

CITY OF MITCHELL

City Council Meeting
Agenda Item Request



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Meeting Date Requested: Requested By:

Desired Action of City Council: Authorization Approval Resolution
 Ordinance Citizen Request Discussion

Amount Budgeted in current fiscal year for this item (if applicable):

Agenda Item:

Explanation/Background of Agenda Item Requested:

The City of Mitchell applied for and has been awarded a South Dakota Department of Transportation (SD DOT) Transportation Planning Analysis Grant in the amount of \$150,000. The resolution authorizes the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the SD DOT, sign all documents and pay requests for the transportation planning analysis. The City would be responsible for 25% of the final cost not to exceed \$50,000 for a possible total cost of \$200,000.

The work will be a comprehensive analysis and report of the transportation systems, organization, resources, and plans within the city planning jurisdiction. The efforts will provide findings, recommendations, and proposals that addresses the needs of all modes of transportation serving the community's citizens and visitors. Those conducting the work may have the opportunity to adjust the scope if necessary as result of an examination of the present and future projects proposed. Specific issues to be addressed for the City of Mitchell during the scope could include:

- Traffic Signal Timing for the City's Major Corridors
- Warrant for the Construction of S. Mattie Street and Other Future Travelways
- Downtown Traffic Pattern and Parking - Best Practices.
- Best Establishment of Snow Emergency Routes

Additionally, the final document is intended to be a planning guide for decision makers considering maintenance, replacement, enhancement, and installation projects or policies affecting transportation services. The final document will also be established for justification of State and Federal grant applications, including the State's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). Additional funding available after establishing a City Transportation Plan include:

- SD DOT Bridge Improvement Grants (BIG), and sources of outside agency grant opportunities.
- Office of Highway Safety
- Transportation Economic Development Grants
 - Industrial Park Grants (SW Drainage Plan for future economic growth)
 - Agri Business Grants (Spruce East Extension at MTI Entrances)
- Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration
- US Department of Transportation - State Planning and Recreation Program

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Multi-Use Trails Plans

Master Bicycle Plans

The City of Mitchell's Future IQ Forward 2040 Community Vision and Strategic Action Plan Illustrates the Strategic Pillars Framework.

7.5 Evolve Mitchell's Recreation, Tourism, and Place-Making

7.5.1 Importance of Mitchell's Recreation, Tourism and Place-Making

Growing communities like Mitchell are engaging in "Place-making" that focuses on three areas in particular, streets and circulation, open spaces, and buildings and land use. Key place-making characteristics include walkability, connectivity, a multi-layered public realm, diverse mix of choices and authenticity. Much of Mitchell's organic growth is occurring around interstate I=90. City planners understand that it will be important to create a seamless flow from the interstate area to the downtown so that the two areas don't grow apart, and current efforts such as the Burr Street upgrades prove such steps are underway.

Mobility Hub is a place where people can connect to multiple modes of transportation to make their trip as safe, convenient, and reliable as possible.

7.5.2 KEY STRATEGIC ACTION AREAS

Number 1. Build-out multimodal infrastructure across Mitchell

Connectivity of all types brings people together in a community. Current trends show that connectivity around mobility and transportation are highly valued by community members. The community has already begun such initiatives, the most recent being the Parks & Recreation Board approval of a bike trail map connecting Lake Mitchell to downtown to Dakota Wesleyan University (DWU) to the interstate area (awaiting Council approval) Continuing these initiatives will make the community very attractive to all cohort ages.

Below is a list of South Dakota State Department of Transportation Plans that were completed with other municipalities and counties.

Aberdeen Master Transportation Plan

Aberdeen Multi-Use Trails Plan

Beadle County Master Transportation Plan

Brookings Area Master Transportation Plan

Brookings County Master Transportation Plan

Brown County Mater Transportation Plan

Codington County Master Transportation Plan

Custer County Master Transportation Plan

Dakota Dunes North Sioux City Traffic Study

Davison County Master Transportation Plan

Deadwood Pedestrian Circulation & Enhancement Study

Dell Rapids Master Transportation Plan

Faulkton Master Transportation Plan

Gregory (City) Master Transportation Plan

Lincoln County Master Transportation Plan

Maple/Park Street Corridor Study

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McCook County Master Transportation Plan
Meade County Transportation Plan
Northeast Pierre Transportation Plan Study
Pennington County Master Transportation Plan
Spearfish Area Master Transportation Plan
Vermillion Area Master Transportation Plan
Vermillion Bicycle Master Plan
Wall Master Transportation Plan
Watertown Area Transportation Plan
Yankton County Master Transportation Plan

Our recent conversations with counties and First Class municipalities confirmed our necessity for a Master Transportation Plan. One county stated: "We could not apply for BIG funding without a transportation plan". One municipality communicated to us: Our Study was completed 7 years ago. In the ensuing 7 years we have completed approximately 30% of our identified intersection improvements, 50% of the identified road segments, 33% of our bridges, 30% of our pedestrian, rail and transit projects, and 100% of our system management and policy issues. The study did force us to focus and reflect on some of our needs based on community wide polling and the consultants outside perspective. Some of the items were pretty obvious, but some of the other items were not something we would have identified in-house. We got a great deal of value out of our project and it truly allows staff to use it to help prioritize money toward worthwhile public improvements.

The South Dakota Department of Transportation intends to seek proposals for a transportation planning analysis for the area of Mitchell to be defined. An Advisory team (SAT) will be formally established after the agreement has been approved and signed by both parties.

City Staff recommends approval of the South Dakota Department of Transportation - Transportation Planning Grant.