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MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Planning Organization Committee Members

FROM: Kelly Brennan, Long Range Planner III

DATE: December 8, 2021

RE: **21TP030 – 2022 Transit Development Plan – Draft Report**

As a department of the City of Rapid City, Rapid Transit System (RTS) offers fixed route bus service and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complementary paratransit within city limits. Fixed-route service has been branded as Rapid Ride and paratransit as Dial a-Ride. In 2019, RapidRide provided more than 400,000 passenger trips and Dial-a-Ride approximately 78,000 trips, using a fleet of 37 buses. Since the initiation of the Youth Ride Free Campaign in 2016, a substantial number of trips have served youth under 18 – amounting to more than 340,000 in total.

RTS and the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (RCAMPO) developed this Transit Development Plan (TDP) to provide strategic guidance for a sustainable transit system to serve the community. The TDP will also serve as the basis for the transit element of the regional transportation plan.

The overall desired outcome for the TDP is to provide a public transit system that offers travel options to residents, employees and visitors who cannot or choose not to drive. Other outcomes for the TDP are to:

- Improve the efficiency of the existing service
- Assess opportunities to serve areas where requests for service have been received through other public involvement programs
- Meet needs expected from future regional growth
- Develop operating and capital cost estimates to serve future growth areas



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The project scope includes the following:

- Identification of issues
- Service evaluation, including performance indicator evaluation and comparison with peer agencies
- Development of recommended fixed-route service plans
- Exploration of additional service concepts as warranted
- Development of a capital asset plan

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends acknowledgment of the 2022
Transit Development Plan - Draft Report



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