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MEMORANDUM

TO: Rapid City Planning Commission

FROM: John Less
Transportation Planning Coordinator

DATE: December 1, 2005

RE: 2006 Unified Planning Work Program – Final Report

Attached is the 2006 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for your review and approval at the December 8, 2005 Planning Commission meeting. The development of an annual Unified Planning Work Program is a federal requirement of metropolitan planning organizations that utilize federal transportation planning funds. It serves as a description of the transportation planning related tasks to be conducted within the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Study Boundary during calendar year 2006; as well as a budget for scheduling and monitoring the transportation planning process.

There are two categories of funds utilized within the Unified Planning Work Program. The majority of federal funding is comprised of Federal Highway Administration Planning funds (known as PL funds), with the remainder of federal funding coming from Federal Transit Administration Planning funds. The match ratios on these categories of federal funding are approximately 80% federal match, 20% local match. The exact match ratios are explained in more detail in the attached document.

Approximately 80% of the Transportation Planning Division budget is comprised of a mix of these two categories of federal funding, with the remaining 20% coming from City match. Rapid City Public Works Department is also reimbursed for Transportation Planning related activities under this program.

The Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization approved the final 2006 Unified Planning Work Program on December 1, 2005. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like additional information.

MPO RECOMMENDATION: The Executive Policy Committee of the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization recommends approval of the Final 2006 Unified Planning Work Program.