

**MINUTES
OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
Thursday, June 11, 2026, 1:30 p.m.
Zoom/2nd Floor Circle of Friends Community Room
Rapid City, South Dakota**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Larson – Mayor of Box Elder, Talbot Wieczorek – Meade County Commission, Jafar Karim – South Dakota Transportation Commission, Vicki Fisher via proxy for Jason Salamun – Mayor of Rapid City, and Patrick Dame – Rapid City Regional Airport

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Stephen Tamang and Rod Pettigrew – Rapid City City Council, Richard Liggett – Meade County Commission, Ron Wiefenbach and Ron Rossknecht – Pennington County Commission, and Michael Knight – Box Elder City Council

STAFF PRESENT: Kip Harrington, Kelly Brennan and Melissa Bloomberg – Rapid City Department of Community Development, Matt Layman – Rapid City Public Works Department and Megan Gould – Rapid Transit System

OTHERS PRESENT: Sarah Gilkerson and Mike Carlson – South Dakota Department of Transportation

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

Meeting quorum was met.

General Public Comment

No General Public Comment

Business

Wieczorek moved, Karim seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the June 11, 2026 Executive Policy Committee agenda.

Fisher moved, Dame seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2026 Executive Policy Committee.

26TP020 – Acknowledge the Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Action Plan Annual Update. The Statewide Coordinated Public Transit - Human Services Transportation Plan was approved in July 2024 and identifies the gaps and needs in transportation related to persons with disabilities, seniors and individuals with low incomes. The plan provides strategies to address 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 Statewide, Coordinated Public Transit - Human Services Transportation Plan. This Action Plan Update identifies past goals, successes, coordination with other agencies, and newly set goals. The Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Action Plan is

updated annually to continue to address goals and any other changes to the plan. Brennan and Gould reviewed this plan and advised of comments from the Technical and Citizens Committee meeting about underserved areas.

No action was taken on this item.

26TP021 – Approve the 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program – Draft Report. Each year the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is required to develop the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This is a four-year priority list and financial plan for highway, transit and intermodal projects. The TIP is intended to serve as a fiscal management tool to assist state and local agencies in matching transportation needs with resources. The TIP development, review, and approval process includes participation from affected public agencies, citizens' groups, private transportation providers and representatives from various transportation entities. Harrington reviewed this report.

Karim moved, Fisher seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program – Draft Report.

26TP022 – Approve the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Self Certification. Each year the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is required to demonstrate and resolve that its transportation planning process is addressing the major issues in the metropolitan planning area and that the process is conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements of the Self Certification Process (23 C.F.R. 450.334).Harrington reviewed the Self Certification.

Dame moved, Wieczorek seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Self Certification.

Update on Construction Projects

Carlson provided information on the current construction projects within the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization area. Harrington provided information on current Rapid City 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. Brennan and Layman demonstrated the Online Traffic Counts Map. There was additional discussion on Streetlight data.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.