
MEMBERS ABSENT: Dennis Berg – Rapid City School District, 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, Peter Haugh – Douglas School District, Bryce Lutz – City of Summerset Commissioner, Mayor George Mandas – City of Summerset, Ron Merwin – Meade County Sheriff’s Department, Brian Mueller – Pennington County Sherriff’s Office, Brad Remmich – South Dakota Department of Transportation, Bill Rich – Meade County Planning and Equalization Department, Kevin Thom – Pennington County Sherriff’s Office, Wes Tschetter – Pennington County Drainage Coordinator, Bill Welk – Pennington County Highway Department and Tom Wilsey – Pennington County Highway Department

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Hoines – Federal Highway Administration

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

General Public Comment
There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2016 MEETING
Tech moved, Koan seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the September 1, 2016 meeting.

16TP026 – Recommend approving the Operations Plan - Final. Harrington 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.

Tech moved, Sagen seconded and motion carried unanimously to recommend continuing the Operations Plan – Final to the December 2016 meeting.
16TP028 – Recommend approving the Transit Feasibility Study Public Participation Plan. Harrington 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.

In response to a question from Tech, Harrington stated that a Public Participation Plan should be done will all studies. Discussion ensued.

Kauffman moved, Brumbaugh seconded and motion carried unanimously to recommend approving the Transit Feasibility Study Public Participation Plan.

16TP029 – Recommend approving the MPO Letter of Support for Piedmont’s Transportation Alternatives Program Grant Application. Harrington 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. Discussion ensued.

Bock entered the meeting.

Bartlett entered the meeting.

Horton recommended that Paris suggest to the design consultant for this project that the sidewalk be moved to the property line before construction begins to prevent parking enforcement issues. Discussion ensued.

Koan moved, Frooman seconded and motion carried unanimously to recommend approving the MPO Letter of Support for Piedmont’s Transportation Alternatives Program Grant Application.

16TP030 – Recommend approving the Public Participation Plan Worksheet for the Public Participation Plan. Harrington 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.

Harrington 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 he handed out.

Horton stated that federal requirements dictate that the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization create a plan to obtain as much public input as possible on all projects considered by the MPO.

Sagen moved, Tech seconded and motion carried unanimously to recommend approving 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
Harrington 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.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.