

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE  
Thursday, June 11, 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, Patrick Dame – Rapid City Regional Airport, Larry Larson – Mayor of Box Elder, Richard Liggett – Meade County Commissioner, Talbot Wieczorek – Meade County Commissioner and Ken Young via proxy for Steve Allender – Mayor of Rapid City

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Laura Armstrong – Rapid City City Council and Deb Hadcock – Pennington County Commissioner

**STAFF PRESENT:** Patsy Horton, Kip Harrington, Kelly Brennan and Melissa Bloomberg – Rapid City Department of Community Development, Mark Hoines – Federal Highway Administration, James Krzeminski, Jason Carbee, and Dustin Hamilton– HDR, Inc. and Matthew Downey - FHU

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

**General Public Comment**

No General Public Comment.

**Business**

**Young moved, Rossknecht seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2020 meeting.**

**20TP008 – Acknowledge the 2017-2019 Socio-economic Report.** The 2017 - 2019 Socio-economic Report was compiled using building permit data issued between 2017 and 2019. The data provides regional growth information for single family residential, multi-family residential, retail, industrial, public, and office/service uses and represents new buildings as well as demolitions. The report includes 2017, 2018, and 2019 growth numbers as well as the 2017-2019 combined growth numbers for comparison of the past three years by neighborhood area. Brennan reviewed the report information.

**No action taken on this item.**

**20TP020 – Approve the Rapid City Metropolitan Planning Organization Self Certification.** Each year the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization 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). Harrington reviewed the Self Certification.

**Rossknecht moved, Dame seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Rapid City Metropolitan Planning Organization Self Certification.**

**20TP021 – Approve the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program – Draft Report.** Harrington reviewed the Transportation Improvement Program Draft Report. Each year the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is required to develop the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This 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, citizens' groups, private transportation providers and representatives from various transportation entities. Discussion ensued.

**Liggett moved, Rossknecht seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program – Draft Report.**

**20TP022 – Acknowledge the Sixth and Omaha Feasibility Study – Draft Report.** The Sixth Street corridor is an important component of the downtown Rapid City transportation system, serving passenger vehicles, transit service, and non-motorized modes of travel. The corridor has many key activity centers between Rapid City High School and Performing Arts Center at the southern end to The Rushmore Plaza Civic Center on the northern end. Omaha Street constitutes a dividing barrier between downtown and Memorial Park, with a temporary pedestrian crossing located at Sixth Street. The Sixth and Omaha Crossing Feasibility Study seeks to identify how a potential grade-separated crossing of Omaha Street at Sixth Street would affect the overall transportation system. Harrington reviewed the Draft Report. Harrington presented the information on the Sixth and Omaha Feasibility Study – Draft Report.

**No action taken on this item.**

**20TP023 – Approve the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan – Draft Report.** RapidTRIP 2045 is the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan (formerly known as the Long Range Transportation Plan) and is developed to guide transportation planning activities and transportation facility development for the next 25 years. The goal of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan is to plan an efficient intermodal transportation system which maximizes the movement of goods and people, and minimizes hazards, costs, energy consumption, and pollution. This document is a requirement of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST), and must be updated every 5 years. The Long Range Transportation Plan for the Rapid City Area was last updated in August 2015. Dustin Hamilton, Jason Carbee and James Krzeminski from HDR Inc. reviewed a presentation on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan – Draft Report. Discussion ensued.

**Rossknecht moved, Dame seconded and motion carried to approve the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan – Draft Report with Liggett abstaining from voting.**

**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 2:21 p.m.