

**MINUTES
OF THE
TECHNICAL AND CITIZENS COMMITTEE
Thursday, February 20, 2025 10:00 a.m.
Zoom/2nd Floor Circle of Friends Community Room
Rapid City, South Dakota**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kip Harrington, Kelly Brennan and Jessica Olson – Rapid City Department of Community Development, Sarah Gilkerson and Mike Carlson – South Dakota Department of Transportation, Megan Gould-Stabile – Rapid Transit System, Pat West – Meade County Sheriff’s Department, Lauralee Patton – City of Box Elder Planning Department, Roger Gallimore and Lynn Kendall – Meade County Citizen Appointees, Gary Weitgrefe, Bob Burns, Laura Armstrong and Amy Richie – Citizen Interest members, Eric Radke – Pennington County Highway, Tonya Vig – Meade County Planning, and Brian Bishop - Rapid City Regional Airport

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sara Odden, Matt Layman and Jesse Rieb – Rapid City Public Works Department, Monte Meier – South Dakota Department of Air, Rail and Transit, 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, Robert Connell – City of Box Elder Police Department, Mayor Michael Kitzmiller – City of Summerset, Kevin Case – Douglas School District, Bruce Martin – Box Elder Public Works, and Britney Molitor – Pennington County Planning Department

OTHERS PRESENT: Melissa Bloomberg – Rapid City Department of Community Development, Greg Heitmann – Federal Highway Administration, and Gerry Eick – citizen interest potential member

Chairman Harrington called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Meeting quorum was met.

General Public Comment

Burns had questions/comment on the completion status of Exit 46.

Business

Gallimore moved, Gilkerson seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2024 Technical and Citizens Committee meeting.

25TP001 – Approve the 2024 Unified Planning Work Program Annual Report. Brennan reviewed the 2024 Annual Report listing the accomplishments and expenditures associated with the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) activities conducted during the past year. Discussion ensued regarding the funding in the Annual Report.

Wietgrefe moved, Carlson seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve

the 2024 Unified Planning Work Program Annual Report.

25TP002 – Approve the Letter of Support for the New Underwood Road Reconstruction BUILD Grant Application. Harrington reviewed the grant application that will fund the preliminary engineering and environmental study for the future reconstruction of New Underwood Road from SD 34 south to Intersatte 90. Gilkerson advised that the letter should reference a BUILD grant application, not RAISE grant.

Gilkerson moved, Gallimore seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the amended Letter of Support for the New Underwood Road Reconstruction BUILD Grant Application.

25TP003 – Approve the Letter of Support for FY 2025 South Dakota DOT Highway 44 Grant Application. Harrington reviewed the grant application to reconstruct two bridges on SD Highway 44 west of Rapid City. The project’s primary focus is to raise and reconstruct two bridges on Highway 44 that have reached the end of their useful life. These structures can no longer safely withstand the increasing extreme weather events that our region now faces.

Gould-Stabile moved, Burns seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Letter of Support for FY 2025 South Dakota DOT Highway 44 Grant Application.

25TP004 – Approve the Letter of Support for the City of Rapid City Chapel Lane Bridge Grant Program Application. Harrington reviewed the grant application that is to replace Chapel Lane bridge in southwest Rapid City. The bridge on Chapel Lane provides the sole access point for Chapel Valley, a neighborhood of 500-plus households. The bridge is 50 years old and has met the end of its useful life.

Gilkerson moved, Armstrong seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Letter of Support for the City of Rapid City Chapel Lane Bridge Grant Program Application.

25TP005 – Approve the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #25-003. This amendment adds funding in the Interstate Maintenance category to update the costs associated with the I-90 Variable Speed Limit project. Harrington reviewed this TIP amendment. Discussion ensued regarding the rejection of bids for this project.

Gallimore moved, Burns seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #25-003.

Carlson moved, Armstrong seconded and motion to re-elect Harrington as Chairman was carried unanimously.

Olson moved, Richie seconded and motion to re-elect Brennan as Vice-chair was carried unanimously.

Appointment to the Technical and Citizens Committee (TACC). Harrington advised the TACC that one appointment, for Gerry Eick, is 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

Brennen 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 10:51 a.m.