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Office of Infrastructure Deployment
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: City of Rapid City Eglin Street BUILD Grant Program Application

Dear BUILD Grant Review Team:

At its February 12, 2026 meeting, the Executive Policy Committee of the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization approved a motion to support the City of Rapid City's BUILD Program Planning Grant Application to reconstruct and improve Eglin Street from East North Street to North Lacrosse Street.

Eglin Street is a collector street that provides access to the Rushmore Crossing Shopping Center, the largest neighborhood shopping center in Rapid City. Rapid population growth in Rapid City and surrounding communities since Eglin Street's original construction has caused traffic congestion along the roadway to increase significantly. The three-lane street struggles to support traffic flow efficiently, and safety for travelers is likely to decrease unless intersections are improved and the corridor itself is widened with additional lanes.

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 transportation system within the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Area.

Sincerely,

Mayor Larry Larson, Chairperson
Executive Policy Committee