

**MINUTES
OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
Thursday, August 13, 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, Bill Evans– Rapid City Council and Ken Young via proxy for Steve Allender – Mayor of Rapid City

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lance Lehmann – Rapid City Council, Deb Hadcock – Pennington County Commissioner and Jeff Hollinshead – Box Elder City Council

STAFF PRESENT: Kip Harrington, Kelly Brennan and Melissa Karpo – Rapid City Department of Community Development, Mark Hoines – Federal Highway Administration, Jason Carbee, and Dustin Hamilton – HDR, Inc. and Matthew Downey – FHU Engineering

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

General Public Comment

No General Public Comment.

Business

Liggett moved, Wieczorek seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2020 meeting with Evans abstaining from voting.

20TP024 – 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #20-004A (Information Only). This informational item identifies a change to a Roadway Safety Improvement project and an Interstate Maintenance Project. The original cost for the Roadway Safety improvement project was put in as a placeholder. The updated cost represents the final cost of signing as determined by design. The project increased from \$2.157 Million to \$3.8 Million for an increase of \$1.643 Million. There were increased costs incurred between the engineer’s estimate and final design cost analysis for the I-90 – Exit 59 Interchange Interstate Maintenance project. There was an increase of \$2.744 Million bringing the initial cost of \$12.756 Million to \$15.5 Million. Both projects are scheduled for the 2020 fiscal year. Brennan reviewed this Amendment item. Discussion ensued.

No action taken on this item.

20TP025 – Approve the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program – Final 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. Harrington reviewed the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program – Final Report.

Dame moved, Liggett seconded and motion carried to approve the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program – Draft Report with Evans abstaining from voting.

20TP026 – Approve the 2021 MPO Meeting Dates and Location. Harrington reviewed the schedule for the 2021 MPO Meeting Dates and Locations.

No action was taken on this item.

20TP027 – Approve the 2021 Unified Planning Work Program – Draft Report. Brennan reviewed the 2021 Unified Planning Work Program Draft Report. This a document prepared for the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization that includes the annual activities, planning studies, and products to be developed by the Metropolitan Planning Organization for 2021. The Unified Planning Work Program also identifies funding and staffing for conducting these tasks.

Rossknecht moved, Young seconded and motion carried to approve the 2021 Unified Planning Work Program – Draft Report with Evans abstaining from voting.

20TP028 – Approve the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan – Final 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. Harrington reviewed a presentation on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan – Final Report.

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

20TP029 – Approve the Sixth Street Corridor Study – Draft Report. Harrington presented the Sixth Street Corridor Study. The Sixth Street Study is comprised of two components: The Sixth and Omaha Pedestrian Crossing Feasibility Study and the Sixth Street Corridor Study. The Feasibility Study Draft Report was presented at the June, 2020 MPO meetings, and both the Feasibility Study and Corridor Study Final Reports are anticipated to be presented at the September, 2020 MPO meetings. The Sixth Street

Corridor Study builds upon past planning efforts to combine community and stakeholder engagement, existing conditions analysis, and the creation of an overarching vision and goals to envision a cohesive character for the Sixth Street Corridor from the Performing Arts Center at Rapid City High School to the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center. Discussion ensued.

Young moved, Rossknecht seconded and motion carried with Wieczorek voting No to approve the Sixth Street Corridor Study – Draft Report.

20TP030 – Approve the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #20-004. The South Dakota Department of Transportation has identified additions to the Local Bridge Replacement Projects to be programmed with funding available in fiscal year 2023. Two Local Federal Bridge Replacement Program projects have been selected by the Transportation Commission at a cost of \$1.092 Million. Both projects consist of structure and approach grading. Brennan reviewed this Amendment.

Rossknecht moved, Dame seconded and motion carried to approve the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #20-004 with Evans abstaining from voting.

Update on Construction Projects

Gilkerson and Harrington provided information on the current construction projects within the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization area. Harrington provided information on Rapid City's 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 2:15 p.m.