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MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Planning Organization Committee Members

FROM: Kip Harrington, Division Manager

DATE: August 10, 2026

RE: **26TP028 – Railyard Relocation and Railway Configuration Study Final Report**

In 2022, The Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization conducted the Cambell Street Structure Study, in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration, the South Dakota Department of Transportation, the Rapid City, Pierre and Eastern Railroad, and the City of Rapid City. Based on the recommendations from that study, the Railyard Relocation and Railway Configuration Study is currently in progress.

The objective of this study is to investigate the effectiveness and feasibility of relocating the current Rapid City, Pierre & Eastern (RCP&E) railyard to an alternate location. A significant focus is also placed on identifying a more efficient rail network configuration for the region. This analysis is being undertaken with the goal of finding an alternative that addresses community concerns, alleviates the need to replace the Cambell Street structure, considers efficient, effective rail operations, and supports the orderly growth of the region.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the Railyard Relocation and Railway Configuration Study Final Report.