

**MINUTES
OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
Thursday, April 16, 2020, 1:30 p.m.
Council Chambers or WebEx
City/School Administration Center
Rapid City, South Dakota**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sarah Gilkerson – via proxy for South Dakota Transportation Commission, Ron Rossknecht – Pennington County Commissioner, Larry Larson – Mayor of Box Elder, Richard Liggett – Meade County Commissioner and Ken Young via proxy for Steve Allender – Mayor of Rapid City

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeff Hollinshead – Box Elder City Council, Laura Armstrong – Rapid City City Council, Patrick Dame – Rapid City Regional Airport, Deb Hadcock – Pennington County Commissioner and Talbot Wieczorek – Meade County Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT: Patsy Horton, Kip Harrington, Kelly Brennan and Melissa Bloomberg – Rapid City Department of Community Development, Stacy Bartlett – South Dakota Department of Transportation, Mark Hoines – Federal Highway Association

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

General Public Comment

No General Public Comment.

Business

Liggett moved, Young seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2020 meeting. Liggett moved, Gilkerson seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minute from the Special February 20, 2020 meeting.

20TP009 – Approve the Section 5310 Award Recommendation. The Federal Transit Administration’s Section 5310 program provides capital assistance to elderly persons and/or persons with disabilities to entities throughout the MPO region via assistance with vehicle purchases and/or operating costs. Funding is provided as an 80/20 split for capital costs and as a 50/50 split for operating costs. Three organizations submitted applications for review, with the selection committee’s recommendation to award granting funds to Black Hills Works in the amount of \$160,000 for two transit style buses and Adult Day Center in the amount of \$80,000 for one transit style bus. Brennan provided information on this recommendation.

Rossknecht moved, Young seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Section 5310 Award Recommendation.

20TP019 – 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #20-003A (Information Only). Brennan reviewed the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #20-003A which identifies a change to a Transportation Alternative

Program Project. This change advances the project from 2021 to 2020. There is no change to the cost for the construction of the shared use path.

No action was taken on this item.

20TP018 – Approve the 2020 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment #20-02 and associated funding agreement. Horton reviewed the 2020 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment #20-02 and funding agreement which carries forward funding to complete the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, the Meade County Corridor Study and consultant services to maintain the MPO Website, totaling \$320,500 in Professional Services / Consultants. The Federal Highway Administration provides funding at 81.95% and each local entity provides funding at 18.05%.

Young moved, Liggett seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2020 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment #20-02 and associated funding agreement.

20TP016 – Approve the Letter of Support for the Box Elder BUILD Grant Application. The City of Box Elder is submitting an application to assist with planning of a reconstruction project for Highway 1416 and Radar Hill Road. If awarded, the funds requested under USDOT’s BUILD Program, paired with a substantial match provided by the City of Box Elder and Pennington County, would complete the engineering design, utility design, right of way, and environmental planning necessary to prepare this project for full construction in the future. Proposed improvements include: Highway 14/16 will be converted from 3-lane to 5-lane and turning lanes will be added. Radar Hill Road will remain 3-lane and the project will include surface improvements, and the addition of curb and gutter. Improvements to Old Calvary Road include shoulder widening to enhance connectivity and safety of non-drivers. Harrington reviewed this letter of support.

Rossknecht moved, Liggett seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Letter of Support for the Box Elder BUILD Grant Application.

20TP017 – Approve the Letter of Support for SDDOT’s La Crosse Street / I-90 Interchange BUILD Grant Application. The SDDOT is submitting an application to assist with funding the I-90/La Crosse Street interchange reconstruction project. The new interchange is estimated at \$12.76 million and is currently scheduled for reconstruction in 2020 and 2021. 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 this letter of support.

Young moved, Liggett seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Letter of Support for SDDOT’s La Crosse Street / I-90 Interchange BUILD Grant Application.

Update on Construction Projects

Gilkerson provided information on the current construction projects within the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization area. Harrington provided information on Rapid City and Box Elder construction projects.

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 2:01 p.m.