

**MINUTES
OF THE
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, February 15, 2024, 7:30 a.m.
Zoom/3rd Floor Rose Quartz Conference Room
Rapid City, South Dakota**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Bret Lingwall, Bob Burns, Roger Gallimore, Kristyn Labine

MEMBERS ABSENT: Amy Richie and Tom Raymond

STAFF PRESENT: Kelly Brennan and Melissa Bloomberg – Rapid City Department of Community Development

OTHERS PRESENT: Sarah Gilkerson, Mike Carlson and Larry Dean – South Dakota Department of Transportation, Greg Heitmann – Federal Highway Administration, Megan Gould-Stabile – Rapid Transit System, Jamie Toennies – City of Rapid City Grants Division and Gary Wietrefe

Burns called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Meeting quorum was not met.

General Public Comment

No General Public Comment.

Business

24TP001 – Approve the 2023 Unified Planning Work Program Annual Report.

Brennan reviewed the 2023 Annual Report listing the accomplishments and expenditures associated with the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) activities conducted during the past year.

No action was taken on this item.

24TP002 – Approve the Memorandum of Agreement Covering Metropolitan Planning within the Rapid City Metropolitan Planning Area. The Federal Transit Administration requires a formal Memorandum of Agreement between the State of South Dakota, acting by and through its Department of Transportation, the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the City of Rapid City Public Transit Operator (Rapid Ride) to ensure that a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive metropolitan transportation planning and programming process is in place, as required by Federal regulations. The agreement outlines the roles and responsibilities of each agency in regards to performance measures relating to public transit operations. Brennan and Gould-Stabile reviewed this Memorandum. Discussion ensued on what changes were made to the document.

No action was taken on this item.

24TP004 – Approve the Letter of Support for the Rapid City Country Road RAISE

Grant Application. The City of Rapid City is seeking RAISE Grant Program funding for the Country Road Reconstruction Project. Country Road does not currently meet City street standards, and is in poor condition. Additionally, Country Road lacks bicycle and pedestrian, drainage, and safety infrastructure. A letter of support from the Metropolitan Planning Organization may assist in the grant application process. Brennan and Toennies reviewed this grant support letter. Discussion ensued regarding the section of road for this grant.

No action was taken on this item.

24TP005 – Approve the Letter of Support for the Downtown Railroad Crossing Improvements Study RAISE Grant Application. The City of Rapid City is seeking RAISE Grant Program funding for the Downtown Railroad Crossing Safety Study. Railroad crossings throughout the downtown area lacks additional safety measures for all modes of transportation. The Study will analyze the crossings, recommend infrastructure improvements, and provide cost estimates. A letter of support from the Metropolitan Planning Organization may assist in the grant application process. Brennan and Toennies reviewed this grant support letter.

No action was taken on this item.

24TP006 – Acknowledge the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #24-002A. Brennan reviewed amendment #24-002A. This amendment removes funding from the County Secondary and Off System Projects category for county pavement marking projects. This change was developed in conjunction with the South Dakota Association of County Highway Superintendents to allow more flexibility by allocating funding proportionally based on the percentage of paved miles of county roads in each jurisdiction.

No action was taken on this item.

24TP007 – Acknowledge the Highway 1416 and Radar Hill Road Corridor Study – Draft Report. Pennington County and the City of Box Elder, in conjunction with the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, contracted with KLJ, Inc. to conduct a corridor study on Highway 1416 and Radar Hill Road. With the planned expansion of Ellsworth Air Force Base (EAFB), providing safe and efficient access to the installation will help to ensure the success of the B-21 Raider Bomber mission. Traffic to and from EAFB is anticipated to increase over the next 20 years, and Highway 1416 and Radar Hill Road are critical links in the transportation infrastructure. The study analyzed traffic patterns and safety issues on the corridors, and provides recommended improvements to the corridors to provide a multi-modal transportation system for EAFB, Pennington County, and the City of Box Elder. Brennan provided a presentation on the recommendations. Discussion ensued regarding safety aspects for Exit 63.

No action was taken on this item.

Update on Construction Projects

Carlson provided information on the current construction projects within the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization area. Brennan provided information on current

Rapid City construction projects.

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 8:23 a.m.