

**MINUTES
OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
Thursday, November 3, 2005; 1:30 p.m.
Rapid City Public Library
610 Quincy Street
1st Floor, Hoyt Room
Rapid City, South Dakota**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lynn Derby for Mayor Haddenham, Ken Simmons for Mason Short, Marcia Elkins for Mayor Shaw, Bob Mallow, Tom Johnson, Ken Davis, Mark Kirkeby and Mike Kenton

OTHERS PRESENT: John Less, Jeanne Nicholson, Mark Hoines, Monica Heller, Terry Keller, Laurel Selken, Steve Gramm and Larry Dean

PUBLIC INPUT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2005

Mallow moved, Kirkeby seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2005 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Construction Updates

Heller advised that the west bound ramp at Exit 60 should be open in December and that the interchange should be completed prior to the rally in 2006. She added that the Southeast Connector is open and that the remaining work should be completed before the end of the year. She noted that the Cambell Street project should be completed in October, 2006.

In response to Kirkeby's question regarding the Elk Vale bridge over SD Highway 44, Heller advised that the South Dakota Department of Transportation is considering whether or not to remove the bridge. She added that it is structurally deficient and that rehabilitation is an issue.

Study Updates

Elkins advised that the Long Range Transportation Plan is completed.

NEW BUSINESS

Contract Extension for the Southeast Connector Neighborhood Area Future Land Use Plan (No cost, time extension only)

Elkins informed the committee that the Future Land Use Planner position is currently vacant and therefore, staff is requesting that this contract be extended until December 31, 2006.

Johnson moved, Simmons seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Contract Extension for the Southeast Connector Neighborhood Area Future Land Use Plan to December 31, 2006.

Resolution approving the South Dakota Department of Transportation Proposed Functional Classification of Roadways within the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Boundary

Elkins clarified that the Functional Classification Map is used for funding purposes and does not match the Major Street Plan which is used primarily for development.

Simmons moved, Kenton seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Resolution approving the South Dakota Department of Transportation Proposed Functional Classification of Roadways within the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Boundary.

2006-2010 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #6-001

Elkins advised that Rapid Transit originally requested to purchase six larger buses over a three year period and are now requesting to purchase six smaller buses in 2006. She added that no additional money is being requested but funding from 2007 and 2008 will be moved into 2006.

Simmons moved, Mallow seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2006-2010 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #6-001.

2006-2010 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #6-002

Elkins stated that the South Dakota Department of Transportation is requesting to resurface Beale Street and Dyess Avenue in conjunction with the Exit 61 project.

Mallow moved, Johnson seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2006-2010 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #6-002.

Resolution approving changes to the National Highway System

Steve Gramm, South Dakota Department of Transportation, stated that the SDDOT is requesting to move the National Highway System designation that currently exists on Cambell Street to the Southeast Connector. He added that in order for this to happen, the Metropolitan Planning Organization must approve the request.

Kirkeby moved, Simmons seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Resolution approving changes to the National Highway System.

Joint Cooperative Agreement Amendment

Elkins advised that Rapid Transit was previously under the management of the Black Hills Council of Local Governments and that in 2005, Rapid Transit became a division of the Rapid City Public Works Department. She added that Black Hills Council of Local Governments is longer involved in the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Kenton moved, Mallow seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Joint Cooperative Agreement Amendment deleting references to the Black Hills Council of Local Governments.

Operations Plan Update

Elkins explained that the Operations Plan is being changed to address the change in the management of Rapid Transit, the new Highway Bill and staffing.

Simmons moved, Johnson seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Operations Plan Update.

Citizens' Advisory Committee, Technical Coordinating Committee and Executive Policy Committee Bylaw Amendments

Elkins noted that the Bylaws are being amended to reflect the changes in membership and staffing. She noted that the Technical Coordinating Committee recommended changing their Bylaws to reflect that "a majority constitutes a quorum" on page 2, Article II, Section 2 and that

the Pennington County Sheriff's Department, Traffic Division, be identified as Pennington County Sheriff's Office.

Simmons moved, Kenton seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Citizens' Advisory Committee, Technical Coordinating Committee and Executive Policy Committee Bylaw Amendments.

2006 Unified Planning Work Program – Approval of Draft Report

Elkins noted that this is a Draft Report and that the Final Report will be on the December agenda. She briefly reviewed Box Elder's and Meade County's proposed projects. She added that the Citizens' Advisory Committee requested that the Sheridan Lake Road Extension to Deadwood Avenue and the Mt. Rushmore Road Corridor be added to the Scope of Work under Professional Services. She noted that meetings have been held to consider requesting funds from the Department of Defense for some of the Box Elder projects. Elkins stated that this could make funding available for other projects in the Metropolitan Planning Organization area.

Johnson moved, Kirkeby seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2006 Unified Planning Work Program Draft Report.

OTHER

Approve the appointment of two new members to the Citizens' Advisory Committee

Elkins reviewed the letters of interest received from the candidates for the Citizens' Advisory Committee positions. She noted that two positions are currently available.

Kenton moved, Simmons seconded and motion carried unanimously to appoint Dennis Landguth to serve on the Citizens' Advisory Committee.

Kirkeby moved, Johnson seconded and motion carried unanimously to appoint Matthew Fitting to serve on the Citizens' Advisory Committee.

Elkins added that staff will send a letter of regret to the other candidates and that the letter will inform them of a possible upcoming opening on the committee.

Elkins introduced and welcomed John Less, the new Transportation Planning Coordinator.

There being no further business, Simmons moved, Mallow seconded and motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 1:50 p.m.