

**MINUTES
OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
Thursday, September 23, 2021, 1:30 p.m.
Zoom Teleconference/Community Room
Rapid City, South Dakota**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sarah Gilkerson – via proxy for South Dakota Transportation Commission, Vicki Fisher via proxy for Steve Allender – Mayor of Rapid City, Ron Rossknecht – Pennington County Commission, Larry Larson – Mayor of Box Elder, Bill Evans and Lance Lehman – Rapid City City Council and Richard Liggett and Talbot Wieczorek– Meade County Commission

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary Drewes – Pennington County Commission, Patrick Dame – Rapid City Regional Airport and Jeff Hollinshead – Box Elder City Council

STAFF PRESENT: Kip Harrington and Kelly Brennan – Rapid City Department of Community Development

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Hoines – Federal Highway Administration

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

General Public Comment

No General Public Comment.

Business

Rossknecht moved, Weiczorek seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the August 19, 2021 meeting.

21TP019 – Acknowledge the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #21-002A (Information Only). Harrington reviewed the 2021-2024 TIP Amendment #21-002A. This amendment defers the preliminary engineering for two Bridge Improvement Grant projects to be let in conjunction with a separate construction project.

There was no action taken on this item.

21TP020 – Acknowledge the Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan 2021 Annual Update (Information Only). 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 2021 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 2021 was to

continue to provide safe and efficient transportation while addressing the unique challenges presented by Covid-19. Brennan reviewed the Annual Update.

There was no action taken on this item.

21TP021 – Approve the 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – Draft Report. Harrington reviewed the 2022 UPWP – Draft Report which includes the annual activities, planning studies, and products to be developed by the Metropolitan Planning Organization for 2022. The Unified Planning Work Program also identifies funding and staffing for conducting these tasks.

Fisher moved, Weiczorek seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2022 Unified Planning Work Program – Draft Report.

Update on Construction Projects

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

Update on Planning Projects

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 2:05 p.m.