

**MINUTES
OF THE
TECHNICAL AND CITIZENS COMMITTEE
Thursday, June 12, 2025 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, Matt Layman and Jesse Rieb – Rapid City Public Works Department, Lauralee Patton – City of Box Elder Planning Department, Sarah Gilkerson and Mike Carlson – South Dakota Department of Transportation, Megan Gould-Stabile – Rapid Transit System, Bob Burns, Gary Weitgreffe, Gerry Eick, and Amy Richie – Citizen Interest members, Jack Dokken – South Dakota Department of Air, Rail and Transit

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sara Odden – Rapid City Public Works Department, Pat West – Meade County Sheriff's Department, Roger Gallimore and Lynn Kendall – Meade County Citizen Appointees, Laura Armstrong – Citizen Interest member, Eric Radke – Pennington County Highway, Bruce Martin – City of Box Elder, Troy Eastman and Joseph Miller – Meade County Highway Department, Tonya Vig – Meade County Planning, Monte Meier – South Dakota Department of Air, Rail and Transit, Mayor Phil Anderson – City of Piedmont, Chris Hislip – Pennington County Sheriff's Office, Brett Burditt – Meade County School District, Brian Bishop - Rapid City Regional Airport 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, Mayor Michael Kitzmiller – City of Summerset, Kevin Case – Douglas School District, and Britney Molitor – Pennington County Planning Department

OTHERS PRESENT: Melissa Bloomberg – Rapid City Department of Community Development, Dustin Hamilton and Jeremy Williams – HDR, Inc. Gregg Yoell – FHU, Larry Dean and Jess Marlow – South Dakota Department of Transportation

Chairman Harrington called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting quorum was met.

General Public Comment

No Public Comment

Introductions of the Technical and Citizen Committee and others in attendance.

Business

Eick moved, Olson seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2025 Technical and Citizens Committee meeting.

25TP010 – Approve the Coordinated Public Transit – Human services Transportation Action Plan. The Statewide Coordinated Public Transit - Human Services Transportation Plan was approved in July 2024 and identifies the gaps and needs in transportation related to persons with disabilities, seniors and individuals with

low incomes. The plan provides strategies to address these gaps and needs, followed by priorities for implementing these strategies. An inventory of participating transportation providers was also provided. Agencies interested in receiving federal funds to help pay for vehicles, such as buses or vans, participated in this Statewide, Coordinated Public Transit - Human Services Transportation Plan. This Action Plan Update identifies past goals, successes, coordination with other agencies, and newly set goals. The Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Action Plan is updated annually to continue to address goals and any other changes to the plan. Brennan reviewed this plan. Discussion ensued regarding outcomes on Development and coordination with Rapid City Area Schools and Rural American Initiatives.

Gilkerson moved, Rieb seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Action Plan Annual Update.

Gould- Stabile entered the meeting.

25TP011 – Approve the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program – Draft 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 draft report. Discussion ensued on funding variations between years.

Carlson moved, Layman seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program – Draft Report.

25TP012 – Approve the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Self Certification. Each year the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is required to demonstrate and resolve that its transportation planning process is addressing the major issues in the metropolitan planning area and that the process is conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements of the Self Certification Process (23 C.F.R. 450.334). Harrington reviewed the Self Certification.

Olson moved, Eick seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Self Certification.

25TP013 – Approve the Letter of Support for the City of Rapid City’s FY25 SS4A Supplemental Planning and Demonstration Grant Application. The City of Rapid City is applying for a FY25 SS4A Supplemental Planning and Demonstration Grant application to create a city-wide ADA Transition Plan, test new technologies for signal preemption for EMS, and complete road safety audits. These projects align with the initiatives being identified in the Safety Action Plan the City is developing. The City of Rapid City is currently utilizing a SS4A Planning Grant to develop a Safety Action Plan that will provide the City clear direction on implementing innovative, evidence-based,

low-cost, high-impact strategies to reduce the number of fatalities and serious injuries on our roadways. The three supplemental planning and demonstration activities listed above will only enhance the usefulness and feasibility of the City's action plan and its roadway safety initiatives. Harrington reviewed this grant application.

Olson moved, Eick seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Letter of Support for the City of Rapid City's FY25 SS4A Supplemental Planning and Demonstration Grant Application.

25TP014 – Approve the Letter of Support for the City of rapid City's FY25 5339(b) Small Urban Vehicle Procurement for Replacement of Two (2) Fixed-Route Buses Grant Application. The City of Rapid City is applying for a FY25 Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program grant application to replace two fixed-route buses for its Rapid Transit System. The City of Rapid City's Rapid Transit System (RTS) has been providing local residents and visitors with a safe and reliable public transportation service for more than 30 years. As the population of Rapid City continues to expand, along with increasing tourism, more demand is placed on the existing transportation system. Just last year, RTS counted 254,305 fixed-route trips; 61,168 of those were students using the "Youth Ride Free" program. Rapid Transit System currently has 13 buses for its six fixed routes. Six of these buses operate in peak service and throughout the day, with one used as a spare. All have met their 10-year useful life. The replacement of two buses will greatly improve the safety and reliability of RTS's fixed-route service. Harrington reviewed this grant application. Gould-Stabile provided additional information. Discussion ensued on lifetime of vehicles and the replacement schedule.

Carlson moved, Gilkerson seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Letter of Support for the City of Rapid City's FY25 5339 (b) Small Urban Vehicle Procurement for Replacement of Two (2) Fixed-Route Buses Grant Application.

25TP015 – Acknowledge the Rapid Transit System Agency Safety Plan – Safety Performance Targets. The Federal Transit Administration requires Rapid Transit System develop a Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) that includes the processes and procedures to implement a Safety Management System. As part of the Plan requirements, Rapid Transit System provides safety performance targets to the MPO. The safety Performance Targets can be found on page four of the PTASP. Harrington reviewed these Performance targets. Gould-Stabile provided additional information.

No action was taken on this item.

25TP016 – Approve the Rapid TRIP 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan – Draft 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. Dustin Hamilton and Jeremy Williams of HDR, Inc. provided a presentation on the Draft Report. Discussion ensued regarding including electric bikes in the plan.

Olson moved, Gould-Stabile seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Rapid TRIP 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan – Draft Report.

Presentation on the FHWA Urbanized Area Update

Larry Dean from SDDOT provided an update on the FHWA Urbanized Area.

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

Brennan 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 11:15 a.m.