

**MINUTES
OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
Thursday, October 13, 2016 1:30 p.m.
1st Floor Community Room
City/School Administration Center
Rapid City, South Dakota**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Scott Allen – Box Elder City Council, Stacy Bartlett via Proxy for the South Dakota Transportation Commission, 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 and Lyndell Petersen – Pennington County Commissioner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brad Estes – Rapid City City Council, Deb Hadcock – Pennington County Commission and Linda Rausch – Meade County Commissioner

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Hoines – Federal Highway Administration

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

General Public Comment

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2016 MEETING

Larson moved, Dame seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the September 1, 2016 meeting.

16TP026 – Approve the Operations Plan - Final. Horton explained to the committee that staff recommends continuing this plan to the December meeting as changes to the bylaws for all Rapid City Area Metropolitan committees are being considered, requiring public notice in the newspaper prior to review and approval by the committees.

Larson moved, Allen seconded and motion carried unanimously to continuing the Operations Plan – Final to the December 2016 meeting.

16TP028 – Approve the Transit Feasibility Study Public Participation Plan. Horton reviewed this document with the committee that will determine the feasibility and associated costs of expanding the current public transit service from inside the Rapid City city limits to the Metropolitan Planning Area.

Dame moved, Petersen seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Transit Feasibility Study Public Participation Plan.

16TP029 – Approve the MPO Letter of Support for Piedmont’s Transportation Alternatives Program Grant Application. Horton relayed that the City of Piedmont has submitted a Transportation Alternatives Program grant application through the South Dakota Department of Transportation to construct sidewalks along Second and Third Streets in the vicinity of Piedmont Valley Elementary School. This project would provide a safer non-motorized transportation connection to the city park and the public library.

Larson moved, Allen seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the MPO Letter of Support for Piedmont's Transportation Alternatives Program Grant Application.

16TP030 – Approve the Public Participation Plan Worksheet for the Public Participation Plan. Horton informed the committee of the plan that includes numerous activities including media/press releases, surveys, focus groups, stakeholder interviews and public open houses, all of which are intended to actively solicit comments and engage the interests of the public throughout the participation plan update process.

Horton encouraged the committee to attend the open house regarding this plan tonight in the 1st Floor Community Room from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and to fill out the survey that Parker handed out.

Larson moved, Dame seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Public Participation Plan Worksheet for the Public Participation Plan.

Other Business

Update on Construction Projects

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

Update on Planning Projects

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

Staff shared a video about how the continuous flow intersection operates as it is a design consideration for the intersection of US16/16B at US16 and Catron Boulevard.

Horton advised that each committee member should have received a postcard with information on the Box Elder Drainage Basin Study Open House on Thursday, October 20, 2016 in the 1st Floor Community Room from and encouraged them to attend.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.