

**MINUTES
OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
Thursday, September 18, 2008; 1:30 p.m.
1st Floor Community Room
City/School Administration Center
Rapid City, South Dakota**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jerry Shoener – South Dakota Transportation Commission, Curt Nupen – Meade County Commissioner, Bob Mallow – Meade County Commissioner, Bill Griffiths – Box Elder City Council, Ethan Schmidt – Pennington County Commissioner and Mayor Alan Hanks – City of Rapid City

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Hoinen – Federal Highway Administration, Brad Remmich – South Dakota Department of Transportation, Monica Heller, Bob Dominicak and Jeanne Nicholson – Rapid City Growth Management Department

Chairperson Nupen called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 14, 2008 MEETING

Mallow moved, Shoener seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2008 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Construction Updates

Heller reviewed the status of the East Mall Drive, East Anamosa Street, Eglin Street, St. Andrew Street and Meade Street projects.

Jundt reported that the Exit 52 interchange should be open around the end of October and that the work on the interstate mainlines will be completed next year. He reviewed the status of the South Dakota East Highway 44 project, the I90 project in the Tilford area and the Sturgis Service Road project.

Study Updates

Heller informed the Committee that the Final Report for the Sheridan Lake Road Extension Study should be available for Committee approval at the October meeting. She added that the Mount Rushmore Road Study has been delayed for several months. She noted that a Special Planning Commission Meeting has been scheduled for the Deadwood Avenue Neighborhood Area Future Land Use Plan on September 22, 2008 and that an Open House has been scheduled on September 29, 2008 for property owners of 40 or more acres located within the boundaries of the Sheridan Lake Road Neighborhood Area Future Land Use Plan.

A brief discussion followed about the Deadwood Avenue Neighborhood Area Future Land Use Plan.

NEW BUSINESS

2008 Rapid City Area Future Land Use Plan Overview

Heller advised that the Overview contains the information that was used to determine the residential and commercial growth in the area and to project future land uses.

Shoener moved, Mallow seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2008 Rapid City Area Future Land Use Plan Overview.

Socio-Economic Report

Heller advised that this is an information item only and that the report includes the development growth by neighborhood areas for the years 2003 through 2007.

Southeast Connector Neighborhood Area Future Land Use Plan

Heller briefly reviewed the land uses on the map on page 6. She also addressed the proposed South Valley Drive Annexation and reviewed the landscape greenway that is located within the boundaries of the neighborhood area. A brief discussion followed regarding the South Valley Drive Annexation and the landscape greenway designation along South Dakota East Highway 44.

Shoener moved, Griffiths seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Southeast Connector Neighborhood Area Future Land Use Plan.

West Rapid Neighborhood Area Future Land Use Plan

Heller informed the Committee that the City Council approved the Plan and they requested that the proposed roadway extensions of West Chicago Street, South Berry Pine Road, Red Dale Drive and Range Road be removed from the Major Street Plan. She added that the City Council has also directed staff to further review the best locations for the east/west road extensions.

Shoener moved, Mallow seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the West Rapid Neighborhood Area Future Land Use Plan with the removal of the extensions of West Chicago Street, South Berry Pine Road, Red Dale Drive and Range Road from the Major Street Plan.

Request for Proposals – Long Range Transportation Plan

Heller advised that the Long Range Transportation Plan is a document that the Metropolitan Planning Organization uses as a guide for transportation planning activities and that the document needs to be updated every five years. She briefly reviewed the components of the plan and noted that future roadway projects need to be listed in the plan in order for the projects to be eligible for Federal funds.

Schmidt moved, Shoener seconded and motion carried unanimously to authorize staff to advertise the Request for Proposals – Long Range Transportation Plan.

Request for Proposals- Chapel Valley Access

Heller stated that the City Council recently denied a resort development in the Chapel Valley area. She added that the study would determine if a secondary access could be provided in this area.

Schmidt moved, Shoener seconded and motion carried unanimously to authorize staff to advertise the Request for Proposals – Chapel Valley Access.

2009 Unified Planning Work Program – Draft Report

Heller stated that this is the work program for the Metropolitan Planning Organization in 2009 and that it outlines the tasks that staff will be working on in 2009. She added that this is a Draft Report and that Meade County and the City of Box Elder would like to add some tasks and funding to the work program. She noted that the Final Report will be available for Committee approval at the October meeting.

Shoener moved, Griffiths seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2009 Unified Planning Work Program – Draft Report.

2008 – 2012 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #08-016

Heller explained that this amendment is to increase the funding for the repairs to the LaCrosse Street Interchange. She added that the initial cost of the project was underestimated.

Shoener moved, Schmidt seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2008 – 2012 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #08-016.

2009 – 2013 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #09-001

Heller stated that this amendment is to increase the funding for the Eglin Street Extension from \$950,000 to \$1,300,000 and to move the project from the year 2009 to 2010.

Mallow moved, Shoener seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2009 – 2013 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #09-001.

OTHER

2009 Meeting Dates

Heller advised that there appears to be a conflict with the January 29, 2009 meeting. She added that staff will find an alternative date for this meeting

Griffiths moved, Schmidt seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2009 meeting dates and that staff identify an alternative date for the January 29, 2009 meeting.

There being no further business, Schmidt moved, Mallow seconded and motion carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 p.m.