

**MINUTES
OF THE
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Thursday, October 15, 2020 10:00 a.m.
Council Chambers or WebEx
City/School Administration Center
Rapid City, South Dakota**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sara Odden – Rapid City Public Works Department, Kip Harrington and Patsy Horton– Rapid City Department of Community Development, Sarah Gilkerson – South Dakota Department of Transportation, Ted Johnson – Rapid City Public Works Department, Megan Gould – Rapid Transit Manager, Stacy Bartlett – South Dakota Department of Transportation, Lt. Cathy Bock – Rapid City Police Department, Dale Pfeifle – Rapid City Public Works Department, Jack Dokken – South Dakota Department of Transportation, Bill Rich – Meade County Planning and Equalization Department, Vicki Fisher – Rapid City Department of Community Development, Phil Anderson as proxy for Mayor Steve Heilman – City of Piedmont, Steve Frooman – City of Rapid City Traffic Engineer and Garth Wadsworth – City of Box Elder Planning Department

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joseph Miller – Pennington County Highway Department, Lonnie Harmon – City of Summerset City Administrator, Bob Kaufman – City of Box Elder Public Works Department, Chief Deputy Brian Mueller – Pennington County Sheriff’s Office, Brett Burditt – Meade County School District, Alan Kerr – Douglas School District, Britney Molitor – Pennington County Planning Department, Doug Curry – Rapid City Regional Airport, Chief Jason Dubbs – City of Box Elder Police Department, Lisa Donner – SD Department of Transportation, Ron Merwin – Meade County Sheriff’s Department, Dennis Berg – Rapid City School District, Bob Eben – Ellsworth Air Force Base, Scott Tegethoff – Meade County Highway

OTHERS PRESENT: Melissa Karpo and Kelly Brennan – Rapid City Department of Community Development, Mark Hoines – Federal Highway Administration

Chair Horton called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

General Public Comment

There was no general public comment.

Business

Anderson moved, Johnson seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2020 meeting.

20TP031 – Approve the 2021 Unified Planning Work Program – Final Report. Brennan reviewed the 2021 Unified Planning Work Program for the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. This document includes the annual activities, planning studies, and products to be developed by the Metropolitan Planning Organization for 2021. The Unified Planning Work Program also identifies funding for conducting these tasks. Discussion ensued.

Fisher moved, Odden seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2021 Unified Planning Work Program – Final Report.

20TP032 – Approve the South Dakota Department of Transportation Transit Safety Performance Measures. On May 27, 2016, the final rule for statewide and metropolitan transportation planning was published, based on 2012’s Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (Map21) and 2015’s Fixing America’s Transportation System (FAST) acts. This included a requirement for Metropolitan Planning Organizations to either accept and support the State targets for the Transit Asset Management Plan and the Public Transportation Safety Plan or to develop its own safety targets. Rapid Transit System has opted to support the Public Transportation Safety Plan and Transit Asset Management performance measures established by the South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT). Brennan reviewed these Measures.

Johnson moved, Odden seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the South Dakota Department of Transportation Transit Safety Performance Measures.

20TP033 – Approve the 2013-2017 Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan 2020 Annual Update. The Coordinated Public Transit - Human Services Transportation Plan was approved in March 2019 and identifies the gaps and needs in transportation related to persons with disabilities, seniors and individuals with low incomes. The plan provides strategies to fix these gaps and needs, followed by priorities for implementing these strategies. An inventory of participating transportation providers was also provided. Agencies interested in receiving federal funds to help pay for vehicles, such as buses or vans, participated in this locally developed, coordinated public transit - human services transportation plan. This Annual Update identifies the 2020 accomplishments and on-going tasks as well as those not yet initiated and/or scheduled for next year. Rapid Transit System’s primary focus in 2020 was to continue to provide safe and efficient transportation while addressing the unique challenges presented by Covid-19. Brennan Reviewed this annual update.

Fisher moved, Frooman seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2013-2017 Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan 2020 Annual Update.

20TP034 – 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 \$664,805. Brennan reviewed the Agreement between the City of Rapid City and the South Dakota Department of Transportation to conduct the Rapid City Area Transportation Planning Process. This agreement provides federal transportation planning funds in the amount of \$664,805 to conduct activities identified in the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s 2021 Unified Planning Work Program. This agreement authorizes the reimbursement of funds for the City of Rapid City’s work identified in the 2021 Unified Planning Work Program through the Transportation Planning Budget (706). This includes eligible activities performed by Community Development and Public Works staff.

Bartlett moved, Johnson 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 \$664,805.

20TP035 – Approve Sixth Street Study- Final Report. Harrington presented the Sixth Street Study – Final Report which is comprised of two components: The Sixth and Omaha Pedestrian Crossing Feasibility Study and the Sixth Street Corridor Study. The Feasibility Study Draft Report was presented at the June 2020 MPO meetings, and the Corridor Study Draft Report was presented at the August 2020 MPO meetings. The Sixth and Omaha Pedestrian Crossing Feasibility Study focuses on creating a grade-separated crossing that functions with the bicycle and pedestrian network, traffic operations, and public transit. The Sixth Street Corridor Study builds upon past planning efforts to combine community and stakeholder engagement, existing conditions analysis, and the creation of an overarching vision and goals to envision a cohesive character for the Sixth Street Corridor from the Performing Arts Center at Rapid City High School to the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center. Following the adoption of the Sixth Street Study, the next step in the process is to identify funding for engineering, design, and construction of the grade-separated crossing. Discussion ensued.

Bartlett moved, Johnson seconded and motion carried to approve the Sixth Street Study – Final Report with Harrington abstaining from voting and Frooman voting no.

20TP036 – Approve the 2021 South Dakota Department of Transportation Safety Performance Measures Resolution. Performance based transportation planning became a requirement with the adoption of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) highway funding bill in 2012, and the requirement was carried over into the current bill, the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), approved in 2015. In April 2018, the MPO opted to support the performance measures established by SDDOT. Each year, the MPO must notify the SDDOT whether the MPO chooses to establish its own performance measures or to support those established by SDDOT. The attached resolution endorses the SDDOT 2021 Safety Performance Measures targets. Harrington reviewed these Measures.

Fisher moved, Frooman seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2021 South Dakota Department of Transportation Safety Performance Measures Resolution.

Wadsworth joined the meeting.

20TP038 – 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #21-001A (Information Only). Harrington reviewed the 2021-2024 TIP Amendment #21-001A which defers a Transportation Alternatives Project from 2021 to 2022. There is no change in funding.

No action was taken on this item.

Update on Construction Projects

Odden and Harrington provided information on current Rapid City’s construction projects. Gilkerson provided information on construction projects in the Rapid City Area

Metropolitan Planning Organization. Wadsworth provided information on construction projects in the Box Elder area.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.