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MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Planning Organization Committee Members

FROM: Kelly Brennan, Long Range Planner III

DATE: March 30, 2023

RE: **23TP007 - 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. Funding is provided as an 80/20 split for capital costs and as a 50/50 split for operating costs. One organization submitted an application for review.

The scoring committee, which is composed of Rapid City Staff and an MPO representative, recommends granting \$160,000 to Black Hills Works for two transit style buses. These buses will enable wheelchair transit options to assist Black Hills Works 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 (80%)	\$160,000
Black Hills Works Match (20%)	\$40,000
Total	\$200,000

SCORING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The Scoring Committee recommends approving the recommendation to award Black Hills Works \$160,000 in Section 5310 funds for the purchase of two transit style buses.



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