

**MINUTES
OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
Thursday, July 9, 2009; 1:30 p.m.
1st Floor Community Room
City/School Administration Center
Rapid City, South Dakota**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Al Dial – City of Box Elder, Bob Mallow – Meade County Commissioner, Jerry Shoener – South Dakota Transportation Commission, Lloyd LaCroix – Rapid City City Council, Mayor Alan Hanks – City of Rapid City, Alan Aker – Meade County Commissioner and Ethan Schmidt – Pennington County Commissioner

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Hoines – Federal Highway Administration, Brad Remmich and Dan Staton – South Dakota Department of Transportation, Monica Heller, Marcia Elkins and Jeanne Nicholson – Rapid City Growth Management Department

Chairman Dial called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 18, 2009 MEETING

Mallow moved, Mayor Hanks seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2009 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Construction Updates

Staton reported that the westbound lanes at Exit 52 are completed, that work is being done on the railroad tunnel and that work continues on the service road from Summerset to Black Hawk. He added that normal traffic flow in this area should be available by the end of July. He added that after the Sturgis Rally, work will start on the eastbound lanes. He also reported that the South Dakota East Highway 44 paving project from Scenic to Conata Basin Road continues and should be completed by the end of July. Staton stated that the mainline paving of the eastbound lanes at Exit 30 has been completed and that work continues on the shoulders and the bridges with normal traffic flow being available during the Sturgis Rally. He also reported that concrete repair work is being done on Omaha Street between East Boulevard and LaCrosse Street with crews working at night and that the project should be completed next week. He noted that the Americans with Disabilities Act improvements being done at the intersection of Saint Patrick Street and Mount Rushmore Road should be completed before the Sturgis Rally.

Alan Aker entered the meeting at this time.

Mallow advised that he has been contacted by the Bank about traffic on Mill Road turning and cutting across the bank parking lot. Staton advised that he would follow up on this and report back to the Committee.

In response to a comment from Shoener about a left turn signal at the off ramp on Exit 52, Staton advised that he would follow up on this issue and report back to the Committee.

In response to Mayor Dial's comment about the light signal timing at Exit 61, Staton advised that a timing adjustment should have been made at this location.

Ethan Schmidt entered the meeting at this time.

Remmich advised that the Reservoir Road project was bid and that the contract should be awarded and that dirt work will be starting shortly. A brief discussion followed.

Study Updates

Heller informed the Committee that an Open House was held on July 8, 2009 for the Chapel Valley Access and Route Alignment Study with approximately 100 people in attendance. She briefly reviewed the alternative secondary access routes. She noted that the next step will be to analyze the proposed secondary access routes and that another Open House should be held in October or November.

Heller briefly reviewed the results of the Resident Survey that was online for the Long Range Transportation Plan. She added that the survey results will be posted online.

NEW BUSINESS

Request Approval of the 2010-2014 Transportation Improvement Program – Draft Report

Shoener moved to approve the 2010-2014 Transportation Improvement Program – Draft Report. The motion was seconded by Aker.

Heller briefly reviewed the major roadway projects for the Rapid City area. She reminded the Committee that the State Transportation Improvement Program meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ramkota.

The motion to approve the 2010-2014 Transportation Improvement Program – Draft Report carried unanimously.

Request Approval of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Self Certification

Heller informed the Committee that the Self Certification is part of the Transportation Improvement Program and that it certifies that the Metropolitan Planning Organization is meeting all Federal and State requirements.

Mayor Hanks moved, Mallow seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Metropolitan Planning Organization Self-Certification.

Request Acknowledgement of the 2002–2008 Pedestrian/Bicyclist Crash Report

Heller briefly reviewed the statistics for the age of pedestrians and bicyclists in crashes, turning vehicle crashes and dart/dash crashes. She noted that this report is being provided to the Committee as an informational item.

Aker moved, Shoener seconded and motion carried unanimously to acknowledge receipt of the 2002-2008 Pedestrian/Bicyclist Crash Report.

Request Approval of the Scope of Work with KLJ Engineering for Old Highway 14/16 Safety Study (Box Elder)

Heller advised that this study is being done to review short term fixes for Old Highway 14/16. She added that the increased residential development, the railroad crossing and the location of the service road have raised safety concerns. She added that the City of Box Elder will be providing the match for this study.

Shoener moved, Aker seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Scope of Work with KLJ Engineering for Old Highway 14/16 Safety Study (Box Elder).

Request Approval of the Citizens' Advisory Committee, Technical Coordinating Committee and Executive Policy Committee Bylaw Amendments – Final Report and Approval of Operations Plan – Final Report

Heller requested the Committee to continue the Bylaw Amendments and the Operations Plan to the August 20, 2009 meeting so that the approved Transportation Improvement Program Revision Process and Guidelines can be incorporated into the Operations Plan as requested by the Federal Transit Administration.

A discussion followed regarding Summerset membership on the Metropolitan Planning Organization committees.

Mayor Dial moved, Mallow seconded and motion carried unanimously to add two members to the Technical Coordinating Committee for representatives from the City of Summerset.

Mayor Hanks moved, Shoener seconded and motion carried unanimously to continue the Citizens' Advisory Committee, Technical Coordinating Committee and Executive Policy Committee Bylaw Amendments – Final Report and the Operations Plan – Final Report to the August 20, 2009 meeting.

Request Approval of Transportation Improvement Program Revision Process and Guidelines

Heller advised that the issues with the Transportation Improvement Program Revision Process and Guidelines have been resolved and requested the Committee to approve the process and guidelines.

Mayor Dial moved to approve the Transportation Improvement Program Revision Process and Guidelines. The motion was seconded by Aker.

A brief discussion followed.

Mayor Dial withdrew his motion.

Shoener moved, Mayor Hanks seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Transportation Improvement Program Revision Process and Guidelines.

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Heller advised that the Legislature Summer Study Committee will be meeting on August 19 and 20, 2009 to further look at long term highway needs. She added that the State would like support from the local governments.

There being no further business, Mallow moved, Aker seconded and motion carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 2:12 p.m.