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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Works Committee

FROM: Monica Heller, Community Planning Coordinator

DATE: December 6, 2007

RE: Skyline Drive Nomination for National Scenic Byway

Outlined below is information requested by the Public Works Committee regarding the costs and process for nominating Skyline Drive as a Natural Scenic Byway.

In 2006, Skyline Drive was designated a State Scenic Byway. The next step to becoming a National Scenic Byway is to develop and adopt a Corridor Management Plan. The Corridor Management Plan must include at least the following: 1) a map identifying the corridor boundaries; 2) An assessment of intrinsic qualities of the corridor; 3) a strategy for maintaining and enhancing those intrinsic qualities; 4) a schedule and listing of all agency, group and individual responsibilities in the implementation of the corridor management plan; 5) A strategy describing how existing development might be enhanced and new development might be accommodated while still preserving the intrinsic qualities; 6) a plan to assure on-going public participation; 7) A general review of the road's safety and accident record; 8) A plan to accommodate commerce while maintaining a safe and efficient level of service; 9) A demonstration that instructions on the visitor experience have been minimized to the extent feasible; 10) A demonstration of compliance with all existing local, State and Federal laws on the control of outdoor advertising; 11) A signage plan that demonstrates how the State will insure and make the number and placement of signs more supportive of the visitor experience; 12) A narrative describing how the National Scenic Byway will be positioned for marketing; 13) A discussion of design standards relating to any proposed modification of the roadway; and 14) A description of plans to interpret the significant resources of the scenic byway.

Based on information provided by the South Dakota Department of Transportation, the cost to develop a corridor management plan is typically \$60,000. Since Skyline Drive is a State Scenic Byway it is eligible for grant funding with a 20% local match. Grant application are normally accepted at the beginning of a calendar year and awarded at the end of the calendar year. The soonest Rapid City could expect to receive grant funding would be late 2008. The Rapid City Metropolitan Planning Organization could also fund the corridor management plan which would require a local match of 18.95% match. These funds would be available in early 2008.



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