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MEMORANDUM

TO: Legal and Finance

FROM: Sandy Smith, Long Range Planner I

DATE: January 13, 2016

RE: **16TP001 – Authorize staff to apply for the Walkability Action Institute Grant and accept funding if approved**

The Walkability Action Institute is in Atlanta, Georgia April 26-28, 2016. The National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD), Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP), and Division of Nutrition Physical Activity and Obesity (DNPAO) are seeking applications from Metropolitan Planning Organizations throughout the country to apply for this grant. The grant would be for team travel expenses, not exceeding \$7,152 per team. If the Rapid City MPO is awarded the grant – there would be a total of up to five individuals attending. The MPOs that are selected will be notified by February 19, 2016. Only teams that receive the grant will be able to attend the Walkability Action Institute.

The Walkability Action Institute is designed to assist MPOs with policy, systems and environment strategies to promote walkability throughout the region. The institute will provide teams with the most up to date academic methods, and will reinforce and support implementation of significant national public health policy statements promoting walkability and walking among communities. The NACDD and CDC are seeking to partner with at least ten MPOs around the country to improve walkability through community and transportation design, as well as policies and practices.

If awarded the grant to attend – the Rapid City MPO team will fulfill the necessary requirements before and after the Walkability Action Institute. There will be pre-institute



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orientations, webinars, and research work to be completed. After the institute there will be follow-up webinar participation, progress reporting, and implementation of the plans that were created for the Rapid City region.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval.