

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
Thursday, February 16, 2017 10:00 a.m.  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Community Room  
City/School Administration Center  
Rapid City, South Dakota**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Phil Anderson – City of Piedmont, Dennis Berg – Rapid City School District, Kirk Chaffee – Meade County Planning and Equalization Department, Lt. Mark Eisenbraun – Rapid City Police Department, Vicki Fisher – Rapid City Community Planning, Steve Frooman – Rapid City Public Works Department, Kip Harrington – Rapid City Community Planning and Development Services, Patsy Horton – Rapid City Community Planning and Development Services, Lt. Dustin Morrison – Pennington County Sheriff's Office, Brad Remmich – South Dakota Department of Transportation, Bill Rich – Meade County Planning and Equalization Department and Dale Tech – Rapid City Public Works Department

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Stacy Bartlett – South Dakota Department of Transportation, Brett Burditt – Meade County School District, PJ Conover – Pennington County Planning Department, Doug Curry – Rapid City Regional Airport, Chief Jason Dubbs – City of Box Elder Police Department, Bob Eben – Ellsworth Air Force Base, Peter Haugh – Douglas School District, Bob Kaufman – City of Box Elder, Ron Koan – City of Box Elder, Bryce Lutz – City of Summerset Commissioner, Mayor George Mandas – City of Summerset, Ron Merwin – Meade County Sheriff's Department, Brian Mueller – Pennington County Sheriff's Office, Todd Peckosh – Rapid City Public Works Department, Rich Sagen – Rapid City Transit Manager, Lincoln Shuck – Meade County Highway, Kevin Thom – Pennington County Sheriff's Office, Bill Welk – Pennington County Highway Department and Tom Wilsey – Pennington County Highway Department

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kelly Brennan and Katie Parker – Rapid City Community Planning and Development Services

**OTHERS PRESENT:** None

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

**General Public Comment**

Anderson inquired about the traffic cone set up across the lanes on Exit 58 on I-90, with Remmich responding that he would need to look into it, but thought it would be due to traffic calming.

Frooman entered the meeting.

Fisher entered the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2016 MEETING**

**Tech moved, Berg seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2016 meeting.**

**17TP001 – Recommend acknowledging the 2016 Traffic Count Book.** Brennan explained the report that provides the public and business community with traffic count data to help them make more informed decisions. Brennan noted that numbers on West Boulevard and Mall Drive have had significant increases and that four street segments have volumes of more than 30,000 vehicles per day. Brennan also noted that there are twenty street segments with more than 20,000 vehicles per day.

In response to a question from Rich, Brennan replied that there were increases along Fifth Street in sections, but noted that it was under construction for part of 2016.

**Chaffee moved, Rich seconded and motion carried unanimously to recommend acknowledging the 2016 Traffic Count Book.**

**17TP002 – Recommend approving the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 17-002.** Harrington briefed the committee on the Railroad Crossing Improvement project that will provide signal upgrades to the Rapid City, Pierre and Eastern Railroad crossing on East Boulevard in Rapid City at a cost of \$70,000. The project is 100% federally funded from the Highway Trust Fund through 23 U.S.C. 120(c). Harrington further stated that a new project has been added to the Transportation Alternatives Program that will construct sidewalks on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets in Piedmont near Piedmont Valley Elementary School in 2019. Harrington went on to add that two Transportation Alternatives Program projects in Rapid City have been delayed from 2018 to 2020 and 2021, respectively.

Anderson thanked the Rapid City Metropolitan Planning Organization staff for their assistance on the Transportation Alternatives Program grant application for the sidewalks near Piedmont Valley Elementary School.

Tech requested additional information on the delay for the West Memorial Park Transportation Alternatives Project, with Remmich stating that he would check into the change.

**Anderson moved, Fisher seconded and motion carried unanimously to recommend approving the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 17-002.**

**17TP003 – Recommend approving the 2016 Annual Report.** Horton explained to the committee that this report provides a list of accomplishments along with the associated Unified Planning Work Program expenditures. Discussion ensued.

**Tech moved, Chaffee seconded and motion carried unanimously to recommend approving the 2016 Annual Report.**

### **Other Business**

#### **Update on Construction Projects**

Remmich provided information on the current construction projects within the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization area.

Fisher inquired about the closure of the Tilford rest area with Remmich responding that the closure was recommended by a task force put together by Governor Daugaard. Remmich added that that facility needed to be reconstructed and due to the proximity to Rapid City and Sturgis, the rest area was considered expendable. Anderson offered that he had not received any positive comments from his constituents about the closure. Remmich stated that he would pass those comments along to the South Dakota Department of Transportation.

In response to a comment from Fisher about potholes on northbound Mount Rushmore Road and Franklin Street, Remmich stated that he would forward these comments along to the South Dakota Department of Transportation. Discussion ensued.

In response to a question from Eisenbraun, Remmich stated that lanes on Mount Rushmore Road would go to single lanes in both directions during the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally and that the construction is anticipated to end this year.

### **Update on Planning Projects**

Harrington reminded the committee that the Transit Feasibility Study looks at extending public transportation outside of Rapid City. Harrington also stated that a stakeholder meeting will be held on Thursday, March 2, 2017 with the study advisory team that will include stakeholder interviews. Harrington encouraged the committee to let him know if they would like to participate in these meetings. Harrington added that study completion is anticipated in August 2017. Tech requested that Councilpersons Nordstrom and Drew be invited to attend the meetings based on feedback he had previously received from them.

Harrington encouraged committee members to attend a public meeting on Monday, March 6, 2017 for the I-90 Exit 61 to 67 Corridor Study from Elk Vale Road from Liberty Boulevard from 6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m. at Black Hills State University - Rapid City.

Harrington informed the committee of Railroad Quiet Zone Task Force that has been created to evaluate options to reduce train horn volume within the City of Rapid City that is anticipated to kick off within the next month.

Harrington stated that he and Frooman have been working with the South Dakota Department of Transportation on a project to develop software that would explore the financial benefits of access management.

Harrington stated that he, Brennan and Horton would be attending a Safety Performance Measures meeting in Pierre in April that will help with the planning to track safety across roadways. Frooman expressed interest in attending.

Harrington updated the committee on the development of the Rapid City Area Website and also explained that member agencies would be able to post transportation documents to the site as well.

Harrington stated that Brennan is working on the Socio-economic report and the information will be presented that at the April meeting.

Harrington informed the committee that the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization would be updating its Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) transition plan.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.