

**MINUTES
OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
Thursday, October 14, 2021, 1:30 p.m.
Zoom Teleconference/Community Room
Rapid City, South Dakota**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sarah Gilkerson – via proxy for South Dakota Transportation Commission, Vicki Fisher via proxy for Steve Allender – Mayor of Rapid City, Larry Larson – Mayor of Box Elder, Bill Evans – Rapid City City Council, Richard Liggett – Meade County Commission and Patrick Dame – Rapid City Regional Airport

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary Drewes and Ron Rossknecht – Pennington County Commission, Jeff Hollinshead – Box Elder City Council, Lance Lehman – Rapid City City Council and Talbot Wieczorek – Meade County Commission

STAFF PRESENT: Kip Harrington, Kelly Brennan and Melissa Karpo – Rapid City Department of Community Development

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m.

General Public Comment

No General Public Comment.

Business

Gilkerson moved, Liggett seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the September 23, 2021 meeting.

21TP022 – Approve the 2022 Unified Planning Work Program – Final Report.

Harrington reviewed the 2022 UPWP – Draft Report which includes the annual activities, planning studies, and products to be developed by the Metropolitan Planning Organization for 2022. The Unified Planning Work Program also identifies funding and staffing for conducting these tasks. Discussion ensued.

Fisher moved, Liggett seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2022 Unified Planning Work Program – Final Report.

21TP023 – Approve the Greater Northwest Passenger Rail Working Group Letter of Support.

The Greater Northwest Passenger Rail is an organization focused on bringing passenger rail service to the northwest portion of the country, an area which is lacking in rail connections. Additional options for transportation modes will enhance tourism, manufacturing, and other aspects of our growing economy. Harrington reviewed this letter of support. Discussion ensued.

Evans moved, Gilkerson seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Greater Northwest Passenger Rail Working Group Letter of Support.

21TP024 – Approve the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplement Apportionment Act (CRRSA) and American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) Funding Recommendations.

The CRRSAA/ARP Grant Assistance program is intended to enhance mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities. Eligible assistance activities are payroll, operating costs, and capital costs for purchase of personal protection equipment. Two organizations submitted applications for review. The scoring committee, which is composed of Rapid City Staff and a MPO representative, recommends granting \$18,820 to Black Hills Works for three full time driver salaries representing 1255 total hours. The scoring committee also recommends granting Prairie Hills Transit \$23,345 for a part time driver and administrator salaries. These funds will help to assist in eliminating transportation gaps identified in the Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan. Brennan reviewed these recommendations.

Fisher moved, Liggett seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplement Apportionment Act (CRRSA) and American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) Funding Recommendations.

21TP025 – Acknowledge the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #22-001A.

Harrington reviewed this amendment which adds a State Highway System Urban Project to convert the US Highway 16 and Fort Hayes Drive intersection from a full access intersection into a right-in/right-out intersection to increase operational safety.

There was no action taken on this item.

Update on Construction Projects

Harrington provided information on Rapid City’s construction projects. Gilkerson provided information on the current construction projects within the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization area.

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 2:00 p.m.