

**MINUTES
OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
Thursday, August 21, 2025, 1:30 p.m.
Zoom/2nd Floor Circle of Friends Community Room
Rapid City, South Dakota**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Larson – Mayor of Box Elder, Jafar Karim – South Dakota Transportation Commission, Vicki Fisher via proxy for Jason Salamun – Mayor of Rapid City, Rod Pettigrew and Bill Evans – Rapid City City Council, Talbot Wieczorek and Richard Liggett – Meade County Commission, and Ron Weifenbach and Jerry Derr – Pennington County Commission

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Knight – Box Elder City Council, Patrick Dame – Rapid City Regional Airport, Deb Hadcock – Penning County Commission.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Carlson and Sarah Gilkerson– South Dakota Department of Transportation

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Meeting quorum was met.

General Public Comment

No Public Comment

Business

Liggett moved, Evans seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the August 21, 2025 Executive Policy Committee agenda.

Liggett moved, Evans seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the August 21, 2025 Technical and Citizens Committee meeting.

Fisher entered the meeting.

25TP017 – Approve the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program – Final Report. Each year the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is required to develop the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This is a four-year priority list and financial plan for highway, transit and intermodal projects. The TIP is intended to serve as a fiscal management tool to assist state and local agencies in matching transportation needs with resources. The TIP development, review, and approval process includes participation from affected public agencies, citizens' groups, private transportation providers and representatives from various transportation entities. Harrington reviewed this final report.

Liggett moved, Evans seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program – Final Report.

25TP018 – Approve the 2026 Rapid City Area MPO Meeting Dates and Location. Harrington reviewed the 2026 rapid City Area MPO Meeting Dates and Locations.

Fisher moved, Liggett seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2026 Rapid City Area MPO Meeting Dates and Location.

Weifenbach and Wieczorek entered the meeting.

25TP019 – Approve the Rapid TRIP 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan – Final Report. Rapid TRIP 2050 is the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan (formerly known as the Long Range Transportation Plan) and is developed to guide transportation planning activities and transportation facility development for the next 25 years. The goal of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan is to plan an efficient intermodal transportation system which maximizes the movement of goods and people, and minimizes hazards, costs, energy consumption, and pollution. This document is a requirement of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST), and must be updated every 5 years. The Long Range Transportation Plan for the Rapid City Area was last updated in August 2020. This Rapid City Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan consists of two components. The first component is comprised of the 25-year traffic forecasts for the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Study Area used to identify future transportation needs. The second component is the development of the actual planning and prioritization elements within the Metropolitan Transportation Plan to satisfy those future needs. Harrington reviewed this final report. Discussion ensued regarding Meade County data.

Pettigrew moved, Fisher seconded and motion carried to approve the Rapid TRIP 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan – Final Report, with Wieczorek voting no and Liggett abstaining.

Pettigrew moved, Fisher seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve Evans as the Vice-Chair for the Executive Policy Committee.

Update on Construction Projects

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

Update on Planning Projects

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m.