT: Matt Layman – Rapid City Public Works Department, Doug Curry – City of Box Elder, Troy Eastman – Meade County Highway, Mayor Phil Anderson – City of Piedmont, Chris Hislip – Pennington County Sheriff’s Office, Joseph Miller – Pennington County Highway, Brett Burditt – Meade County School District, Coy Sasse – Rapid City School District, Devin McCloskey/Colby Larson - Ellsworth Air Force Base, Jeff McCoy – Rapid City Police Department, Jason Dubbs – City of Box Elder Police Department, Mayor Michael Kitzmiller – City of Summerset, Kevin Case – Douglas School District, Pat West – Meade County Sheriff’s Department, Britney Molitor – Pennington County Planning Department and Rapid City Regional Airport

OTHERS PRESENT: Melissa Bloomberg – Rapid City Department of Community Development, Greg Heitmann – Federal Highway Administration, Jack Dokken – South Dakota Department of Air, Rail and Transit, Terri Geigle – South Dakota Department of Transportation and Gary Wietgrefe and Bob Burns – Citizens Interest

Chairman Harrington called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Meeting quorum was met.

General Public Comment

Gary Wietgrefe gave public comment about the Bicycle and Pedestrian Hub.

Business

Gallimore moved, Odden seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the August 22, 2024 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting.

Gilkerson moved, Rieb seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the August 22, 2024 Technical Coordinating Committee meeting.

Gallimore moved, Carlson seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2024 Technical and Citizens Committee 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. Brennan reviewed this report.

Hayes moved, Odden 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. Discussion on the changes to the budgetary amounts ensued.

Gallimore moved, Rieb 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. Gilkerson and Harrington reviewed this letter of support.

Gallimore moved, Rieb 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. The RCE project will provide grade-separated access on Elk Creek Road over the RCP&E Railroad. Harrington reviewed this letter of support.

Rieb moved, Carlson 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.

Gilkerson moved, Hayes 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. Discussion ensued on the safety for seniors and low income residents and the importance of public comment.

Odden moved, Carlson 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.

Gilkerson moved, Rieb 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). Harrington advised the TACC that two appointments are on the Executive Policy Committee Agenda for approval.

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 current Rapid City construction projects.

Update on Planning Projects

Harrington and Brennan 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 10:50 a.m.