

**MINUTES
OF THE
TECHNICAL AND CITIZENS COMMITTEE
Thursday, October 16, 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 Sara Odden – Rapid City Public Works Department, Brian Bishop - Rapid City Regional Airport, Bruce Martin – City of Box Elder, Sarah Gilkerson and Steve Palmer – South Dakota Department of Transportation, Bob Burns, Laura Armstrong, Gary Wietgreffe, and Gerry Eick – Citizen Interest members

MEMBERS ABSENT: Roger Gallimore and Lynn Kendall – Meade County Citizen Appointee, Megan Gould – Rapid Transit System Lauralee Patton – City of Box Elder Planning Department, Pat West – Meade County Sheriff’s Department, Sean Smith – Pennington County Highway, Coy Sasse – Rapid City School District, Troy Eastman and Joseph Miller – Meade County Highway Department, Jesse Rieb – Rapid City Public Works Department, Tonya Vig – Meade County Planning, Amy Richie – Citizen Interest member, 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, 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, and Britney Molitor – Pennington County Planning Department

OTHERS PRESENT: Melissa Bloomberg – Rapid City Department of Community Development, John Forman – Ulteig, and Michael Calabrese - Citizen

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

Meeting quorum was met.

General Public Comment

Burns notified the Committee that Simon is opening a 300-acre gravel pit next to Exit 46 in August 2026. Wietgreffe advised of the safety concerns for pedestrian and bicycle travel along Deadwood Avenue.

Business

Eick moved, Gilkerson seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2025 Technical and Citizens Committee meeting.

25TP022 – Approve the 2026 Unified Planning Work Program – Final Report. The 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) includes the annual activities, planning studies, and products to be developed by the Metropolitan Planning Organization for 2026. The Unified Planning Work Program also identifies funding and staffing for conducting these tasks. Brennan reviewed the UPWP and the two studies that were voted on to pursue for the allocated funding with the UPWP for 2026.

Armstrong moved, Burns seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2026 Unified Planning Work Program – Final Report.

25TP023 – Approve the Agreement between the City of Rapid City and the South Dakota Department of Transportation for accomplishing the Rapid City Area Transportation Planning Process in the amount of \$709,687. This agreement provides federal transportation planning funds in the amount of \$709,687 to conduct activities identified in the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s 2025 Unified Planning Work Program. The local match from member agencies totals \$156,313. This agreement authorizes the reimbursement of funds for the City of Rapid City’s work identified in the 2026 Unified Planning Work Program through the Transportation Planning Budget (706). This includes eligible activities performed by Community Development and Public Works staff.

Gilkerson moved, Layman seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Agreement between the City of Rapid City and the South Dakota Department of Transportation for accomplishing the Rapid City Area Transportation Planning Process in the amount of \$709,687

25TP024 – Approve the 2025 Rapid City Comprehensive Plan – Final Report. The Comprehensive Plan serves as the official policy document guiding community development in Rapid City, and will be used to shape the future of our community by reflecting the shared vision of residents. The Comprehensive Plan was developed in conformance with Chapter 11-6 of South Dakota Codified Laws, which regulates the minimum requirements of comprehensive plans. These requirements ensure transparency, community input, and formal adoption procedures in the formation of the Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan was made with the purpose of guiding and accomplishing a coordinated, adjusted, and harmonious development of the municipality, which will, in accordance with existing and future needs, best promote health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity or the general welfare, as well as efficiency and economy in the process of development.

Wietgreffe moved, Armstrong seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2025 Rapid City Comprehensive Plan – Final Report

Update on Construction Projects

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

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 10:34 a.m.