

**MINUTES
OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
Thursday, May 16, 2019, 1:30 p.m.
Council Chambers
City/School Administration Center
Rapid City, South Dakota**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ken Young via proxy for Steve Allender – Mayor of Rapid City, Becky Drury via proxy for Amanda Scott – Rapid City City Council, Richard Liggett – Meade County Commissioner, Brad Remmich – via proxy for South Dakota Transportation Commission, Patrick Dame – Rapid City Regional Airport, Talbot Wieczorek – Meade County Commissioner, Larry Larson – Mayor of Box Elder,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeff Hollinshead – Box Elder City Council, Deb Hadcock – Pennington County Commissioner, Gary Drewes – Pennington County Commissioner

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Hoines – Federal Highway Administration, Steve Grabill – KLJ, Inc.

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

General Public Comment

There was no comment.

Business

Larson moved, Remmich seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the February 14, 2019 meeting.

19TP013 – Approve the East Rapid City Traffic and Corridor Analysis Study – Draft Report. East North Street, Omaha Street/Highway 44, and Cambell Street form the backbone of Rapid City’s east side arterial road network. Their ability to carry high levels of traffic is vitally important to the city for reasons of safety, mobility, development potential, and quality of life. Recent and continued growth in Rapid City has brought new development to northeast Rapid City, bringing challenges and opportunities for this portion of the city’s transportation network. Increased development has resulted in localized growth, and with it increased traffic, leading to congestion, safety issues, and multimodal needs along these key corridors. The Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), in conjunction with the South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) and the City of Rapid City, has undertaken the East Rapid City Traffic and Corridor Analysis Study to complete the data collection, analysis, alternatives development, and recommendations for potential infrastructure improvements along these corridors, and along existing and future corridors within the study area. Steve

Grabill from KLJ, Inc. gave a presentation on the Draft Report. Harrington provided additional information. Discussion ensued.

Young moved, Remmich seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the East Rapid City Traffic and Corridor Analysis Study – Draft Report.

19TP007 – Acknowledge the 2016 – 2018 Socio-economic Report. Brennan reviewed the 2016 – 2018 Socio-economic Report that is compiled using building permit data issued between 2016 and 2018. The data provides regional growth information for single family residential, multi-family residential, retail, industrial, public, and office/service uses and represents new buildings as well as demolitions. The report includes 2016, 2017, and 2018 growth numbers as well as the 2016-2018 combined growth numbers for comparison of the past three years by neighborhood area.

Larson moved, Remmich seconded and motion carried unanimously to acknowledge the 2016 – 2018 Socio-economic Report.

19TP009 – Approve the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan – Final Report. Brennan reviewed the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan – Final Report which 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.

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

19TP011 – Approve the Section 5310 Award Recommendation. Brennan reviewed the Section 5310 Award Recommendation. The Section 5310 Award provide capital assistance to transportation providers for elderly persons and/or persons with disabilities. The Rapid City Area MPO solicited applications from entities throughout the region regarding assistance with vehicles and/or operating costs. Funding is provided as an 80/20 split for capital costs and as a 50/50 split for operating costs. Two organizations submitted applications for review. A scoring committee was compiled consisting of City staff and MPO representatives. The scoring committee recommends granting \$130,000 to Black Hills Works for two transit style buses. Discussion ensued.

Young moved, Larson seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Section 5310 Award Recommendation.

Update on Construction Projects

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

Election of Chair

Dame opened the nominations for Chair and Vice Chair.

Remmich moved, Young seconded and motion carried unanimously to elect Larson as Chair.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.