

**MINUTES
OF THE
TECHNICAL AND CITIZENS COMMITTEE
Thursday, December 12, 2024 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, Sarah Gilkerson and Mike Carlson – South Dakota Department of Transportation, Sara Odden and Jesse Rieb – Rapid City Public Works Department, Megan Gould-Stabile – Rapid Transit System, Bruce Martin – City of Box Elder, Monte Meier – South Dakota Department of Air, Rail and Transit, Roger Gallimore – Meade County Citizen Appointee and Gary Weitgreffe – Citizen Interest

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tonya Vig – Meade County Planning, Matt Layman – Rapid City Public Works Department, Troy Eastman – Meade County Highway, Mayor Phil Anderson – City of Piedmont, Chris Hislip – Pennington County Sheriff’s Office, Joseph Miller – Pennington County Highway, Brett Burditt – Meade County School District, Coy Sasse – Rapid City School District, Devin McCloskey/Colby Larson - Ellsworth Air Force Base, Jeff McCoy – Rapid City Police Department, Robert Connell – City of Box Elder Police Department, Lauralee Patton – City of Box Elder Planning Department, Mayor Michael Kitzmiller – City of Summerset, Kevin Case – Douglas School District, Eric Radke – Pennington County Highway, Pat West – Meade County Sheriff’s Department, Britney Molitor – Pennington County Planning Department, Rapid City Regional Airport, Lynn Kendall – Meade County Citizen Appointee and Bob Burns – Citizen Interest

OTHERS PRESENT: Melissa Bloomberg – Rapid City Department of Community Development, Greg Heitmann – Federal Highway Administration, Dustin Witt – South Dakota Department of Transportation and John Forman – Ulteig Engineering

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

Meeting quorum was met.

General Public Comment

No Public Comment

Odden moved, Gilkerson seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the December 12, 2024 Technical and Citizens Committee agenda with changes.

Business

Gallimore moved, Odden seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2024 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting.

24TP044 – Approve the 2024 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects. Each year the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is required to develop the Annual Listing of Obligated Transportation Projects identifying the status of the transportation projects shown in the Transportation Improvement Program for fiscal year 2024. Harrington reviewed the 2024 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects. Discussion ensued

with an update to the Interstate Maintenance Projects for item 0.11.

Carlson moved, Weitgrefe seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2024 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects with corrections to item 0.11.

24TP045 – Approve the 2025 Transportation Products and Due Dates. Harrington reviewed the 2024 Transportation Products and Due Dates which provides product dates as a workflow guideline for year 2024. The Committee discussed correcting the Election of Officers to be moved to the February Due Dates.

Weitgrefe moved, Rieb seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2025 Transportation Products and Due Dates with corrections.

24TP046 – Approve the Title VI/Non-Discrimination Assurances. Each year, the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is required to complete Title VI/Non-Discrimination Assurances to ensure compliance with the non-discrimination provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Assurances provide confirmation that all requirements of the Federal Aid Highway Program are addressed. Harrington reviewed this document. Discussion ensued regarding Appendix B.

Meier moved, Odden seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Title VI/Non-Discrimination Assurances.

24TP048 – Approve the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #25-001. This Amendment adds funding in the Miscellaneous category for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan planning grant and the Comprehensive Downtown Railroad Safety Solutions Discretionary RAISE Grant funding. The SS4A grant total is \$200,000 (Local= \$40,000, Federal= \$160,000) and the RAISE grant total is \$1,100,000 (100% Federal funds). Harrington reviewed this TIP Amendment.

Gallimore moved, Gilkerson seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #25-001.

24TP049 – Approve the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #25-002. This Amendment adds funding in the Miscellaneous category to conduct a Regional Operations Forum in 2025 at a cost of \$104,000.00 (100% Federal funding). Harrington reviewed this TIP Amendment.

Gallimore moved, Carlson seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #25-002.

24TP050 – Approve the Letter of Support for the SDDOT Skyline Drive Scenic Byway Grant Application. The City of Rapid City is seeking NSBP Grant Program funding for the Skyline Drive Scenic Byway Safety Improvement and Cultural Preservation Project. Skyline Drive is classified as a collector street in the Rapid City Major Street Plan. It provides access to residences, critical communication towers, and recreational trails, turnouts, and parks that are enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. Reconstruction of the roadway is a priority for the MPO and the City of Rapid City. A letter

of support from the Metropolitan Planning Organization may assist in the grant application process. Harrington reviewed this letter of support.

Gilkerson moved, Gould-Stabile seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Letter of Support for the SDDOT Skyline Drive Scenic Byway Grant Application.

24TP051 – Approve the Letter of Support for the City of Rapid City’s Country Road RAISE Grant Application. The City of Rapid City is seeking RAISE Grant Program funding for the Country Road Reconstruction Project. Country Road does not currently meet City street standards, and is in poor condition. Additionally, Country Road lacks bicycle and pedestrian facilities, drainage, and safety infrastructure. A letter of support from the Metropolitan Planning Organization may assist in the grant application process. Harrington reviewed this letter of support.

Gallimore moved, Odden seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Letter of Support for the City of Rapid City’s Country Road RAISE Grant Application.

24TP052 – Approve the Letter of Support for the City of Rapid City’s Eglin Street RAISE Grant Program Application. The City of Rapid City is seeking RAISE Grant Program funding for reconstruction and improvement to Eglin Street from East North Street to North Lacrosse Street. Eglin Street is a collector street that provides access to the Rushmore Crossing Shopping Center, the largest regional shopping center in Rapid City. Rapid population growth in Rapid City and surrounding communities since Eglin Street’s original construction has caused traffic congestion along the roadway to increase significantly. The three-lane street struggles to support traffic flow efficiently, and safety for travelers is likely to decrease unless intersections are improved and the corridor itself is widened with additional lanes. A letter of support from the Metropolitan Planning Organization may assist in the grant application process. Harrington reviewed this letter of support.

Odden moved, Carlson seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Letter of Support for the City of Rapid City’s Eglin Street RAISE Grant Program Application.

Appointments to the Technical and Citizens Committee (TACC). Harrington advised the TACC that two appointments are on the Executive Policy Committee Agenda for approval.

Election of Officers will be moved to the February 20, 2025 TACC Meeting.

Strategic Highway Safety Plan Presentation

Dustin Witt, Highway Safety Engineer for SDDOT gave this presentation.

Update on Construction Projects

Odden 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

Brennen and 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 11:07 a.m.