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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members of the Public Works Committee

FROM: Brett Limbaugh, Director

DATE: June 26, 2012

RE: Comprehensive Plan Update.

The Rapid City Comprehensive Plan is a guiding document used by the City Council, Planning Commission, Staff and City Boards and Committees to support recommendations for a wide variety of land use applications and for the creation and revision of City ordinances and policies. Often referred to as a "general plan" or "master plan" a Comprehensive Plan has several chapters that summarize the existing conditions and future goals and policies for the development of the City. Generally the Comprehensive Plan contains the following elements:

- An introduction and the City Vision and Goals identified
- Existing and projected demographics
- Identification of resources, constraints, and opportunities
- Existing land uses and zoning
- Future land use map
- Economic development goals
- Fair housing provisions
- Transportation Plans
- Existing and future parks, trails and open spaces
- Recreation and tourism plan
- Public administration and public safety facilities
- Public infrastructure plans for water, sewer, and utilities
- Plan Implementation goals and policies
- Inventory and provisions for existing and future overlay districts and neighborhood plans



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It is important to recognize that the Comprehensive Plan is a resource that the private sector relies upon to make informed decisions on the acquisition and development of land. Rapid City approved the initial Comprehensive Plan in 1949. The City approved updates to this plan in 1964, 1976, and 1981. It is standard practice for municipalities to adopt a new or revised Comprehensive Plan at least once every five to ten years as communities are constantly changing due to new economic, political, and social conditions. Staff will be requesting \$100,000 in the 2013 budget to update to the City Comprehensive Plan. It is projected that the update will require one to two years to complete at a total project cost of approximately \$250,000.