

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE  
Thursday, April 14, 2022, 1:30 p.m.  
Zoom/2<sup>nd</sup> Floor 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, Gary Drewes and Ron Rossknecht – Pennington County Commission and Talbot Wieczorek – Meade County Commission

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jeff Hollinshead – Box Elder City Council, Bill Evans and Lance Lehman – Rapid City City Council, Patrick Dame – Rapid City Regional Airport and Richard Liggett – Meade County Commission

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mark Hoines – Federal Highway Administration

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

**General Public Comment**

No General Public Comment.

**Business**

**Fisher moved, Gilkerson seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2022 meeting.**

**22TP002 – Approve the 2022 Rapid City Transit Development Plan – Final Report.**

As a department of the City of Rapid City, Rapid Transit System (RTS) offers fixed route bus service and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complementary paratransit within city limits. Fixed-route service has been branded as Rapid Ride and paratransit as Dial-a-Ride. In 2019, Rapid Ride provided more than 400,000 passenger trips and Dial-a-Ride approximately 78,000 trips, using a fleet of 37 buses. Since the initiation of the Youth Ride Free Campaign in 2016, a substantial number of trips have served youth under 18 – amounting to more than 340,000 in total. RTS and the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (RCAMPO) developed this Transit Development Plan (TDP) to provide strategic guidance for a sustainable transit system to serve the community. The TDP will also serve as the basis for the transit element of the regional transportation plan. The overall desired outcome for the TDP is to provide a public transit system that offers travel options to residents, employees and visitors who cannot or choose not to drive. Brennan Reviewed this plan and any the changes from the Draft Report that will show in the Final Report. Discussion ensued.

**Rossknecht moved, Fisher seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2022 Rapid City Transit Development Plan – Final Report.**

**22TP007 – Approve the Section 5310 Award Recommendation.** The Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) receives federal funds on a yearly basis as part of the Federal Transit Administration’s Section 5310 program to provide capital assistance to elderly persons and/or persons with disabilities. The Rapid City Area MPO solicited applications from entities throughout the region regarding assistance with vehicles and/or operating costs. Funding is provided as an 80/20 split for capital costs and as a 50/50 split for operating costs. Two organizations submitted applications for review. Brennan reviewed the recommendation to award Black Hills Works \$80,000 and Prairie Hills Transit \$53,600 in Section 5310 funds for the purchase of transit style buses.

**Drewes moved, Fisher seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Section 5310 Award Recommendation.**

**22TP010 – Approve the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #22-003.** Harrington reviewed the Amendment #22-003 to the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program that adds funding for the development of the State Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment Plan. Gilkerson and Hoines provided additional information. Discussion ensued.

**Fisher moved, Rossknecht seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #22-003.**

**22TP011 – Acknowledge the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #22-003A.** Harrington reviewed Amendment #22-003A to the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program which adds a Bridge Improvement Grant (BIG) project to perform structure preservation work on the Neck Yoke Road bridge over Spring Creek.

**No action was 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**

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 2:07 p.m.