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MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Works Committee

CC: Karie Price, Assistant City Attorney

FROM: Dirk Jablonski, Public Works Director

DATE: February 16, 2006

RE: Fatal Accident Markers Policy

The City of Rapid City installs Fatal Accident Markers, or "Think" signs at locations where alcohol related fatal accidents have occurred. The South Dakota Department of Transportation furnishes these signs to be installed on City streets.

One sign is erected for each person killed, with each sign mounted on a separate post. Placement shall be in a line at intervals of approximately 10 feet, one foot inside the right-of-way.

Prior to installation of a sign, the Public Works Department shall contact the immediate family of the victim for their approval. Further, the owner of the property adjoining the site of the proposed sign installation shall be solicited for their approval. If either of the above described parties objects, the sign will not be installed. In the event that a sign is erected and the immediate family requests its removal, it will be removed.

Fatal Accident Markers will be left in place until no longer in satisfactory condition due to sign face damage or deterioration; in which case the sign will be removed. When a section of street is reconstructed, all markers placed on the old roadway section shall be removed regardless of condition.

Markers will not be replaced unless requested by an immediate family member. This applies to all markers including those found missing as the result of being illegally removed by others.