

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE  
Thursday, February 14, 2019, 1:30 p.m.  
Council Chambers  
City/School Administration Center  
Rapid City, South Dakota**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Deb Hadcock – Pennington County Commissioner, Ken Young via proxy for Steve Allender – Mayor of Rapid City, Amanda Scott – Rapid City City Council, Richard Leggitt – Meade County Commissioner, Brad Remmich – via proxy for South Dakota Transportation Commission, Patrick Dame – Rapid City Regional Airport, Talbot Wieczorek – Meade County Commissioner, Gary Drewes – Pennington County Commissioner

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jeff Hollinshead – Box Elder City Council, Larry Larson – Mayor of Box Elder

**STAFF PRESENT:** Patsy Horton, Kip Harrington, Kelly Brennan and Melissa Bloomberg – Rapid City Community Development Department

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mark Hoines – Federal Highway Administration, Meredith Greene – Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc.

Vice-Chair Dame called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**General Public Comment**

There was no comment.

**Business**

**Hadcock moved, Remmich seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2018 meeting.**

**19TP006 – Approve the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan – Draft Report.** The Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan identifies the gaps and needs in transportation related to persons with disabilities, seniors, and individuals with low income. This plan has been created through coordinated efforts by public transit providers, human service agencies, and key stakeholders, and meets the requirements of Section 5310 / Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST) which requires a locally developed, coordinated public transit – human services transportation plan for federal transportation funding. Participation in this plan enables private nonprofit organizations, states or local government authorities, or operators of public transportation to be eligible for Section 5310 funds. Input for this plan came from several sources, including human service agencies, transit providers, senior center representatives, non-profit organizations, public meetings, online surveys, and the Study Advisory Team. Meredith Greene from Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc. gave a presentation on the draft report.

**Young moved, Remmich seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan – Draft Report.**

**19TP001 – Approve the 2019 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment #19-02.** Harrington reviewed the 2019 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment #19-02 that adds funding for the SD44/Omaha Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Street Pedestrian Crossing Study and to carry over the funding to complete the Meade County Corridor Study from Erickson Ranch Road to 143<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, the East Rapid City Traffic and Corridor Analysis Study, and the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan. Discussion ensued.

**Scott moved, Young seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2019 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment #19-02.**

**19TP002 – Approve the 2019 Unified Planning Work Program Funding Agreement #311373 Amendment No. 1.** Harrington reviewed the 2019 Unified Planning Work Program Funding Agreement #311373 Amendment No.1 which is an Amendment to the 2019 Unified Planning Work Program to add funding for the SD44/Omaha Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Street Pedestrian Crossing Study and to carry over the funding to complete the Meade County Corridor Study from Erickson Ranch Road to 143<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, the East Rapid City Traffic and Corridor Analysis Study, and the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan. The Federal Highway Administration provides funding at 81.95% and each local entity provides funding at 18.05%.

**Scott moved, Leggitt seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2019 Unified Planning Work Program Funding Agreement #311373 Amendment No. 1.**

**19TP003 – Acknowledge the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization 2018 Traffic Volume Counts Report.** Brennan reviewed the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization 2018 Traffic Volume Counts Report which provides the public and business community with traffic count data to help them make more informed decisions. The following four street segments have volumes of more than 30,000 vehicles per day: West Main Street from Jackson Boulevard to Cross Street, I-90 from I-190 to Haines Avenue, West Main Street from Cross Street to West Street, and Omaha Street from West Boulevard to Mount Rushmore Road. In addition, there are 30 street segments with more than 20,000 vehicles per day, adjusted for seasonal variation.

**Scott moved, Young seconded and motion carried unanimously to acknowledge the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization 2018 Traffic Volume Counts Report.**

**19TP005 – Approve the 2018 Annual Report.** Harrington reviewed the 2018 Annual Report that provides a list of accomplishments along with the associated 2018 Unified Planning Work Program expenditures. Horton provided additional information.

**Scott moved, Remmich seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2018 Annual Report.**

**19TP008 – Approve the Letter of Support for South Dakota Department of Transportation’s INFRA Grant Application.** The South Dakota Department of Transportation is submitting an application to assist with funding the La Crosse Street interchange reconstruction project. The new interchange is estimated at \$12.96 million and is currently scheduled for reconstruction in 2020. Through this USDOT grant program, the SDDOT could receive up to 60% of the project cost. The MPO’s support may enhance SDDOT’s potential to receive this grant. Harrington reviewed the letter of support. Remmich provided additional information.

**Scott moved, Remmich seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Letter of Support for South Dakota Department of Transportation’s INFRA Grant Application.**

**Update on Construction Projects**

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

**Update on Planning Projects**

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

**Committee Introductions.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.