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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Planning Organization Committee Members

FROM: Kip Harrington, Division Manager

DATE: June 3, 2025

RE: **25TP016 – Rapid TRIP 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan – Draft Report**

Attached for your review and approval is the Rapid TRIP 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan – Draft Report. Rapid TRIP 2050 is the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan (formerly known as the Long Range Transportation Plan) and is developed to guide transportation planning activities and transportation facility development for the next 25 years. The goal of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan is to plan an efficient intermodal transportation system which maximizes the movement of goods and people, and minimizes hazards, costs, energy consumption, and pollution. This document is a requirement of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST), and must be updated every 5 years. The Long Range Transportation Plan for the Rapid City Area was last updated in August 2020.

This Rapid City Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan consists of two components. The first component is comprised of the 25-year traffic forecasts for the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Study Area used to identify future transportation needs. The second component is the development of the actual planning and prioritization elements within the Metropolitan Transportation Plan to satisfy those future needs.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the Rapid TRIP 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan – Draft Report.**