

**MINUTES
OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
Thursday, September 15, 2005; 1:30 p.m.
1st Floor Community Room
City/School Administration Center
Rapid City, South Dakota**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Kroeger, Bob Mallow, Marcia Elkins for Mayor Shaw, Ken Davis, Curt Nupen, Lynn Derby for Mayor Haddenham and Mason Short

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeanne Nicholson, Mark Hoines, Monica Heller, Terry Keller and June Hansen

PUBLIC INPUT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2005 AND AUGUST 31, 2005

Mallow moved, Short seconded and motion carried to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2005 meeting and the minutes of the August 31, 2005 Teleconference.

OLD BUSINESS

Construction Updates

Heller advised that all projects are on schedule.

Study Updates

No updates were reported.

NEW BUSINESS

Long Range Transportation Plan – Final Report

Elkins advised that the Final Report includes comments received from the South Dakota Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration. Elkins complimented LSA Associates, Inc. for the wonderful job they did on the Long Range Transportation Plan. She briefly addressed the high priority planning activities on pages 113 and 114 to be addressed in the future Long Range Transportation Plan Update. She requested that the committee approve the Long Range Transportation Plan Final Report.

Kroeger moved to approve the Long Range Transportation Plan Final Report. The motion was seconded by Mallow.

Keller advised that the new Highway Bill changed the requirement for the completion of updates to the Long Range Transportation Plan from five years to four years. He encouraged the Metropolitan Planning Organization to start the next update process in a time frame that would insure adequate time to update the Long Range Transportation Plan. He recommended that the process start two years prior to the expiration of the Long Range Transportation Plan.

The motion to approve the Long Range Transportation Plan Final Report carried unanimously.

OTHER

Elkins advised that staff will be working on the 2006 Unified Planning Work Program and reminded the member agencies that they need to get their projects to staff by September 21, 2005 so that they can be incorporated into the document. Nupen expressed his opinion that additional development of 150th Avenue and Antelope Road to the new Ellsworth Air Force Base exit needs to occur. In response to Nupen's comment, Elkins advised that a study could be done of this area using transportation planning funds. She indicated that this study could be a joint effort between Meade County, Pennington County and the City of Box Elder. Elkins added that the agency project requests should include the project description, anticipated cost, local match, local match source and anticipated time frame. Discussion followed and Elkins volunteered to set up a meeting to identify whether there is a planning project associated with the proposed road extension affecting Box Elder, Meade County and Pennington County that could be included in the Unified Planning Work Program.

Davis advised that Pennington County has received approval for Enhancement Funds for drainage improvements and the extension of the bike path in the Rapid Valley area. He asked what will happen to these funds now that Pennington County has decided to put these projects on hold, and if these funds can be transferred to another project. He added that he heard that the Central States Fair was going to receive funding for the extension of the bike path along San Francisco Street and around the fairgrounds. Elkins advised that there are two different issues at the fairgrounds; one being the extension of the bike path and the other being the issue of gasoline storage tanks in proximity to the parking lot improvements proposed to be constructed using Federal grant funds. Discussion followed. Hoines recommended that the County staff contact Terry Jorgenson in Pierre to discuss this matter.

There being no further business, Short moved, Kroeger seconded and motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 p.m.