

**MINUTES
OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
Thursday, August 17, 2017 1:30 p.m.
3rd Floor West Meeting Room
City/School Administration Center
Rapid City, South Dakota**

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Patsy Horton via Proxy for Steve Allender – Mayor of Rapid City, Patrick Dame – Rapid City Airport, Deb Hadcock – Pennington County Commissioner, Robert Heidgerken – Meade County Commissioner, Larry Larson – Mayor of Box Elder, Linda Rausch – Meade County Commissioner and Brad Remmich via Proxy for the South Dakota Transportation Commission

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeff Hollingshead – Box Elder City Council, Lloyd LaCroix – Pennington County Commissioner and Jason Salamun – Rapid City City Council

STAFF PRESENT: Kelly Brennan, Kip Harrington and Katie Parker – Rapid City Community Planning and Development Services

OTHERS PRESENT: Stacy Bartlett – South Dakota Department of Transportation and Ali DeMersseman – Black Hills Council of Local Governments

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

General Public Comment

Harrington relayed the concerns brought up at the Citizens Advisory Committee meeting regarding the pedestrian crossing signal on Sheridan Lake Road. Harrington also stated that this concern had been brought up to the City of Rapid City Traffic Engineer to do a traffic crash report for the area and also to the Rapid City Police Department to see if enforcement could be increased in the area.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 15, 2017 MEETING

Remmich moved, Rausch and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2017 meeting.

Hadcock entered the meeting.

17TP011 – Approve the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program - Final

Harrington relayed to the committee that each year the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is required to develop the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP development, review, and approval process includes participation from affected public agencies, citizen's groups, private transportation providers and representatives from various transportation entities. Discussion ensued.

Larson moved, Dame seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program – Final.

17TP012 – Approve the Agreement Between the City of Rapid City and the City of Box Elder for Accomplishing the Rapid City Area Transportation Planning Process. Harrington reviewed this agreement that was created based on directive from the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Executive Policy Committee in December 2016, to expend funds on a North Elk Vale Road Corridor Study. Harrington stated that the City of Box Elder approved

this agreement at their July 18, 2017 meeting. Harrington informed the committee that Remmich advised at the Citizens Advisory Committee and Technical Coordinating Committee meetings that conflict of interest language needs to be included in the contract and that the contract will need to be re-presented to the Box Elder City Council and other City of Rapid City committees for approval.

Rausch moved, Remmich seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Agreement Between the City of Rapid City and the City of Box Elder for Accomplishing the Rapid City Area Transportation Planning Process with the addition of the conflict of interest clause.

17TP013 – Approve the Agreement Between the City of Rapid City and Pennington County for Accomplishing the Rapid City Area Transportation Planning Process. Harrington reviewed this agreement that was created based on directive from the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's the Executive Policy Committee in December 2016, to expend funds on a North Elk Vale Road Corridor Study. Harrington further stated that like item 17TP012, Remmich advised at the Citizens Advisory Committee and Technical Coordinating Committee meetings that conflict of interest language needs to be included in the contract and that the contract will need to be re-presented to the Pennington County Commission and other City of Rapid City committees for approval.

Rausch moved, Remmich seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Agreement Between the City of Rapid City and Pennington County for Accomplishing the Rapid City Area Transportation Planning Process with the addition of the conflict of interest clause.

17TP015 – Approve the 2017 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment 17-02. Harrington reviewed this amendment that removes the Meade County Corridor Study and adds the Rapid City Railroad Quiet Zone Study. Harrington informed the committee that the Meade County Commission did not approve the corridor study at their July 26, 2017 meeting, but was informed by Meade County staff members at the Technical Coordinating Committee meeting that the Meade County Commission plans to reevaluate the corridor study at their August 23, 2017 meeting. Harrington went on to state that since Meade County Commission is re-considering the corridor study this amendment will include both the Meade County Corridor Study and adds the Rapid City Railroad Quiet Zone Study.

Heidgerken explained to the committee that after speaking to the Meade County State's Attorney, he learned that he does not have a conflict of interest regarding the Meade County Corridor Study, as there is not a road where his family owns land that could potentially be involved with the study. Discussion ensued.

Larson inquired about expanding that Railroad Quiet Zone Study to Box Elder but based on the discussion that ensued, it was determined that they may do their own study in the future.

Larson moved, Hadcock seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2017 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment 17-02 that keeps the Meade County Corridor Study with a name change to reflect that the scope would be from Erikson Ranch Road and 143rd Avenue and adds the Rapid City Railroad Quiet Zone Study.

17TP016 – Acknowledge the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 17-001A. Harrington informed the committee of this administrative amendment that moves a Railroad Crossing Improvement project from 2018 to 2017 for safety reasons.

Remmich moved, Hadcock seconded and motion carried unanimously to acknowledge the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 17-001A.

17TP017– Acknowledge the 2018 Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Meeting Schedule. Horton advised the committee of the dates that have been selected for 2018. Horton reminded the committee that all meetings will take place in the 3rd Floor West meeting room until further notice.

Rausch moved, Larson seconded and motion carried unanimously to acknowledge the 2018 Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Meeting Schedule.

Other Business

Update on Construction Projects

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

Harrington informed the committee that the Black Hawk Safe Routes to School project has been let. Remmich added that construction could start as early as this fall.

Update on Planning Projects

Harrington provided information on the current planning projects within the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization area.

Harrington advised the committee that the Study Advisory committee meeting for the I-90 Exit 61 to 67 Corridor Study will be on August 24, 2017 with the final public meeting on September 13, 2017 at the Comfort Suites on Elk Vale Road from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.