

**MINUTES
OF THE
TECHNICAL AND CITIZENS COMMITTEE
Thursday, August 20, 2026 10:00 a.m.
Zoom/2nd Floor Circle of Friends Community Room
Rapid City, South Dakota**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kip Harrington, Kelly Brennan and Jessica Olson – Rapid City Department of Community Development, Megan Gould – Rapid Transit System, Matt Layman – Rapid City Public Works Department, Lauralee Patton – City of Box Elder Planning Department, Tonya Vig – Meade County Planning, Brian Bishop - Rapid City Regional Airport, Stacy Bartlett and Mike Carlson – South Dakota Department of Transportation, Jack Dokken – South Dakota Department of Air, Rail and Transit, Christian Morgan – Meade County Citizen Appointee, Laura Armstrong, Gerry Eick, Gary Wietgreffe– Citizen Interest Members

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sara Odden and Jesse Rieb – Rapid City Public Works Department, Bruce Martin – City of Box Elder, Jack Dokken – South Dakota Department of Air, Rail and Transit, Roger Gallimore – Meade County Citizen Appointee, Pat West – Meade County Sheriff's Department, Sean Smith and Joseph Miller – Pennington County Highway, Coy Sasse – Rapid City School District, Troy Eastman– Meade County Highway Department, Chris Hislip – Pennington County Sheriff's Office, Mayor Phil Anderson – City of Piedmont, Brett Burditt – Meade County School District, Devin McCloskey/Colby Larson - Ellsworth Air Force Base, Kelvin Masur – Rapid City Police Department, Robert Connell – City of Box Elder Police Department, Mayor Michael Kitzmiller – City of Summerset, Kevin Case – Douglas School District, Britney Hand – Pennington County Planning Department, Amy Mikulak and Bob Burns – Citizen Interest Member

OTHERS PRESENT: Melissa Bloomberg – Rapid City Department of Community Development, Steve Gram and Terri Geigle – South Dakota Department of Transportation and Anne Dunckel

Chairman Harrington called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Meeting quorum was met.

General Public Comment

Wietgreffe made comments on coordination of bicycle, pedestrian and e-transport routes and lack of public transportation access from North Rapid to voting locations.

Business

Eick moved, Armstrong seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2026 Technical and Citizens Committee meeting.

26TP025 – Approve the 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program – Final Report. Each year the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is required to develop the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This is a four-year priority list and financial plan for highway, transit and intermodal projects. The TIP is intended to

serve as a fiscal management tool to assist state and local agencies in matching transportation needs with resources. The TIP development, review, and approval process includes participation from affected public agencies, citizens' groups, private transportation providers and representatives from various transportation entities. Harrington reviewed this report. Discussion ensued regarding page six funding split over the four years.

Armstrong moved, Carlson seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program – Final Report.

26TP026 – Approve the 2027 Rapid City Area MPO Meeting Dates and Location. Harrington reviewed the 2026 rapid City Area MPO Meeting Dates and Locations.

No action was taken at this time.

26TP027 – Approve the 2027 Unified Planning Work Program – Draft Report. Brennan reviewed the 2027 Unified Planning Work Program. This document includes the annual activities, planning studies, and products to be developed by the Metropolitan Planning Organization for 2027. The Unified Planning Work Program also identifies funding and staffing for conducting these tasks.

Eick moved, Gould seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2027 Unified Planning Work Program – Draft Report.

26TP028 – Approve the Railyard Relocation and Railway Configuration Study – Final Report. In 2022, The Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization conducted the Cambell Street Structure Study, in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration, the South Dakota Department of Transportation, the Rapid City, Pierre and Eastern Railroad, and the City of Rapid City. Based on the recommendations from that study, the Railyard Relocation and Railway Configuration Study is currently in progress. The objective of this study is to investigate the effectiveness and feasibility of relocating the current Rapid City, Pierre & Eastern (RCP&E) railyard to an alternate location. A significant focus is also placed on identifying a more efficient rail network configuration for the region. This analysis is being undertaken with the goal of finding an alternative that addresses community concerns, alleviates the need to replace the Cambell Street structure, considers efficient, effective rail operations, and supports the orderly growth of the region.

Eick moved, Armstrong seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve continue this item until the September 17, 2026 MPO meeting to allow SDDOT time to give additonal comments on this study.

Update on STIP revision policy

Bartlett gave information on the updated State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) revision policy. The new policy only requires a revision if projects are added or deleted and if an increased cost of 20% and \$6 million occurs.

Update on Construction Projects

Harrington and Layman provided information on current Rapid City construction projects. Carlson provided information on the current construction projects within the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization area.

Update on Planning Projects

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.