MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Phil Anderson – City of Piedmont, Dennis Berg – Rapid City School District, Don Brumbaugh – Rapid City Streets Department, Lt. Mark Eisenbraun – Rapid City Police Department, Tony Verchio for Jay Evenson – Pennington County Sherriff's Office, Patsy Horton – Rapid City Community Planning and Development Services, Ron Koan – City of Box Elder, Jeff Mizenko – City of Summerset Commissioner, Todd Peckosh – Rapid City Public Works Department, Brad Remmich – South Dakota Department of Transportation, Bill Rich – Meade County Planning and Equalization Department, Rich Sagen – Rapid City Transit Manager, Dale Tech – Rapid City Public Works Department and Al Todd – City of Box Elder

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stacy Bartlett – South Dakota Department of Transportation, Brett Burditt – Meade County School District, Kirk Chaffee – Meade County Planning and Equalization Department, 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, Vicki Fisher – Rapid City Community Planning, Peter Haugh – Douglas School District, Mayor George Mandas – City of Summerset, Ken McGirr – Meade County Highway Department, Ron Merwin – Meade County Sheriff's Department, Lincoln Shuck – Meade County Highway, Wes Tschetter – Pennington County Drainage Coordinator and Bill Welk – Pennington County Highway Department

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Ritchie Nordstrom – Rapid City Council

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

General Public Comment
Horton informed the committee that a member of the Citizens’ Advisory Committee mentioned a concern regarding heavy loads signage.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2015 MEETING
Remmich moved, Rich seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2015 meeting.

16TP001 – Authorize staff to apply for the Walkability Action Institute Grant. Smith explained to the committee that the Walkability Action Institute is designed to assist Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) with policy, systems and environment strategies to promote walkability throughout the region. Smith went on to say that if awarded the grant to attend the Walkability Action Institute in Atlanta, Georgia, April 26-28, 2016, the Rapid City MPO team will fulfill the necessary requirements before and after the Walkability Action Institute. There will be pre-institute orientations, webinars, and research work to be completed. After the institute there will be follow-up webinar participation, progress reporting, and implementation of the plans that were created for the Rapid City region.

Rich moved, Koan seconded and motion carried unanimously to recommend authorizing staff to apply for the Walkability Action Institute Grant.
16TP002 – Recommend approving the Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects.
Harrington informed the committee that each year the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is required to develop the Annual Listing of Obligated Transportation Projects identifying the status of the transportation projects shown in the Transportation Improvement Program for fiscal year 2015. Discussion ensued.

Remmich moved, Eisenbraun seconded and motion carried unanimously to recommend approval of the Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects.

16TP003 – Recommend approving the Meade County Master Transportation Plan - Final. Harrington apprised the plan that provides guidance on how to strategically maintain and expand the transportation system to accommodate the anticipated future conditions, and serves as an update to and expansion of the first transportation plan completed in 2008 in Meade County.

Anderson expressed concern about the traffic counts in this plan and stated that he was not asked for input on this plan.

In response to a comment from Anderson, Remmich informed the committee that there were two public meetings for this plan that were heavily advertised. Discussion ensued.

Remmich moved, Sagen seconded and motion carried to recommend approving the Meade County Master Transportation Plan – Final, with Anderson voting no.

16TP004 – Recommend acknowledging the 2015 Traffic Count Book. Harrington noted that this report provides the public and business community with traffic count data to help them make more informed decisions.

Tech moved, Brumbaugh seconded and motion carried unanimously to recommend acknowledging the 2015 Traffic Count Book.

16TP005 – Recommend acknowledging the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #16-002A. Harrington advised that the amendment combines two pavement marking projects into one project and adds 3.5 miles of roadway to a Roadway Safety Improvement Project.

Remmich moved, Rich seconded and motion carried unanimously to recommend acknowledging the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #16-002A.

Other Business

Update on Construction Projects
Remmich provided information on the current construction projects within the Rapid City area.

Update on Planning Projects
Harrington provided an update on the current planning projects within the Rapid City area.

Harrington encouraged the committee to attend the Public Workshop concerning the Ellsworth Air Force Base Joint Land Use Study this evening from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Black Hills Visitor Information Center.

Horton informed the committee that the kick off for the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s website has started and that more information would be forthcoming via email.

Remmich informed the committee stating that Congress passed FAST ACT, a funding and authorization bill to govern United States federal surface transportation spending.

Rich informed the committee about a study to assess flooding risk along Stagebarn Canyon Road.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10: 23 a.m.