

**MINUTES
OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
Thursday, October 15, 2020, 1:30 p.m.
Council Chambers or WebEx
City/School Administration Center
Rapid City, South Dakota**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sarah Gilkerson – via proxy for South Dakota Transportation Commission, Patrick Dame – Rapid City Regional Airport, Larry Larson – Mayor of Box Elder, Bill Evans– Rapid City Council and Ken Young via proxy for Steve Allender – Mayor of Rapid City

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ron Rossknecht – Pennington County Commissioner, Lance Lehmann – Rapid City Council, Deb Hadcock – Pennington County Commissioner and Jeff Hollinshead – Box Elder City Council, Richard Liggett – Meade County Commissioner and Talbot Wiczorek – Meade County Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT: Patsy Horton, Kip Harrington, Kelly Brennan and Melissa Karpo – Rapid City Department of Community Development, Mark Hoines – Federal Highway Administration

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

General Public Comment

No General Public Comment.

Business

Evans moved, Young seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2020 meeting with Evans abstaining from voting.

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.

Evans moved, Young 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. Discussion ensued.

Young moved, Evans 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.

Evans moved, Young 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. Discussion ensued.

Dame moved, Evans 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.

Evans moved, Young seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Sixth Street Study – Final Report.

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. Discussion ensued.

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

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

Harrington and Gilkerson provided information on the current construction projects within the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization area. Harrington provided information on Rapid City’s 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.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.