MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Phil Anderson – City of Piedmont, Don Brumbaugh – Rapid City Streets Department, Lt. Mark Eisenbraun – Rapid City Police Department, Jay Evenson – Pennington County Sheriff’s Office, Vicki Fisher – Rapid City Community Planning, Patsy Horton – Rapid City Community Planning and Development Services, Ron Koan – City of Box Elder, Rich Liggett – City of Summerset Commissioner, Ken McGirr – Meade County Highway Department, Brad Remmich – South Dakota Department of Transportation, Rich Sagen – Rapid City Transit Manager, Dan Staton – South Dakota Department of Transportation, Al Todd – City of Box Elder, Wes Tschetter – Pennington County Highway Department and Bill Welk – Pennington County Drainage Coordinator

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brett Burditt – Meade County School District, Kirk Chaffee – Meade County Planning and Equalization Department, PJ Conover – Pennington County Planning Department Doug Curry – Rapid City Regional Airport, Chief Jason Dubbs – City of Box Elder Police Department, Bob Eben – Ellsworth Air Force Base, Peter Haugh – Douglas School District, Mayor George Mandas – City of Summerset, Ron Merwin – Meade County Sheriff’s Department, Todd Peckosh – Rapid City Public Works Department, Bill Rich – Meade County Planning and Equalization Department and Dale Tech – Rapid City Public Works Department

STAFF PRESENT: Katie Parker, Sandy Smith and Kip Harrington – Rapid City Community Planning and Development Services

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Hoines – Federal Highway Administration, Andy Vandel – South Dakota Department of Transportation, Todd Pickton – BBC Research & Consulting and Robert Heidgerken – Meade County Commissioner

Chairperson Horton called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

General Public Comment

Harrington relayed a comment from a constituent regarding the possible elimination of the right hand turn during a red light at the intersection of Sheridan Lake Road and Jackson Boulevard. Staton responded that the South Dakota Department of Transportation would look into the matter.

In response to a question from Anderson, Staton replied that the lane change at the intersection of West Boulevard and Omaha Street is due to the current construction taking place. Staton further stated that the construction was anticipated to last until late fall.

Koan, Todd, Evenson, Fisher entered the meeting,

Horton introduced Lt. Eisenbraun to the committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 10, 2014 MEETING
Remmich moved, Fisher seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2014 meeting.

14TP026 – Recommend approval of the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program – Final Report. Harrington reminded the committee that this is a four year priority list and financial plan for highway, transit and intermodal projects. The TIP is intended to serve as a fiscal management tool to assist state and local agencies in matching transportation needs with resources.
Harrington noted that there has been a change in the phasing of the Mount Rushmore Road project and a removal of a Railroad Crossing project.

Fisher thanked Harrington for his presentation on this report to the Planning Commission.

**Remmich moved, Fisher seconded and motion carried unanimously to recommend approval of the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program Final Report.**

**14TP025 – Recommend approval of the 2015 Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Meeting Schedule.** Horton reviewed the meeting dates selected for next year with the committee. Horton further stated that there will no longer be a July meeting.

**Remmich moved, Koan seconded and motion carried to recommend approval of the 2015 Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Meeting Schedule.**

**14TP027 – Recommend approval of the Rapid City Area Market Research Study – Draft Report.** Horton introduced Todd Pickton to the committee, who presented the results of the study that will be used to identify the goals and objectives of the Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Long Range Transportation Plan Update to the committee. Horton encouraged the committee to forward any additional comments to be included in the final report to her by August 27, 2014. Discussion ensued.

**Remmich moved, Welk seconded and motion carried unanimously to recommend approval of the Rapid City Area Market Research Study – Draft Report.**

**14TP028 – Recommend approval of the Rapid City Area Origin-Destination Study – Final Report.** Harrington briefed the committee on the details of this study that will be used to calibrate the Travel Demand Forecast Model in the upcoming Long Range Transportation Plan Update.

In response to a question from Evenson, Harrington responded by explaining specifically how the data for this report was obtained.

**Remmich moved, Fisher seconded and motion carried unanimously to recommend approval of the Rapid City Area Origin-Destination Study – Final Report.**

**14TP024 – Recommend approving letter of support for the West Memorial Park and Sweet Creek Trail Transportation Alternatives Program Grant Applications.** Horton relayed to the committee that The City of Rapid City has submitted two Transportation Alternatives Program grant letters of intent to the State of South Dakota in order to compete for statewide funding of multi-modal transportation connections. The Sweet Creek Spur Trail proposes to connect the Leonard Swanson Memorial Pathway to businesses and homes in the Deadwood Area for safe, non-vehicular travel. The West Memorial Park project, in conjunction with transit facility improvements, proposes sidewalk connections along Omaha Street between Mt Rushmore Road and West Boulevard.

In response to a question from McGirr regarding funding, Horton responded that Federal Transit Administration funds will be used for these projects.

**McGirr moved, Staton seconded and motion carried unanimously to recommend approval of support for the West Memorial Park and Sweet Creek Trail Transportation Alternatives Program Grant Applications.**

**14TP029 – Recommend approval of Amendment #14-005 to the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program.** Harrington advised the committee that this amendment that will add funding to the Meade County service road reconstruction between Exit 44 to Exit 46 and changes the description from AC Surfacing to Gravel Surfacing. Horton advised the committee that the
Citizens’ Advisory Committee did not recommend approval of this amendment. Heidgerken stated that the Meade County Commission passed this amendment at their last meeting.

In response to a question from Anderson regarding the cost of this project, Horton replied that current bid prices were used with Remmich adding that right-of-way costs were also added into the final figures. Remmich further stated that 2014 funding will be used to pay for this project.

McGirr stated that further stated that current traffic count does not warrant AC Surfacing at this time, but if that changes, AC Surfacing would be considered in the future. Discussion ensued.

**Fisher moved, Staton seconded and motion carried to recommend approval of Amendment #14-005 to the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program, with Anderson voting no.**

**Other Business**

**Update on Construction Projects**

Staton provided information on the current construction projects within the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. Discussion ensued.

McGirr provided an update on the current construction projects in Meade County.

**Update on Planning Projects**

Harrington provided updates on the Rapid City Area Origin Destination Study, Box Elder Master Transportation Plan, High Meadows Road Access, Traffic Analysis and Route Alignment Study, Meade County Long Range Transportation Plan and the Long Range Transportation Plan Update.

Smith provided an update on the Walk Audit.

Eisenbraun exited the meeting.

**South Dakota Department of Transportation Strategic Safety Plan**

Andy Vandel gave an overview of this plan to the committee.

In response to a question from McGirr, Vandel informed the committee that the Safety Audit team is still an active committee. Discussion ensued.

Fisher exited the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.