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MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Works Committee

CC: Mayor Hanks

FROM: Dirk Jablonski, Public Works Director

DATE: July 26, 2007

RE: Authorization to Solicit Proposals for Engineering Services
Skyline Drive Restoration

Attached is a June 15, 2007 memorandum reporting on the potential of using funds available from the Highway Trust Fund for restoration of Skyline Drive. That memorandum notes that a consultant will have to be retained to develop a preliminary plan with a respective probable cost and to assist the City is the acquisition of funding.

Authorization is requested to solicit proposals for services. If authorized, the consultant selection process will be utilized and a proposed contract will be presented to the Committee and subsequently to the Council for approval.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council

FROM: Dirk Jablonski, Public Works Director 

DATE: June 15, 2007

RE: Highway Trust Fund Appropriation

On May 21, 2007, I had the opportunity to visit with Mr. Bill Richard, Administrative Assistant to Congressman Bill Oberstar of Minnesota. Congressman Oberstar is Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the pending reauthorization of the Highway Trust Fund and to receive advice on what the City of Rapid City might do to take advantage of the reauthorization.

Mr. Richard stated that Congressman Oberstar will introduce the Highway Trust Fund reauthorization in January, 2008. If Rapid City was interested in having a project funded as part of the bill it would be necessary to have the formal request to the South Dakota congressional delegation sometime in November or early December. If the project is included in the bill, it would be congressionally directed and funded at 80% of the cost. The City would be responsible for the 20% balance. It is anticipated that the cost would be in the range of \$5,000,000.

As approved by Council, the Skyline Drive Reconstruction and Restoration project was discussed. Mr. Richards felt that the significance of this road would make it a highly eligible project. Each member of the South Dakota delegation will likely be allocated \$20 - \$24 million dollars to be assigned to projects within the state. That is a total of \$60 - \$72 million. If Rapid

City would like to have one of those projects it is imperative to have it before the delegation before the end of this year.

If Council is interested in pursuing the funding for this project a consultant will need to be retained to provide a preliminary design with probable cost and to assist the City in acquiring the federal funding for the project.

This memorandum is intended only to provide information to you at this time. In the near future it is hoped that a request will be brought forward to the Public Works Committee for authorization to request engineering proposals for this project.

Feel free to contact me at any time with questions or comments.