



**RAPID CITY AREA
METROPOLITAN
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

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September 19, 2024

Jordon Kitts
South Dakota Department of Transportation
700 Broadway Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: City of Rapid City Transportation Alternatives Grant Program Application

Dear Jordon:

At its September 19, 2024 meeting, the Executive Policy Committee of the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization approved a motion to support the City of Rapid City's Transportation Alternatives Program Grant Application to reconstruct bicycle and pedestrian trails in Mary Hall Park.

The MPO has consistently encouraged efforts to provide a multi-modal transportation system especially as it relates to safety for pedestrians and persons with disabilities. The City of Rapid City is proposing to reconstruct ADA compatible paved trails within Mary Hall Park. These trails provide a connection from a large residential neighborhood to the Leonard "Swanny" Swanson Memorial Pathway, which serves as the backbone of the City's greenway trail system and provides non-motorized recreation and transportation opportunities throughout the City.

The Executive Policy Committee, with a recommendation from the Technical and Citizens Committee, encouraged support of this application. This support is driven by the goal of continuing to expand opportunities for MPO member agencies the chance to provide a safe and accessible non-motorized transportation system within the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Sincerely,

Mayor Larry Larson, Chairperson
Executive Policy Committee