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MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Planning Organization Committee Members

FROM: Kelly Brennan, Long Range Planner III

DATE: January 7, 2026

RE: **26TP002 – 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.). Three 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 \$120,967.09 to Black Hills Center for Aging/Adult Day Services (ADS) for one Ford Transit E350 AWD. These vehicles will enable wheelchair transit options to assist Black Hills Works and Black Hills Center for Aging/(ADS) 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
Black Hills Center for Aging/(ADS)	
FTA §5310 Funds (85%)	\$120,967.09
Black Hills Center for Aging Match (15%)	\$21,347.13
Total	\$142,314.22

SCORING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The Scoring Committee recommends approving the recommendation to award Black Hills Works \$85,000 and Black Hills Center for Aging/ADS \$120,967.09 in Section 5310 funds.