

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE  
Thursday, June 13, 2019, 1:30 p.m.  
Council Chambers  
City/School Administration Center  
Rapid City, South Dakota**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Amanda Scott – Rapid City City Council, Richard Liggett – Meade County Commissioner, Mike Carlson – via proxy for South Dakota Transportation Commission, Talbot Wieczorek – Meade County Commissioner, Deb Hadcock – Pennington County Commissioner, Mark DiSanto via proxy for Gary Drewes – Pennington County Commissioner

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ken Young via proxy for Steve Allender – Mayor of Rapid City, Jeff Hollinshead – Box Elder City Council, Patrick Dame – Rapid City Regional Airport, Larry Larson – Mayor of Box Elder

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

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

**General Public Comment**

There was no comment.

**Business**

**Hadcock moved, Liggett seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the May 16, 2019 meeting.**

**19TP014 – Approve the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Self Certification.** Harrington reviewed the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Self Certification. The Self Certification 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).

**DiSanto moved, Hadcock seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Self Certification.**

**19TP015 – Acknowledge the 2020 – 2023 Rapid City Area Transportation Improvement Program – Draft Report.** Brennan reviewed the 2020 – 2023 Transportation Improvement Program which 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, citizen’s groups, private transportation providers and representatives from various transportation entities.

**Hadcock moved, DiSanto seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2020 – 2023 Rapid City Area Transportation Improvement Program – Draft Report**

**19TP016 – Approve the East Rapid City Traffic and Corridor Analysis Study – Final Report.** Harrington reviewed the East Rapid City Traffic and Corridor Analysis Study – Final report. East North Street, Omaha Street/Highway 44, and Cambell Street form the backbone of Rapid City’s east side arterial road network. Their ability to carry high levels of traffic is vitally important to the city for reasons of safety, mobility, development potential, and quality of life. Recent and continued growth in Rapid City has brought new development to northeast Rapid City, bringing challenges and opportunities for this portion of the city’s transportation network. Increased development has resulted in localized growth, and with it increased traffic, leading to congestion, safety issues, and multimodal needs along these key corridors. The Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), in conjunction with the South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) and the City of Rapid City, has undertaken the East Rapid City Traffic and Corridor Analysis Study to complete the data collection, analysis, alternatives development, and recommendations for potential infrastructure improvements along these corridors, and along existing and future corridors within the study area. Discussion ensued.

**Liggett moved, DiSanto seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the East Rapid City Traffic and Corridor Analysis Study – Final Report.**

**19TP017 – Approve the Letter of Support for South Dakota Department of Transportation’s BUILD Grant Application.** The SDDOT is submitting an application to assist with funding the La Crosse Street interchange reconstruction project. The new interchange is estimated at \$12.96 million and is currently scheduled for reconstruction in 2020. Through this USDOT grant program, the SDDOT could receive up to 60% of the project cost. The MPO’s support may enhance SDDOT’s potential to receive this grant. Harrington reviewed the letter. Discussion ensued.

**Hadcock moved, Liggett seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Letter of Support for South Dakota Department of Transportation’s BUILD Grant Application.**

**Update on Construction Projects**

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

**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 1:54 p.m.