

**MINUTES
OF THE
TECHNICAL AND CITIZENS COMMITTEE
Thursday, April 16, 2026 10:00 a.m.
Zoom/2nd Floor Circle of Friends Community Room
Rapid City, South Dakota**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kip Harrington, Kelly Brennan and Tanner Halonen – Rapid City Department of Community Development, Megan Gould – Rapid Transit System, Matt Layman and Jesse Rieb – Rapid City Public Works Department, Brian Bishop - Rapid City Regional Airport, Sarah Gilkerson and Mike Carlson – South Dakota Department of Transportation, Jack Dokken – South Dakota Department of Air, Rail and Transit, Christian Morgan – Meade County Citizen Appointee, Laura Armstrong, Gary Wietgreffe and Gerry Eick – Citizen Interest Members

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sara Odden – Rapid City Public Works Department, Bruce Martin – City of Box Elder, Lauralee Patton – City of Box Elder Planning Department, Tonya Vig – Meade County Planning, Roger Gallimore – Meade County Citizen Appointee, Pat West – Meade County Sheriff’s Department, Sean Smith and Joseph Miller – Pennington County Highway, Coy Sasse – Rapid City School District, Troy Eastman– Meade County Highway Department, Chris Hislip – Pennington County Sheriff’s Office, Mayor Phil Anderson – City of Piedmont, Brett Burditt – Meade County School District, Devin McCloskey/Colby Larson - Ellsworth Air Force Base, Kelvin Masur – Rapid City Police Department, Robert Connell – City of Box Elder Police Department, Mayor Michael Kitzmiller – City of Summerset, Kevin Case – Douglas School District, Britney Hand – Pennington County Planning Department, Amy Mikulak and Bob Burns – Citizen Interest Member

OTHERS PRESENT: Melissa Bloomberg – Rapid City Department of Community Development, and Justin Scott – SRF Consulting

Chairman Harrington called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Meeting quorum was met.

General Public Comment

No General Public Comment

Business

Gilkerson moved, Gould seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2026 Technical and Citizens Committee meeting.

26TP012 – Approve the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #26-003. Harrington reviewed Amendment #26-003 that adds Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) funding to perform planning, preliminary engineering, and design services for Cheyenne Boulevard, Highway 1416, and Radar Hill Road in Box Elder.

Eick moved, Armstrong seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #26-003.

26TP013 – Approve the Resolution #2026-01: Rapid TRIP 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment #1. Congressional Directed Spending (CDS) funding has been allocated to perform planning, preliminary engineering, and design elements for a Box Elder Regional Transportation Project, which includes Cheyenne Boulevard, County Highway 1416, and Radar Hill Road. This project was not listed as a fiscally constrained project in the Rapid TRIP 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). In order for the MTP to remain in compliance with Federal regulations, the MTP must be amended to include the project and demonstrate fiscal constraint. The resolution amends the MTP to include the Box Elder Regional Transportation Project to Table 40 on Page 115 of the MTP. Gilkerson and Harrington reviewed this Resolution.

Gilkerson moved, Dokken seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Resolution #2026-01: Rapid TRIP 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment #1.

26TP014 – Approve the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #26-004. Harrington reviewed this amendment that adds 2027 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) funding to assist with airport improvements, including renovations and expansion.

Eick moved, Dokken seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #26-004.

26TP016 – Approve the Resolution #2026-02: Rapid TRIP 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment #2. Congressional Directed Spending (CDS) funding has been allocated to assist with airport improvements involving concourse expansion to provide five new gates to accommodate mainline jets and additional carriers. This project was not listed as a fiscally constrained project in the Rapid TRIP 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). In order for the MTP to remain in compliance with Federal regulations, the MTP must be amended to include the project and demonstrate fiscal constraint. The resolution amends the MTP to include the Airport Improvements Project to Table 40 on Page 115 of the MTP. Harrington reviewed this Resolution.

Gilkerson moved, Dokken seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Resolution #2026-02: Rapid TRIP 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment #2.

26TP017 – Approve the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #26-005. Harrington reviewed this amendment that adds 2029 Transportation Alternative Program funding to construct non-motorized transportation improvements in Rapid City and Box Elder.

Armstrong moved, Wietgreffe seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #26-005.

26TP018 – Acknowledge the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization 2025 Traffic Volume Counts Report. This report provides the public and business community with traffic count data to help make informed decisions. The following four street segments have volumes of more than 30,000 vehicles per day: West Main Street from Jackson Boulevard to Cross Street, I-90 from I-190 to Haines Avenue, I-90 from Elk Vale Road to the east City Limit boundary, and West Main Street from Cross Street to West Street. In addition, there are 25 street segments with more than 20,000 vehicles per day, adjusted for seasonal variation. Many factors including construction, weather, and land use changes can influence daily traffic counts. Historically, our traffic counts are growing overall, with yearly fluctuations. Brennan reviewed this report. Discussion ensued regarding count data and upcoming technology and reporting changes

No Action taken on this item.

26TP019 – Approve the Railyard Relocation and Railway Configuration Study – Draft Report. In 2022, The Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization conducted the Cambell Street Structure Study, in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration, the South Dakota Department of Transportation, the Rapid City, Pierre and Eastern Railroad, and the City of Rapid City. Based on the recommendations from that study, the Railyard Relocation and Railway Configuration Study is currently in progress. The objective of this study is to investigate the effectiveness and feasibility of relocating the current Rapid City, Pierre & Eastern (RCP&E) railyard to an alternate location. A significant focus is also placed on identifying a more efficient rail network configuration for the region. This analysis is being undertaken with the goal of finding an alternative that addresses community concerns, alleviates the need to replace the Cambell Street structure, considers efficient, effective rail operations, and supports the orderly growth of the region. Harrington reviewed this draft report. Justin Scott from SRF Consulting provided a presentation on the draft report. Discussion ensued.

Wietgreffe moved, Eick seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Railyard Relocation and Railway Configuration Study – Draft Report.

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. Gould provided additional updates on the Fairmont Boulevard closures.

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 11:20 a.m.