

**MINUTES
OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
Thursday, December 12, 2024, 1:30 p.m.
Zoom/2nd Floor Circle of Friends Community Room
Rapid City, South Dakota**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sarah Gilkerson as proxy for Jafar Karim – South Dakota Transportation Commission, Vicki Fisher via proxy for Jason Salamun – Mayor of Rapid City, Larry Larson – Mayor of Box Elder, and Kevin Maher and Pat Roseland – Rapid City City Council

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary Drewes and Lloyd LaCroix – Pennington County Commission, Talbot Wieczorek and Richard Liggett – Meade County Commission, Michael Knight – Box Elder City Council and Patrick Dame – Rapid City Regional Airport

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Sarah Gilkerson, Mike Carlson and Dustin Witt – South Dakota Department of Transportation

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

Meeting quorum was met.

General Public Comment

No Public Comment

Maher moved, Roseland seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the December 12, 2024 Executive Policy Committee agenda with changes.

Business

LaCroix moved, Roseland seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2024 meeting.

24TP044 – Approve the 2024 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects. Each year the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is required to develop the Annual Listing of Obligated Transportation Projects identifying the status of the transportation projects shown in the Transportation Improvement Program for fiscal year 2024. Harrington reviewed the 2024 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects. Discussion ensued with an update to the Interstate Maintenance Projects for item 0.11.

Fisher moved, Maher seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2024 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects with corrections to item 0.11.

24TP045 – Approve the 2025 Transportation Products and Due Dates. Harrington reviewed the 2024 Transportation Products and Due Dates which provides product

dates as a workflow guideline for year 2024. The Committee discussed correcting the Election of Officers to be moved to the February Due Dates.

Roseland moved, Maher seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2025 Transportation Products and Due Dates with corrections.

24TP046 – Approve the Title VI/Non-Discrimination Assurances. Each year, the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is required to complete Title VI/Non-Discrimination Assurances to ensure compliance with the non-discrimination provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Assurances provide confirmation that all requirements of the Federal Aid Highway Program are addressed. Harrington reviewed this document.

Fisher moved, Maher seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Title VI/Non-Discrimination Assurances.

24TP048 – Approve the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #25-001. This Amendment adds funding in the Miscellaneous category for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan planning grant and the Comprehensive Downtown Railroad Safety Solutions Discretionary RAISE Grant funding. The SS4A grant total is \$200,000 (Local= \$40,000, Federal= \$160,000) and the RAISE grant total is \$1,100,000 (100% Federal funds). Harrington reviewed this TIP Amendment.

Fisher moved, Roseland seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #25-001.

24TP049 – Approve the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #25-002. This Amendment adds funding in the Miscellaneous category to conduct a Regional Operations Forum in 2025 at a cost of \$104,000.00 (100% Federal funding). Harrington reviewed this TIP Amendment.

Roseland moved, Maher seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #25-002.

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). Currently, there are two (2) Meade County representatives and two (2) members of the general public that are official members of the TACC. The MPO has received two (2) additional applications for TACC membership from the general public. Harrington reviewed the members for approval.

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

24TP050 – Approve the Letter of Support for the SDDOT Skyline Drive Scenic Byway Grant Application. The City of Rapid City is seeking NSBP Grant Program funding for the Skyline drive Scenic Byway Safety Improvement and Cultural Preservation Project. Skyline Drive is classified as a collector street in the Rapid City Major Street Plan. It provides access to residences, critical communication towers, and recreational trails, turnouts, and parks that are enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. Reconstruction of the roadway is a priority for the MPO and the City of Rapid City. A letter of support from the Metropolitan Planning Organization may assist in the grant application process. Harrington reviewed this letter of support.

Fisher moved, Maher seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Letter of Support for the SDDOT Skyline Drive Scenic Byway Grant Application.

24TP051 – Approve the Letter of Support for the City of Rapid City’s Country Road RAISE Grant Application. The City of Rapid City is seeking RAISE Grant Program funding for the Country Road Reconstruction Project. Country Road does not currently meet City street standards, and is in poor condition. Additionally, Country Road lacks bicycle and pedestrian facilities, drainage, and safety infrastructure. A letter of support from the Metropolitan Planning Organization may assist in the grant application process. Harrington reviewed this letter of support.

Roseland moved, Maher seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Letter of Support for the City of Rapid City’s Country Road RAISE Grant Application.

24TP052 – Approve the Letter of Support for the City of Rapid City’s Eglin Street RAISE Grant Program Application. The City of Rapid City is seeking RAISE Grant Program funding for reconstruction and improvement to Eglin Street from East North Street to North Lacrosse Street. Eglin Street is a collector street that provides access to the Rushmore Crossing Shopping Center, the largest regional shopping center in Rapid City. Rapid population growth in Rapid City and surrounding communities since Eglin Street’s original construction has caused traffic congestion along the roadway to increase significantly. The three-lane street struggles to support traffic flow efficiently, and safety for travelers is likely to decrease unless intersections are improved and the corridor itself is widened with additional lanes. A letter of support from the Metropolitan Planning Organization may assist in the grant application process. Harrington reviewed this letter of support.

Maher moved, Roseland seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Letter of Support for the City of Rapid City’s Eglin Street RAISE Grant Program Application.

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 2:26 p.m.