

**MINUTES
OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
Thursday, February 15, 2018, 1:30 p.m.
Council Chambers
City/School Administration Center
Rapid City, South Dakota**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Heidgerken – Meade County Commissioner, Lloyd LaCroix – Pennington County Commissioner, Larry Larson – Mayor of Box Elder, Ken Young via proxy for Steve Allender – Mayor of Rapid City, Jason Salamun – Rapid City Council, and Linda Rausch – Meade County Commissioner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Patrick Dame – Rapid City Airport, Mark DiSanto – Pennington County Commissioner and Jeff Hollingshead – Box Elder City Council

STAFF PRESENT: Kelly Brennan, Kip Harrington and Patsy Horton – Rapid City Community Development Department

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Hoines – Federal Highway Administration and Mike Carlson – South Dakota Department of Transportation

Chair Heidgerken called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

General Public Comment

There was no comment.

Business

Salamun moved, Rausch seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2017 meeting.

18TP002 – Acknowledge the 2017 Traffic Count Book. Brennan reviewed highlights from the 2017 Traffic Count Book.

Larson moved, Salamun seconded and motion carried unanimously to recommend acknowledging the 2017 Traffic Count Book.

18TP003 – Approve the 2017 Annual Report. Horton reviewed the draft report that describes activities throughout 2017 to move transportation planning forward within the MPO area as well as the associated expenditures for those activities. She recommended that the Committee continue the item to the April 12, 2018 committee meeting.

Salamun moved, Larson seconded and motion carried unanimously to continue the 2017 Annual Report to the April 12, 2018 meeting.

18TP006 – Approve the I-90 Exit 61 to Exit 67 Corridor Study Final Report. Harrington reviewed the need for the study in order to identify feasible options to bring the obsolete interchange at Exit 63 into compliance with federal highway design standards. The recommendations also include expansion needs. He further reviewed the three design options recommended for consideration.

Larson moved, Young seconded and motion carried unanimously recommending approval of the I-90 Exit 61 to Exit 67 Corridor Study Final Report.

18TP007 – Approve the Coordinated Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan – Public Participation Plan Worksheet. Brennan reviewed the recommendations identified to engage the public during the update of the Coordinated Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan as identified on the Public Participation Plan Worksheet.

LaCroix moved, Salamun seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Coordinated Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan Public Participation Plan Worksheet.

18TP008 – Approve the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 18-002. Harrington reviewed the additional safety performance measures language added to the TIP to bring the MPO's TIP into compliance with the FAST Act.

Young moved, Rausch seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #18-002.

18TP009 – Acknowledge the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 18-001A. Harrington reviewed the additional funding added to complete safety improvements located outside the MPO area.

Salamun moved, Larson seconded and motion carried unanimously to acknowledge the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #18-001A.

Harrington reviewed the Safe Travel for Every Pedestrian Guide developed to assist communities statewide. Discussion followed regarding resource and implementation options as well as recommending removal of the rectangular rapid flash option because of its exclusion from the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Salamun requested utilizing the Guide in future transportation planning activities within Rapid City.

Update on Construction Projects

Carlson provided information on the current construction projects within the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization area. Discussion ensued. Heidgerken informed the Committee that Elk Vale construction will begin in Meade County on April 1, 2018 and complete in 2019.

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 2:11 p.m.