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MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Planning Organization Committees

FROM: Kip Harrington, Transportation Planner

DATE: January 13, 2013

RE: Request for Proposals for the Box Elder Master Transportation Plan

Staff is requesting approval of the Request for Proposals for the Box Elder Master Transportation Plan. The Box Elder Master Transportation Plan is developed to guide transportation planning activities and transportation facility development for the next 25 years. The goal of the Box Elder Master 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.

The Box Elder Master Transportation Plan will have three major components. The first component is to perform a baseline conditions analysis to assess the existing transportation system within the study area. The second component is to develop and update standards for street and roadway cross sections. The third component of the study will entail a future needs analysis to build upon the baseline analysis and standards development to determine the future transportation needs in the study area.

This study is listed in the Metropolitan Planning Organization's 2013 Unified Planning Work Program in the amount of $125,000. The funding for this project is 81.95% Federal highway planning funds and 18.05% local match. The local match is being provided by the City of Box Elder.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the Request for Proposals for the Box Elder Master Transportation Plan for the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization and to authorize staff to advertise the Request for Proposals.