

STAFF REPORT
August 10, 2006

**No. 06CA020 - Comprehensive Plan Amendment to adopt the City
of Rapid City Bikeway/Walkway Plan**

ITEM 21

GENERAL INFORMATION:

PETITIONER	City of Rapid City
REQUEST	No. 06CA020 - Comprehensive Plan Amendment to adopt the City of Rapid City Bikeway/Walkway Plan
DATE OF APPLICATION	6/30/2006
REVIEWED BY	Kip Harrington / Not Assigned

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval.

GENERAL COMMENTS: The City of Rapid City Bikeway/Walkway Plan is a component of the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Rapid City and the Long Range Transportation Plan for the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. Its purpose is to facilitate alternative transportation modes through an evaluation of the current Bikeway/Walkway System, review of the needs of system users, adoption of standards for system improvements, and identification of proposed extensions and additions to the system.

The plan has been updated with input from Transportation Planning, Public Works, Engineering, Parks and Recreation, the Bike Walk Run Task Force, and the Federal Highway Administration.

STAFF REVIEW: The adopted Comprehensive Plan is a framework within which development and rezoning proposals are measured and evaluated. The plan is intended to guide the orderly growth of the community. In order for the plans to remain viable and to keep pace with the changing market place, periodic adjustments to reflect changing conditions will be required.

The Bikeway/Walkway plan is a tool to aid in the development of intermodal transportation facilities. As development occurs, an approved Bikeway/Walkway plan can help ensure the connectivity of the Bikeway/Walkway System, providing the residents of Rapid City alternative transportation options, as well as recreational opportunities.