MINUTES OF THE
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Thursday, August 14, 2003; 10:00 a.m.
3rd Floor West Conference Room
City/School Administration Center
Rapid City, South Dakota


OTHERS PRESENT: Jeanne Nicholson, Kirk Chafee, Dan Ferber, John Van Beek and Chuck Strum

PUBLIC INPUT
None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Tech moved, Keller seconded and motion carried to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2003 meeting with the change that Laurel Selken's name be included in the members present.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS
Brumbaugh moved, Tech seconded and motion carried to retain Patsy Horton as Chairperson and Randy Nelson as Vice Chairperson through December 31, 2003.

OLD BUSINESS

Construction Updates
Seaman reviewed the Omaha Street construction project and advised that the signal lights at Deadwood Avenue had been completed. He noted that the right-of-way issues along Elk Vale Road have not been resolved so the remainder of the Southeast Connector project will not get started this fall.

Study Updates
Horton advised that the next ITS Master Plan open house will be on September 3, 2003 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the 1st Floor Community Room in the City/School Administration Center. She added that the consultants will be making a presentation at the next meeting.

Horton stated that the next open House for the US Highway 16 Corridor Study will probably be in late September and that a presentation will be made to the committee at the next meeting.

Socio-Economic Report and Street Inventory Report
Horton requested that these items be continued to the October meeting.
Brumbaugh moved, Sagen seconded and motion carried to continue the Socio-
Economic Report and Street Inventory Report to the October meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Eglin Street Corridor Study Presentation
Dan Ferber of Ferber Engineering advised that they worked with the City and South Dakota Department of Transportation to develop a continuous corridor from LaCrosse Street to Elk Vale Road. He reviewed the proposed alignments of Exit 60, Exit 61 and Eglin Street and the study addresses the concerns with traffic flows from the realignments of Exit 60, Eglin Street at Elk Vale Road and the removal of the Dyess Avenue overpass.

Chuck Strum of Interstate Engineering reviewed the existing and proposed traffic volume and circulation, the proposed land uses along Eglin Street, the ramp configurations and stacking concerns.

Ferber stated that he felt the best alignment for Eglin Street would be to extend it west from DeGeest Drive across Elk Vale Road to Lowry Lane then to East North Street with the intersection being located just north of the railroad tracks, extending northwest to intersect with LaCrosse Street at Farnwood Avenue.

Sagen moved and Tech seconded to approve the final draft of the Eglin Street Corridor Study.

Discussion followed regarding railroad crossings, railroad traffic and drainage plans in the study area.

The motion to approve the final draft of the Eglin Street Corridor Study carried unanimously.

Airport Land Use Presentation
Horton informed the committee that the airport is currently working on a plan to protect the airport and air space from encroachments. She added that the City is currently in the process of adopting Temporary Zoning Controls and when the process is completed, then the airport could be annexed into the City. At the time the plan is completed, a presentation will be made to the committee.

Transit Development Plan Request For Proposals
Horton advised that the Transit Development Plan has not been updated since 1991 and that the plan is designed to cover a five year time period.

Selken moved, Seaman seconded and motion carried to recommend approval of the Transit Development Plan Request for Proposals.

Public Participation Plan
Horton identified the proposed changes to the Public Participation Plan and noted that portions of Meade County will be included in the boundaries of the Metropolitan Planning Organization. A brief discussion followed.

Tech moved, Fisher seconded and motion carried to approve the Public Participation Plan as presented.
Technical Coordinating Committee Bylaws
Horton stated that the Technical Coordinating Committee Bylaws need to be amended to include portions of Meade County in the Metropolitan Planning Organization. Horton noted that the SDDOT – Division of Air, Rail and Transit should be changed to SDDOT-Office of Air, Rail and Transit.

Simmons suggested that the quorum should be changed to 12 instead of 11.

Tech moved, Sagen seconded and motion carried to approve the Technical Coordinating Committee Bylaws with the above noted changes.

Operations Plan
Horton advised that the Operations Plan is also being revised to include portions of Meade County in the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Sagen moved, Selken seconded and motion carried to approve the Operations Plan.

Final 2004-2008 Transportation Improvement Program
Horton stated that the Transportation Improvement Program Draft Report was presented to the committee at the June meeting. A brief discussion followed regarding upcoming City and County projects. Horton noted that the only change made to the Draft Report was the description for Jackson Boulevard, “Preliminary engineering and ROW”.

Seaman moved, Tech seconded and motion carried to approve the Final 2004-2008 Transportation Improvement Program.

Jackson Boulevard Extension Study Contract – No cost time extension
Horton briefly reviewed the progress of the study and requested that the Jackson Boulevard Extension Study Contract be extended to June 30, 2004.

Keller moved, Sagen seconded and motion carried to approve the extension of the Jackson Boulevard Extension Study Contract to June 30, 2004.

ITS Master Plan – No cost time extension
Horton reviewed the consultants schedule and noted that the current contract expires September 30, 2003. She added that the consultants should be making a presentation of the ITS Master Plan at the October meeting.

Simmons moved, Sagen seconded and motion carried to approve the extension of the ITS Master Plan Contract to December 31, 2003.

Railroad Relocation
Horton noted that the newspaper article about Sioux Falls relocating their railroad lines out of downtown Sioux Falls was provided for informational purposes only.

Rapid City Metropolitan Statistical Area/Sioux Falls Metropolitan Statistical Area
Horton briefly explained the Sioux Falls Statistical Area and Rapid City Statistical Area information. She added that the information is based on commuters from outside of the core area. She noted that the Rapid City statistical information has been expanded to
include Meade County now at 115,328 and could possibly include Custer County in the future.

There being no further business, Brumbaugh moved, Seaman seconded and motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m.