



**Promoting and Supporting Public and Special Passenger Transportation
Programs within North and South Dakota**

July 21, 2010

City Council Members
City of Rapid City
300 6th Street
Rapid City, SD

Dear Council:

My name is Barb Cline, President of the Dakota Transit Association (DTA) an organization comprised of public transit providers located in North and South Dakota. The City of Rapid City has been selected to host this year's annual DTA fall conference scheduled for September 25-29. As part of the conference transit drivers from these organizations will be competing in the "21st Annual Paratransit Bus Roadeo". The "Bus Roadeo" competition includes both a written examination and a driving skill test. Winners from both states will go on to compete in the "National Paratransit Bus Roadeo" in Indianapolis, IN.

Our organization has obtained approval from the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center to use the New York Street parking lot for the competition. In addition, we have reserved the Memorial Park band shell to recognize and present awards to the top 8 drivers in the competition. I have discussed the event location with Kristi Lintz of the Department of Parks and Recreation and submitted a special events permit request (site map attached). The set-up of seating, catering and entertainment will commence around 4:00 pm on September 25 and will conclude at 10:00 pm.

As president of the DTA I am requesting from the Rapid City Council a waiver on the prohibition of open container in the park. We are requesting the consumption of alcohol as part of the social prior to the banquet and awards ceremony to honor the best of the best in the day's competition. The alcohol will be delivered in beverage coolers by Carl Rathbun, a DTA board member. He will serve the beverages and verify ID's to assure the individual being served is legal to consume alcohol. Mr. Rathbun will maintain care and custody of beverage coolers throughout the evening and ensure that no alcohol will be served to anyone appearing to be intoxicated. There will be no sales of alcohol at this event. Alcohol consumption will be limited to the fenced area (which we will provide) of the recognition banquet.

We would appreciate your approval in this request.

Sincerely,

Barbara K. Cline
President, Dakota Transit Association
605-642-6613

Dakota Transit Association • P.O. Box 7086 • Fargo, ND 58106-7086
(701) 866-3185 www.dakotatransit.org