MINUTES
OF THE
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Thursday, April 16, 2009; 10:00 a.m.
1st Floor Community Room
City/School Administration Center
Rapid City, South Dakota

MEMBERS PRESENT:  Bill Rich – Meade County Planning Department, Mike McMahon – City of Box Elder, John Less – Rapid City Traffic Engineer, Lt. James Johns – Rapid City Police Department, Brad Remmich – South Dakota Department of Transportation, Monica Heller – Rapid City Growth Management Department, Rich Sagen – Rapid City Transit Manager, Dan Staton – South Dakota Department of Transportation, Roy Boschee – Pennington County Drainage Coordinator, Dan Jennissen – Pennington County Planning Director, Dale Tech – Rapid City Public Works Department, Bob Dominicak – Rapid City Growth Management Department, Jim Harris – Meade County School District, Klare Schroeder – Rapid City Public Works Department, Ron Mincks – Rapid City School District, Linda Rausch – Meade County Resident and Doug Curry – Rapid City Regional Airport for Jennifer Eckman


Chairperson Heller called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC INPUT
None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 29, 2009 MEETING
McMahon moved, Staton seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2009 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Construction Updates
Staton reported that Exit 52 is open, that Exit 51 is closed and that work will be starting on the westbound lanes with an anticipated completion date of July 31, 2009.  He advised that the South Dakota East Highway 44 project is completed with the exception of some median paving and landscaping work.  He also reported that the asphalt paving project on South Dakota East Highway 44 from Scenic to Conata Basin Road should be completed in July.  He added that finish work is being completed on the Interstate between Sturgis and Tilford, that the Exit 30 project at Sturgis has been delayed but the contractors will be getting started and working six, if not seven days a week, to get the project completed before the Sturgis Rally, that a grooving project is being done between Exit 40 and Exit 52 and that a repair project is being completed at Exit 57.

Rich reported that Meade County is in the process of obtaining right-of-way in the Deadwood Avenue area.

Study Updates
Heller explained that a survey for the Long Range Transportation Plan is online and encouraged all Committee members to complete the survey.  She provided business cards to all members to handout to other people and to encourage them to take the survey.  She added that public involvement is an important part of the Long Range Transportation Plan process and that two
public meetings will be held at the Civic Center on May 12, 2009 and encouraged everyone to attend one of the two workshops to be held that day.

Heller informed the Committee that positive comments have been received about the Mount Rushmore Road Corridor Analysis Study and that the Draft Report should be available for Committee review at the June meeting. She added that the South Dakota Department of Transportation will be funding the reconstruction of the roadway but not the enhancements and that staff is working to convince the South Dakota Department of Transportation that the reconstruction project should be listed in the year 2014 in the State Transportation Improvement Program. She reported that work will be started soon on the Chapel Valley Access Study, that staff is working on the Future Land Use Plans for the Spring Creek and Downtown/Skyline Drive neighborhood areas and that work has also started on the Ellsworth Neighborhood Area Future Land Use Plan. She noted that the funding for this plan is being provided by the Moving Forward with Ellsworth Task Force and not the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

NEW BUSINESS

Request Approval of the 2008 Annual Report
Heller informed the Committee that this report identifies the expenditures and tasks completed in 2008.

Rich moved, Sagen seconded and motion carried unanimously to recommend approval of the 2008 Annual Report.

Request Approval of the Amendments to the 2009 Unified Planning Work Program and the 2009 Unified Planning Work Program Agreement
Heller informed the Committee that funds from the 2008 Unified Planning Work Program are being rolled into the 2009 Unified Planning Work Program to complete outstanding projects.

Dominicak moved, Staton seconded and motion carried unanimously to recommend approval of the Amendments to the 2009 Unified Planning Work Program and the 2009 Unified Planning Work Program Agreement.

Request Approval of the Contract Extension for the Mount Rushmore Road Central Corridor Analysis Study (No cost, time extension only)
Heller advised that the study should be completed by the end of the summer but would like to extend the contract through the end of the year.

Remmich moved, McMahon seconded and motion carried unanimously to recommend approval of the Contract Extension for the Mount Rushmore Road Central Corridor Analysis Study.

Request Approval of the 2009–2013 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #09-007, the 2009–2013 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #09-008, the 2009–2013 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #09-009, the 2009–2013 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #09-010, the 2009–2013 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #09-011, the 2009–2013 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #09-012 and the 2009–2013 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #09-013

Heller reviewed the Transportation Improvement Program amendments and noted that the 2009–2013 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #09-008 is not in the Metropolitan Planning Organization boundary and is not needed.
In response to Lt. Johns’ question regarding the location of the snow gates, Remmich advised that they would be installed on the Interstate and on the on-ramps to keep people off of the Interstate in bad weather. Heller added that there will also be some flashing electronic signs installed along the Interstate.

In response to a question from Rich regarding the chain link fence, Remmich reviewed the locations where the chain link fence will be installed.

Dominicak moved, Remmich seconded and motion carried unanimously to recommend approval of the 2009–2013 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #09-007, the 2009–2013 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #09-009, the 2009–2013 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #09-010, the 2009–2013 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #09-011, the 2009–2013 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #09-012 and the 2009–2013 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #09-013.

Request Approval of the Scope of Work with Brosz Engineering for Elk Creek Road (Meade County)
Heller advised that because of increased development along Elk Creek Road and safety issues, Meade County has selected a consultant to study the realignment of Elk Creek Road. She added that this project is included in the 2009 Unified Planning Work Program and that Meade County will pay the match.

Tech moved, McMahon seconded and motion carried unanimously to recommend approval of the Scope of Work with Brosz Engineering for Elk Creek Road.

Request Approval of Transportation Improvement Program Revision Process and Guidelines
Heller explained the Transportation Improvement Amendment Revision Process and added that the information for all amendments approved administratively would be provided to the Committee at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Remmich moved, Schroeder seconded and motion carried unanimously to recommend approval of the Transportation Improvement Program Revision Process and Guidelines.

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

St. Patrick Street and Mt. Rushmore Road ADA and Vehicular Traffic Safety Improvements
Robert Ellis, Rapid City Public Works Director, explained that the City Council would like to see signal timing and pedestrian crossing improvements, including pedestrian push buttons, at this intersection. He added that the City has been instructed that the American Disabilities Act requirements will not allow the improvements to be made unless the entire intersection is brought into compliance with the American Disabilities Act requirements. June Hansen, South Dakota Department of Transportation, briefly reviewed the American Disabilities Act requirements. She added that Mount Rushmore Road is a State highway and that the South Dakota Department of Transportation has decided to make improvements to the northwest corner of the intersection because of safety issues. She noted that the decision to not improve the entire intersection at this time was based on the costs of the improvements and the upcoming reconstruction project of Mount Rushmore Road. A brief discussion followed. Ellis requested that the South Dakota Department of Transportation provide the City with a rough cost estimate for the installation of push buttons at this intersection.
Heller reviewed the Transportation Improvement Program Amendments and noted that the 2009–2013 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #09-004 was approved by the Executive Policy Committee at a special meeting on March 17, 2009. She added that the 2009-2013 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #09-005 and the 2009-2013 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #09-006 were approved administratively.

Administrative Transportation Improvement Program Amendment for US Highway 16 from Spring Creek Road to Cathedral Drive
Heller informed the Committee that this amendment was done administratively because the project was included in the 2009-2013 Transportation Improvement Program, the project is being moved from 2010 to 2009 and the funding source for this project is changing to stimulus funds.

Metropolitan Planning Organization Committee Membership
Heller informed the Committee that Meade County would like to add a representative from the Meade County Transportation Commission to the Committee. She noted that currently, there is not a representative from the City of Box Elder Public Works Department on the Technical Coordinating Committee. She added that the Citizens’ Advisory Committee would like to have representatives from the City of Box Elder, the biking/pedestrian community and from the disabled community added to their Committee. She stated that she would make the appropriate changes to the Operations Plan and provide a Draft Report to the Committee for review at the June meeting.

There being no further business, Staton moved, Dominicak seconded and motion carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m.