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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Metropolitan Planning Organization Committee Members  
FROM: Kip Harrington, Division Manager  
DATE: Sept 12, 2023  
RE: **23TP026 – Rapid City Urbanized Area Boundary**

As a result of the 2020 Census, the US Census Bureau has adjusted Rapid City's census urbanized area boundary. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) allows the urbanized area boundary to be adjusted for transportation purposes. These guidelines also detail the establishment, submission and approval requirements of the urban area boundaries.

The attached map identifies the proposed Rapid City Urban Boundary. Based on the new criteria, this new boundary incorporates additional areas in the cities of Rapid City, Piedmont, Summerset, Box Elder, the Black Hawk community, and Ellsworth Air Force Base. Some additional minor adjustments were also made to incorporate the anticipated twenty-year growth areas.

The urbanized area boundary, once finalized, provides the boundary for the Functional Class Map, which in turn will identify which road projects can utilize Federal funding allocated to the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. Once the Rapid City Urbanized Boundary is approved, changes to the Functional Class Map and the Metropolitan Planning Organization boundary are forthcoming.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the proposed Rapid City Urbanized Area Boundary.**