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MEMORANDUM

TO: Rapid City Planning Commission

FROM: Pat Beaudette, Transportation Planning Coordinator

DATE: October 13, 2004

RE: Final Draft of the 2004-2008 Rapid City Transit Development Plan

Attached for your review and approval is the final draft of the 2004-2008 Rapid City Transit Development Plan. This Plan establishes the community's existing conditions in terms of demographic trends, growth trends, and current transit services and performance. It also presents a comprehensive route-by-route summary of Rapid Ride's current fixed-route system and compares Rapid Transit System's performance to a select group of peer city transit systems. This Plan also includes recommended goals and performance standards for the Rapid Transit System, including financial implications for both capital and operational changes.

Several public meetings were held during the development of this Plan to receive public input. The Metropolitan Planning Organization Committees reviewed and approved the working papers relating to this study in April, 2004. After the City's review and acceptance of the final report, the Report will be submitted to the South Dakota Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration.

MPO RECOMMENDATION: The Executive Policy Committee of the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization recommends that the final draft of the 2004-2008 Rapid City Transit Development Plan be approved with the recommendation that before the City of Rapid City would implement changes to any of the routes, that the City hold public meetings to obtain additional input prior to the City Council authorizing any changes to the routes.



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