

**MINUTES
OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
Thursday, December 12, 2019, 1:30 p.m.
Council Chambers
City/School Administration Center
Rapid City, South Dakota**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sarah Gilkerson – via proxy for South Dakota Transportation Commission, Talbot Wieczorek – Meade County Commissioner, Deb Hadcock – Pennington County Commissioner, Laura Armstrong – Rapid City City Council, Patrick Dame – Rapid City Regional Airport, Larry Larson – Mayor of Box Elder and Ken Young via proxy for Steve Allender – Mayor of Rapid City

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeff Hollinshead – Box Elder City Council, Richard Liggett – Meade County Commissioner and Gary Drewes – Pennington County Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT: Patsy Horton, Kip Harrington, Kelly Brennan and Melissa Bloomberg – Rapid City Department of Community Development and Jerry Ortbahn – South Dakota Department of Transportation

Larson called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

Ortbahn introduced Sarah Gilkerson from South Dakota Department of Transportation.

General Public Comment

Harrington relayed the public comment from the Citizens Advisory Committee in regards to Sixth and Omaha Study and the concern of the underpass due to expense and flooding potential.

Business

Hadcock moved, Dame seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2019 meeting.

19TP028 – Approve the Citizens Advisory Committee Vacancy Recommendations.

Harrington introduced the applicants for the CAC recommendations. Staff recommends that the Executive Policy Committee approve Amy Richie and Tim Rangitsch as new CAC members. Tim Rangitsch is a long term bicycle promoter and commuter. His background and expertise would benefit the bicycle transportation and safety goals of the CAC committee and the MPO. Amy Richie holds a professional position and works with individuals that may benefit from public transportation services. Both candidates will make positive additions to the committee.

Young moved, Armstrong seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Citizens Advisory Committee Vacancy Recommendations.

19TP030 – Acknowledge the 2020 Transportation Products and Due Dates. Harrington reviewed the 2020 Transportation Products and Due Dates which provides product dates as a workflow guideline for year 2020.

No action was taken on this item.

19TP032 – Adopt the 2020 SDDOT Safety Performance Measures Resolution. Harrington reviewed 2020 SDDOT safety Performance Measures Resolution. Performance based transportation planning became a requirement with the adoption of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) highway funding bill in 2012, and the requirement was carried over into the current bill, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), approved in 2015. In response to the requirement, the South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) has developed a system of performance measures. In April 2018, the MPO opted to support the performance measures established by SDDOT. Each year, the MPO must notify the SDDOT whether the MPO chooses to establish its own performance measures or to support those established by SDDOT. The attached resolution endorses the SDDOT 2020 Safety Performance Measures targets. Discussion ensued.

Armstrong moved, Hadcock seconded and motion carried unanimously to adopt the 2020 SDDOT Safety Performance Measures Resolution.

19TP033 – Approve the Public Participation Plan – Draft Report. Harrington reviewed the Public Participation Plan Draft Report which defines the process to be followed in developing transportation planning documents for the region. This report identifies the actions to be carried out to ensure opportunities exist for the public to be involved in transportation planning activities and also established policies to follow as required in the current federal transportation act, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST ACT).

Young moved, Dame seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Public Participation Plan – Draft Report.

19TP034 – Approve the Metropolitan Transportation Plan & Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update Public Participation Plan Worksheet. Public participation is critical to the RapidTRIP 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update, in order to generate ideas and build support by engaging residents, businesses, elected officials, and other stakeholders throughout the community. Input from the public provides the broadest spectrum of relevant, available information prior to the community's decision making, and gives the public an opportunity to raise concerns that can be considered with discussion of technical, political, and economic issues. The Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization welcomes the early and continued participation of the public in developing policies and plans. Harrington reviewed this Plan Worksheet.

Hadcock moved, Armstrong seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Metropolitan Transportation Plan & Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update Public Participation Plan Worksheet.

19TP036 – Approve the Letter of Support for the City of Rapid City to secure the Mitchell to Rapid City railbanked railroad right-of-way between Rapid City and Kadoka. The City of Rapid City has submitted a purchase proposal for the state-owned Mitchell to Rapid City railbanked property. A successful proposal will ensure public ownership of this railbanked property to create another rail-to-trail conversion, similar to what the State accomplished with the George S. Mickelson Trail. If successful, city staff will work with numerous public and private agencies to secure funding to create the Mako Sica Trail, another “hall of fame” rail-trail. This action provides support to the City to coordinate with local, regional and national entities to create multi-modal non-motorized opportunities within and east of Rapid City. Horton provided a presentation. Discussion ensued.

Dame moved, Hadcock seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Letter of Support for the City of Rapid City to secure the Mitchell to Rapid City railbanked railroad right-of-way between Rapid City and Kadoka.

19TP037 – 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #20-001A (Information Only). Brennan reviewed the 2020-2023 TIP Amendment #20-001A. This informational item identifies South Dakota Department of Transportation’s proposed item #0.13 SA 3271(00) in the Miscellaneous category of the Transportation Improvement Program. This item accounts for State construction dollars used for the yearly statewide archaeological research exploration project. There are no federal funds impacted.

No action was taken on this item.

19TP038 – Approve the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #20-001. Brennan reviewed the 2020-2023 TIP Amendment #20-001. The South Dakota Department of Transportation has identified changes to the railroad crossing improvement, roadway safety improvement, and pavement preservation projects to be programmed with funding available in fiscal years 2020 to 2023.

Young moved, Hadcock seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) #20-001.

Election of Officers

Larson opened the nominations for Chair and Vice Chair.

Hadcock moved, Young seconded and motion carried unanimously to re-elect Larson as Chair.

Dame moved, Hadcock seconded and motion carried unanimously to elect Young as Vice Chair.

Update on Construction Projects

Gilkerson provided information on the current construction projects within the MPO area. Harrington provided additional updates.

Update on Planning Projects

Harrington and Brennan provided information on the current planning projects within the MPO area.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.