

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Thursday, February 16, 2017 7:30 a.m.  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Community Room  
City/School Administration Center  
Rapid City, South Dakota**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** John Boylan, Bob Burns, Matt Fitting, Dave Kallemeyn, Matt Kammerer, Kathy McDaniel, Chad Ratigan, Tom Raymond and Wes Rick

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Adeline Kalmback and Mike Pendo

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Brad Remmich – South Dakota Department of Transportation

Burns called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

**General Public Comment**

There was no general comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2016 MEETING**

**Rick moved, Raymond seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2016 meeting.**

**17TP001 – Recommend acknowledging the 2016 Traffic Count Book.** Brennan explained the report that provides the public and business community with traffic count data to help them make more informed decisions. Brennan noted that numbers on West Boulevard and Mall Drive have had significant increases and that four street segments have volumes of more than 30,000 vehicles per day. Brennan also noted that there are twenty street segments with more than 20,000 vehicles per day.

Fitting entered the meeting.

In response to a question from Burns, Brennan stated that the counters are pneumatic and are put out for 24 hours. Brennan added that the counters don't count truck traffic. Harrington added that the counters have black hoses that are placed across the road, which are attached to counters. For informational purposes, Harrington stated that two hoses placed across the road consecutively indicates a speed study is being done.

Fitting inquired how the truck traffic was counted, with Brennan responding that the number of axels are counted for with an adjustment of .5%-1% depending on the road.

Harrington stated that there are five permanent count stations around the city that have been placed by the South Dakota Department of Transportation. Discussion ensued.

Kammerer entered the meeting.

**Raymond moved, Ratigan seconded and motion carried unanimously to recommend acknowledging the 2016 Traffic Count Book.**

**17TP002 – Recommend approving the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 17-002.** Harrington briefed the committee on the Railroad Crossing Improvement

project that will provide signal upgrades to the Rapid City, Pierre and Eastern Railroad crossing on East Boulevard in Rapid City at a cost of \$70,000. The project is 100% federally funded from the Highway Trust Fund through 23 U.S.C. 120(c). Harrington further stated that a new project has been added to the Transportation Alternatives Program that will construct sidewalks on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets in Piedmont near Piedmont Valley Elementary School in 2019. Harrington went on to add that two Transportation Alternatives Program projects in Rapid City have been delayed from 2018 to 2020 and 2021, respectively.

**McDaniel moved, Rick seconded and motion carried unanimously to recommend approving the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 17-002.**

**17TP003 – Recommend approving the 2016 Annual Report.** Horton explained to the committee that this report provides a list of accomplishments along with the associated Unified Planning Work Program expenditures. Horton stated that if any member wanted a hard copy of the updated report, to let Parker know. Discussion ensued.

**McDaniel moved, Raymond seconded and motion carried unanimously to recommend approving the 2016 Annual Report.**

### **Other Business**

#### **Update on Construction Projects**

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

#### **Update on Planning Projects**

Harrington reminded the committee that the Transit Feasibility Study looks at extending public transportation outside of Rapid City. Harrington also stated that a stakeholder meeting will be held on Thursday, March 2, 2017 with the study advisory team that will include stakeholder interviews. Harrington encouraged the committee to let him know if they would like to participate in these meetings. Harrington added that study completion is anticipated in August 2017.

Harrington encouraged committee members to attend a public meeting on Monday, March 6 for the I-90 Exit 61 to 67 Corridor Study from Elk Vale Road from Liberty Boulevard from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at Black Hills State University - Rapid City.

Harrington informed the committee of Railroad Quiet Zone Task Force that has been created to evaluate options to reduce train horn volume within the City of Rapid City, is anticipated to kick off within the next month.

Harrington stated that he has been working with the South Dakota Department of Transportation on a project to develop software that would explore the financial benefits of access management.

Harrington stated that he, Brennan and Horton would be attending a Safety Performance Measures meeting in Pierre in April that will help with the planning to track safety across roadways.

Harrington updated the committee on the development of the Rapid City Area Website and also explained that member agencies would be able to post transportation documents to the site as well.

Harrington informed the committee that the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization would be updating its Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) transition plan.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:45 a.m.