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MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Works Committee

Cc: File 08EX013

FROM: Mary Bosworth, PE, Engineering Project Manager

DATE: February 26, 2008

RE: Appeal of Denial of Request to access higher traveled street frontage on S.D. Highway 44, Lot B of Bar P-S Subdivision

A request was submitted by Merlin Stromer on February 20, 2008, to allow access on the higher traveled street frontage for the referenced property located at the northeast intersection of S.D. Highway 44 and Airport Road. The request is associated with Preliminary Plat No. 08PL007.

Section 8.2.1.1 of the City of Rapid City Street Design Criteria Manual (SDCM) states: "If a property has frontage on more than one street, access will be permitted only on the less traveled street frontage, where standards can be met." The proposed development site has street frontage on S.D. Highway 44 (south lot line), Airport Road (west lot line) and Aviation Road (north lot line). Per the current Major Street Plan, S.D. Highway 44 is classified as a principal arterial street, Airport Road is classified as a minor arterial street, and Aviation Road is classified as a commercial street.

Per the requirements of the Street Design Criteria Manual access to the proposed development site is only permitted on Aviation Road. Applicant has indicated that South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) has agreed to an access point on S.D. Highway 40. To date, Staff has not received any information from SDDOT indicating that the access from S.D. Highway 44 has been approved. A driveway approach on S.D. Highway 44 increases the potential for safety hazards due to increased vehicle speed and traffic volumes.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends denial of the request to allow access to the higher traveled street frontage.



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