

**MINUTES
OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
Thursday, September 17, 2026, 1:30 p.m.
Zoom/2nd Floor Circle of Friends Community Room
Rapid City, South Dakota**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Larson – Mayor of Box Elder, Talbot Wieczorek and Richard Liggett – Meade County Commission, Jafar Karim – South Dakota Transportation Commission, Vicki Fisher via proxy for Jason Salamun – Mayor of Rapid City, Dr. Stephen Tamang and Callie Meyer – Rapid City Council, and Patrick Dame – Rapid City Regional Airport

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ron Wiefenbach and Ron Rossknecht – Pennington County Commission and Michael Knight – Box Elder City Council

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Gramm and Mike Carlson – South Dakota Department of Transportation

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

Meeting quorum was met.

General Public Comment

No General Public Comment.

Business

Wieczorek moved, Fisher seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the September 17, 2026 Executive Policy Committee agenda.

Wieczorek moved, Fisher seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2026 Executive Policy Committee.

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.

Dame moved, Wieczorek 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. Discussion ensued regarding the Downtown Bicycle Parking Site Identification Project.

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

Update on Construction Projects

Harrington 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 and Brennan 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 1:49 p.m.