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MEMORANDUM

From: Brad Solon, Building Official

To: Rapid City Planning Commission

Date: February 27, 2009

Subject: Change the name of a portion of South Highway 79 to Cambell Street

This request is to name a portion of South Highway 79 to Cambell Street. The affected portion of roadway is from the Catron Boulevard Bridge north, to a point south of East Saint Patrick Street.

This road currently provides access to about 36 businesses and Richland Mobile Home Park. Many of the businesses have been using South Highway 79 as their address, or using South Highway 79 as a method of providing directions to their businesses. However, due to construction of the Southeast Connector Route, the South Dakota Department of Transportation has moved the South Dakota Highway 79 route designation to Elk Vale Road. The Growth Management Staff received complaints from the Emergency Services Communication Center staff regarding the two separate portions of South Highway 79. Also, South Dakota Department of Transportation installed Cambell Street signs along the roadway at intersections.

This proposal would require 30 businesses and a mobile home park to change their addresses. Staff contacted the property owners via mail and recently spoke with two of the affected property owners. Dale's Tire is affected and they prefer to change the road name to Cambell Street since South Highway 79 is moved to Elk Vale Road. Also, they prefer the name Cambell Street as it is a major roadway in Rapid City and simply being on that sort of road is good for business. Paul Neiman from 3305 South Highway 79 is opposed to the proposal. Mr. Neiman says it would be costly to his business as he enjoys discounts from shipping agents since his business is on South Dakota Highway 79.

The following is a list of property owners that at some point expressed a concern to staff that South Highway 79 should be changed to Cambell Street: Rapid City Area School District Staff,



Pennington County Staff, Black Hills Animal Hospital, Cretex, Merillat, and all eleven businesses on Bridge View Drive.

Staff has received no comments on the proposed Cambell Street name from the Emergency Services Communication Center staff, Rapid City Fire Department staff or the Police Department staff.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the portion of South Highway 79 from the Catron Boulevard Bridge north for 9274.5' be renamed Cambell Street.