

**MINUTES
OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
Thursday, August 18, 2016 1:30 p.m.
1st Floor Community Room
City/School Administration Center
Rapid City, South Dakota**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Scott Allen – Box Elder City Council, Brad Estes – Box Elder City Council and Deb Hadcock – Pennington County Commission

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Sallie Doty – South Dakota Department of Transportation and Mark Hoines – Federal Highway Administration

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

General Public Comment

There was no comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 16, 2016 MEETING

Remmich moved, Dame seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2016 meeting.

16TP017 – Approve the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program - Final. Harrington briefly reviewed the addition from the South Dakota Department of Transportation for a small project along I-90 in the Rapid City area to the program with the committee.

Heidgerken stated that there is an error page 36 that states that Avalanche is west of Highway 79 with Harrington stating that he would contact Meade County Highway about this listing.

Horton asked Heidgerken if he was aware that that the Deerview Bridge had been removed from the listed projects. Rausch stated that it has been moved to 2018 and 2019 due to funding. Horton asked Rausch and Heidgerken to ensure that the Meade County Highway department adjusts their funding lists accordingly.

Larson stated that the shoulder and drainage improvement and secondary access project on South Ellsworth Road is currently being done.

Remmich moved, Petersen seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program – Final with changes as noted.

16TP018 – Acknowledge the 2017 Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Meeting Schedule. Horton reviewed the meeting dates selected for next year with the committee.

Rausch moved, Remmich seconded and motion carried unanimously to acknowledge the 2017 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. Discussion ensued.

In response to a comment from Heidgerken regarding the Exit 61 project, Remmich stated that he would add the suggestion of adding a utility tunnel to the public comment section.

Update on Planning Projects

Harrington informed the committee of an upcoming public meeting for the U.S. Route 16/16B Interchange at the end of September or beginning of October. Harrington noted that options being considered are a Continuous Flow Intersection and Single Point Grade Separated Urban Interchange. Harrington noted that the committee would be notified of the exact date when it becomes available.

Horton noted that a Transit Feasibility Study would soon be coming forward and encouraged committee participation from all entities.

Based on a concern voiced by Heidgerken, Harrington stated that the City of Rapid City Public Works Department would be contacted regarding traffic flow on Elk Vale Road. Harrington further stated that the maintenance of Elk Vale Road is a multi-jurisdictional. Discussion ensued.

Horton suggested a traffic impact study be done on Elk Vale Road. Discussion ensued.

Rausch moved, Heidgerken seconded and motion carried unanimously to authorize staff to create a joint funding agreement to perform a traffic impact study for Elk Vale Road.

In response to a question from Heidgerken, Harrington stated that Dyess Avenue is slated to be closed until the end of the year.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.