

**MINUTES
OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
Thursday, February 11, 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, Deb Hadcock – Pennington County Commission, Robert Heidgerken – Meade County Commissioner, Larry Larson – Mayor of Box Elder, Ritchie Nordstrom for Brad Estes – Rapid City Council Lyndell Petersen – Pennington County Commission and Brad Remmich via Proxy for the South Dakota Transportation Commission

MEMBERS ABSENT: Scott Allen – Box Elder City Council, Patrick Dame – Rapid City Airport, and Linda Rausch – Meade County Commissioner

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

OTHERS PRESENT: John Rehorst – South Dakota Department of Transportation

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

General Public Comment

Nordstrom introduced himself to the committee and stated that he is assisting with a Transportation Request for Proposals and was in attendance to learn how the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization operates.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2015 MEETING

Larson moved, Petersen 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 is 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. Discussion ensued.

Larson moved, Nordstrom seconded and motion carried unanimously to authorize staff to apply for the Walkability Action Institute Grant.

16TP002 – Approve 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.

Remmich added that this is a required document for the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Remmich moved, Larson seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects.

16TP003 – Approve 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. Harrington also stated that the Meade County Commission removed project nine. Harrington went on to state that the Citizens' Advisory Committee and the Technical Coordinating Committee also recommended approval, with one no vote.

In response to a question from Heidgerken regarding a land owner who wants to donate land to Meade County for a proposed road, Horton stated that a Corridor Study should be completed to determine the best alignment before proceeding with the donation.

Heidgerken moved, Hadcock seconded and motion carried to approve the Meade County Master Transportation Plan - Final.

16TP004 – Acknowledge 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. Discussion ensued.

Heidgerken moved, Larson seconded and motion carried unanimously to acknowledge the 2015 Traffic Count Book.

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

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

Rehorst provided a brief presentation on micro-surfacing.

In response to a request from Larson, Horton will email this presentation to the committee.

Other Business

Update on Construction Projects

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

Larson requested that this update be emailed to him for his reference.

At the request of Heidgerken, Remmich will provide an anticipated timeframe of the Elk Vale project date.

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.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.