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MEMORANDUM

- TO: Legal and Finance Committee
- FROM: Kip Harrington, Planner III
- DATE: April 2, 2019
- RE: Approve the East Rapid City Traffic and Corridor Analysis Study Draft Report

East North Street, Omaha Street/Highway 44, and Cambell Street form the backbone of Rapid City's east side arterial road network. Their ability to carry high levels of traffic is vitally important to the city for reasons of safety, mobility, development potential, and quality of life. Recent and continued growth in Rapid City has brought new development to northeast Rapid City, bringing challenges and opportunities for this portion of the city's transportation network. Increased development has resulted in localized growth, and with it increased traffic, leading to congestion, safety issues, and multimodal needs along these key corridors.

The Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), in conjunction with the South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) and the City of Rapid City, has undertaken the East Rapid City Traffic and Corridor Analysis Study to complete the data collection, analysis, alternatives development, and recommendations for potential infrastructure improvements along these corridors, and along existing and future corridors within the study area.

The Study recommendations begin on page 69 of the Draft Report.

<u>STAFF RECOMMENDATION</u>: Staff recommends approval of the East Rapid City Traffic and Corridor Analysis Study Draft Report.

