

**MINUTES
OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
Thursday, April 15, 2021, 1:30 p.m.
Zoom Teleconference/Council Chambers
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, Vicki Fisher via proxy for Steve Allender – Mayor of Rapid City

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lance Lehmann – Rapid City Council Member, Jeff Hollinshead – Box Elder City Council, Patrick Dame – Rapid City Regional Airport and Talbot Wieczorek – Meade County Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT: Kip Harrington, Kelly Brennan and Melissa Karpo – Rapid City Department of Community Development, Mark Hoines – Federal Highway Administration, and Lyle Devries – Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig Inc.

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

General Public Comment

No General Public Comment.

Business

Fisher moved, Drewes seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2021 meeting.

21TP003 – Approve the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization 2020 Traffic Counts Report. Brennan reviewed the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization 2020 Traffic Counts Report that provides the public and business community with traffic count data to make informed decisions. The 2020 traffic counts saw a larger amount of negative percent changes from 2019. Many factors including the Covid-19 pandemic, construction, weather, and land use changes can influence daily traffic counts. Historically, our traffic counts are growing overall, with yearly fluctuations.

Liggett moved, Fisher seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization 2020 Traffic Counts Report.

21TP008 – Approve the Section 5310 Award Recommendation. The Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) receives federal funds on a yearly basis as part of the Federal Transit Administration’s Section 5310 program to provide capital assistance to elderly persons and/or persons with disabilities. The Rapid City Area MPO solicited applications from entities throughout the region regarding assistance with vehicles and/or operating costs. Funding is provided as an 80/20 split for capital costs and as a 50/50 split for operating costs. Three organizations submitted applications for

review. The scoring committee, which is composed of Rapid City Staff and MPO representatives, recommends granting \$90,000 to Black Hills Works for two ADA minivans. These minivans will enable wheelchair transit options to assist Black Hills Works in eliminating transportation gaps identified in the Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan. Brennan reviewed the Award Recommendation.

Drewes moved, Evans seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Section 5310 Award Recommendation.

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

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 1:59 p.m.