

**MINUTES
OF THE
TECHNICAL AND CITIZENS COMMITTEE
Thursday, September 17, 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, Sara Odden and Roger Hall – Rapid City Public Works Department, Jack Dokken – South Dakota Department of Air, Rail and Transit, Lauralee Patton – City of Box Elder Planning Department, Tonya Vig – Meade County Planning, Brian Bishop - Rapid City Regional Airport, Steve Gramm – South Dakota Department of Transportation, Laura Armstrong, Bob Burns and Gary Wietgreffe– Citizen Interest Members

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mike Carlson – South Dakota Department of Transportation, Jesse Rieb – Rapid City Public Works Department, Bruce Martin – City of Box Elder, Roger Gallimore and Christian Morgan – 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, and Amy Mikulak – Citizen Interest Member

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

Chairman Harrington called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Meeting quorum was met.

General Public Comment

Burns made a comment about the completion timeline of I-90 Exit 46.

Business

Olson moved, Layman seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2026 Technical and Citizens Committee meeting.

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. Harrington reviewed this Final Report. Discussion ensued regarding possible congestion in other roadways with the Railyard Relocation.

Wietgreffe moved, Hall seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Railyard Relocation and Railway Configuration Study – Final Report.

26TP029 – Approve the 2027 Unified Planning Work Program – Final 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.

Odden moved, Gramm seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2027 Unified Planning Work Program – Final Report.

Update on Construction Projects

Odden and Hall provided information on current Rapid City construction projects. Gramm provided some information on the I-90 Exit 46 construction.

Update on Planning Projects

Harrington and Brennan provided information on the current planning projects within the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization area. Gramm provided information on the Major Investment Study upcoming Public Meetings.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30a.m.