

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
Thursday, February 11, 2021 10:00 a.m.  
Zoom Teleconference  
Rapid City, South Dakota**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sara Odden – Rapid City Public Works Department, Kip Harrington and Patsy Horton - Rapid City Department of Community Development, Sarah Gilkerson – South Dakota Department of Transportation, Megan Gould – Rapid Transit Manager, Lt. Cathy Bock – Rapid City Police Department, Bill Rich – Meade County Planning and Equalization Department, Vicki Fisher – Rapid City Department of Community Development, Ron Merwin – Meade County Sheriff’s Department, Dennis Berg – Rapid City School District, Steve Frooman – City of Rapid City Traffic Engineer

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Stacy Bartlett – South Dakota Department of Transportation, Joseph Miller – Pennington County Highway Department, Chief Deputy Brian Mueller – Pennington County Sheriff’s Office, Brett Burditt – Meade County School District, Alan Kerr – Douglas School District, Britney Molitor – Pennington County Planning Department, Chris Deitz – Rapid City Regional Airport, Chief Jason Dubbs – City of Box Elder Police Department, Dale Pfeifle – Rapid City Public Works Department, Jack Dokken and Lisa Donner – SD Department of Transportation, Phil Anderson as proxy for Mayor Steve Heilman – City of Piedmont, Doug Curry – City of Box Elder Public Works Department, Lonnie Harmon – City of Summerset City Administrator, Bob Eben – Ellsworth Air Force Base, Scott Tegethoff – Meade County Highway and Garth Wadsworth – City of Box Elder Planning Department

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Melissa Karpo and Kelly Brennan – Rapid City Department of Community Development, Mark Hoines – Federal Highway Administration

Chair Horton called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**General Public Comment**

There was no general public comment.

**Business**

**Fisher moved, Gould seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2020 meeting.**

**21TP002 – Approve the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #21-002.** Harrington reviewed the 2021-2024 TIP Amendment #21-002 which adds a pipe work project at various locations in the Rapid City area in 2023, a project to rehabilitate dynamic message board throughout the state in 2021, and a project to perform patching and repairs on bridge decking in 2021. The projects are funded with Federal and SDDOT funds. No local funds are involved.

**Fisher moved, Berg seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #21-002.**

**21TP005 – Approve the 2020 Annual Report.** Harrington reviewed 2020 Annual Report. This review lists the accomplishments and expenditures associated with the Unified Planning Work Program activities conducted during the past year.

**Odden moved, Deitz seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2020 Annual Report.**

**21TP006 – Approve the Resolution #2021-01 Opposing the Proposed Changes to the Metropolitan Statistical Area Criteria.** The Office of Management and Budgets has recently proposed changes to the criteria for determining if an urban area is classified as a Metropolitan Statistical Area or a Micropolitan Statistical Area. Rapid City is currently classified as a Metropolitan Statistical Area, with an urban population of greater than 50,000. One of the proposed changes would raise the minimum urban area population for a Metropolitan Statistical Area from 50,000 to 100,000. This would reclassify Rapid City from a Metropolitan Statistical Area to a Micropolitan Statistical Area. The reclassification would create issues with the historical comparisons and make analysis of population extremely difficult moving forward. Harrington reviewed this resolution opposing the change. Discussion ensued.

**Fisher moved, Berg seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Resolution #2021-01 Opposing the Proposed Changes to the Metropolitan Statistical Area Criteria.**

**Update on Construction Projects**

Gilkerson provided information on construction projects in the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. Odden and Frooman provided information on current Rapid City construction projects.

**Update on Planning Projects**

Brennan and Harrington 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 10:26 a.m.