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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Planning Organization Committees

FROM: Kip Harrington, Planner III

DATE: February 2, 2021

RE: **21TP006 – Approve Resolution 2021-01 Opposing the Proposed Changes to the Metropolitan Statistical Area Criteria**

The Office of Management and Budgets has recently proposed changes to the criteria for determining if an urban area is classified as a Metropolitan Statistical Area or a Micropolitan Statistical Area. Rapid City is currently classified as a Metropolitan Statistical Area, with an urban area population of greater than 50,000. One of the proposed changes would raise the minimum urban area population for a Metropolitan Statistical Area from 50,000 to 100,000. This would reclassify Rapid City from a Metropolitan Statistical Area to a Micropolitan Statistical Area.

The reclassification would create issues with historical comparisons and make analysis of population extremely difficult moving forward.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Resolution 2021-01 Opposing the Proposed Changes to the Metropolitan Statistical Area Criteria.**



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