

**MINUTES
OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
Thursday, February 11, 2021, 1:30 p.m.
Zoom Teleconference
Rapid City, South Dakota**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sarah Gilkerson – via proxy for South Dakota Transportation Commission, Larry Larson – Mayor of Box Elder, Bill Evans – Rapid City Council Member, Richard Liggett – Meade County Commissioner, Ron Rossknecht and Gary Drewes – Pennington County Commissioner, Patrick Dame – Rapid City Regional Airport, Ken Young via proxy for Steve Allender – Mayor of Rapid City

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lance Lehmann – Rapid City Council Member, Jeff Hollinshead – Box Elder City Council and Talbot Wieczorek – 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

Liggett moved, Dame seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2020 meeting.

21TP002 – Approve the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #21-002. Harrington reviewed the 2021-2024 TIP Amendment #21-002 which adds a pipe work project at various locations in the Rapid City area in 2023, a project to rehabilitate dynamic message board throughout the state in 2021, and a project to perform patching and repairs on bridge decking in 2021. The projects are funded with Federal and SDDOT funds. No local funds are involved.

Drewes moved, Rossknecht seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #21-002.

21TP005 – Approve the 2020 Annual Report. Harrington reviewed 2020 Annual Report. This review lists the accomplishments and expenditures associated with the Unified Planning Work Program activities conducted during the past year.

Evans moved, Liggett seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2020 Annual Report.

21TP006 – Approve the Resolution #2021-01 Opposing the Proposed Changes to the Metropolitan Statistical Area Criteria. The Office of Management and Budgets has recently proposed changes to the criteria for determining if an urban area is classified as a Metropolitan Statistical Area or a Micropolitan Statistical Area. Rapid City is currently classified as a Metropolitan Statistical Area, with an urban population of greater than 50,000. One of the proposed changes would raise the minimum urban area population for a Metropolitan Statistical Area from 50,000 to 100,000. This would reclassify Rapid City from a Metropolitan Statistical Area to a Micropolitan Statistical Area. The reclassification would create issues with the historical comparisons and make analysis of population extremely difficult moving forward. Harrington reviewed this resolution opposing the change. Discussion ensued.

Evans moved, Liggett seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Resolution #2021-01 Opposing the Proposed Changes to the Metropolitan Statistical Area Criteria.

Update on Construction Projects

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

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 1:59 p.m.