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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Legal and Finance Committee

FROM: Monica Heller, Community Planning Coordinator

DATE: September 24, 2008

RE: 08TP026 - Authorization to seek Requests for Proposals for the Preparation of the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Long Range Transportation Research Study and Long Range Transportation Plan Update.

Attached is a Request for Proposals to update the Long Range Transportation Plan for the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. The Rapid City Area Long Range Transportation Plan is developed to guide transportation planning activities and transportation facility development for the next 25 years. The goal of the Long Range 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. This document is a requirement of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: a Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), and must be updated every 5 years. The Long Range Transportation Plan for the Rapid City Area was last updated in August, 2005.

This Rapid City Area Long Range Transportation Plan update will have three major components. The first component is to perform a long range transportation research study to assess the needs and desires of users of the Rapid City area transportation system. This information will be used to guide the preparation of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update for the Rapid City Area MPO. The second component is to complete 25-year traffic forecasts for the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Study Area to identify future transportation needs by updating and validating the transportation model. The third component of the study will entail the development of the actual planning and prioritization elements within the Long Range Transportation Plan to satisfy those future needs.

Funding in the amount of \$150,000 is included in the 2008 Unified Planning Work Program and the Transportation Planning budget for the Long Range Transportation Plan Update.



EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Federal Transportation Planning (#706) funds will fund 81.95%, the remaining 18.05% is the required match provided by the City of Rapid City. The Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization approved the Request for Proposals at its September 18, 2008 meeting.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends authorization for staff to advertise Requests for Proposals.**