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MEMORANDUM

TO: Rapid City Planning Commission Members
FROM: Marcia Elkins, Growth Management Department Director
DATE: July 14, 2005
RE: Rapid City Area Long Range Transportation Plan Update – Draft Report

Attached for your review and approval is the Rapid City Area Long Range Transportation Plan Update – Draft Report.

The Rapid City Area Long Range Transportation Plan is developed to guide transportation planning activities and transportation facility development for the next 25 years. The goal of the Long Range Transportation Plan is to plan an efficient intermodal transportation system which maximizes the movement of goods and people, and minimizes hazards, costs, energy consumption, and pollution. This document is a requirement of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), and must be updated every 5 years. The Long Range Transportation Plan for the Rapid City Area was last updated in August, 2000.

This Rapid City Area Long Range Transportation Plan update will have two major components. The first component is to complete 25-year traffic forecasts for the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Study Area to identify future transportation needs. The second portion of the study will entail the development of the actual planning and prioritization elements within the Long Range Transportation Plan to satisfy those future needs.

The Long Range Transportation Plan Update is included in the 2005 Unified Planning Work Program.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION RECOMMENDATION: The Executive Policy Committee recommends approval of the Rapid City Area Long Range Transportation Plan Update – Draft Report.

