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MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Planning Organization Committee Members

FROM: Kelly Brennan, Long Range Planner III

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RE: **25TP007 – Section 5310 Award Recommendation**

The Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) receives federal funds on a yearly basis as part of the Federal Transit Administration’s Section 5310 program to provide capital assistance to elderly persons and/or persons with disabilities. The Rapid City Area MPO solicited applications from entities throughout the region regarding assistance with vehicle purchases and/or operating costs. The local share for capital projects is 20%, and operating costs is 50%. The local share is 15% for acquisition of vehicles for purposes of complying with or maintaining compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA; 42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) or the Clean Air Act (CAA; 42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.). Two organizations submitted applications for review.

The scoring committee recommends granting \$85,000 to Black Hills Works for one 15 passenger ADA van modified for wheelchairs and \$127,500 to Prairie Hills Transit for two rear entry ramp ADA minivans with securement. These vehicles will enable wheelchair transit options to assist Black Hills Works and Prairie Hills Transit in eliminating transportation gaps identified in the Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan. The following chart identifies the funding sources.

Black Hills Works	
FTA §5310 Funds (85%)	\$85,000
Black Hills Works Match (15%)	\$15,000
Total	\$100,000
Prairie Hills Transit	
FTA §5310 Funds (85%)	\$127,500
Prairie Hills Transit Match (15%)	\$22,500
Total	\$150,000

SCORING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The Scoring Committee recommends approving the recommendation to award Black Hills Works \$85,000 and Prairie Hills Transit \$127,500 in Section 5310 funds.