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MEMORANDUM

TO: Legal and Finance Committee

FROM: Monica Heller, Community Planning Coordinator

DATE: October 2, 2007

RE: Authorization for the 2009-2013 Transit Development Plan

The Transit Development Plan will identify service needs and recommend both short- and long-term improvements/alternatives for implementation. The comprehensive study shall analyze existing and potential expanded transit and paratransit services in the Rapid City Area, operations, rolling stock, support vehicles, infrastructure needs (including evaluation of the Milo Barber Transportation Center and/or other potential transfer stations), technology, connectivity, alternatives, transit safety and security, marketing and costs. A copy of the draft Request for Proposals is attached for your review.

The Transit Development Plan is required to be updated every five years. The 2004-2008 Transit Development Plan was completed in 2004. It was anticipated that a consultant would be hired in early 2008 to begin working on the 2009-2013 Transit Development Plan. However, additional Federal Transportation Planning funds have become available to begin the Transit Development Plan this year.

The proposed budget for the Transit Development Plan is \$75,000. Federal Transportation Planning funds will fund 81.95% or \$61,462.50. The remaining 18.05% or \$13,537.50 is the required match by the City of Rapid City. To take advantage of these Federal funds, the City must identify a non-federal funding source. Staff is suggesting that available funds from the Growth Management Budget Personnel line items that are available due to difficulties in filling vacant positions be utilized. A subsequent supplemental appropriation will be needed to authorize the expenditure of the additional Federal funds for the consultant contract.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends authorization for staff to advertise Requests for Proposals and approval of the use of Growth Management Budget Personnel funds to provide the required local match funding.



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