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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Rapid City Council

FROM: Marcia Elkins, Planning Director

DATE: October 24, 2001

RE: Vehicle Purchase

The Planning Department staff is seeking direction and authority from the City Council regarding the purchase of a new vehicle. The basic criteria of the selected vehicle are six-passenger capacity and all-wheel or four-wheel drive. Originally, the staff had proposed the purchase of a Suburban style vehicle to be used for highway travel as well as site inspections with Committees, Planning Commission, etc. Based on increases in gas prices earlier this summer, staff re-evaluated the alternatives. A summary of the three vehicles being considered is as follows:

| Make/Model           | Cost     | Engine  | City<br>mpg | Hwy<br>mpg | Anticipated Annual<br>Fuel Cost** | Drive     |
|----------------------|----------|---------|-------------|------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Dodge Durango        | \$25,688 | 4.7L V8 | 13          | 18         | \$877                             | 4x4       |
| Dodge Grand Caravan* | \$28,155 | 3.8L V6 | 16          | 21         | \$713                             | All Wheel |
| Chevrolet Suburban   | \$30,968 | 5.7L V8 | 13          | 17         | \$877                             | 4x4       |

The Dodge Durango and Chevrolet Suburban are available from the state bid list.

\*Purchase of an all-wheel drive Dodge Grand Caravan will require bidding out the vehicle as only the front-wheel drive model is listed on the state bid list. The cost information reflected above has been provided by the local dealer and includes the additional cost for the optional side airbag head protection recommended by the Highway Safety Institute to allow the vehicle to obtain an "acceptable" rating.

\*\*Fuel costs are based on 7,600 annual miles and fuel costs of \$1.50 per gallon using City mpg rates.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Authorize the purchase of the Dodge Durango from State Bid.



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