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TO: South Dakota Aeronautics Commission

FROM: Jack Dokken, Office of Aeronautics

DATE: November 8, 2019

SUBJECT: Rapid City Fuel Tax Funding Request

The Rapid City Regional Airport is requesting to use their fuel tax funds for the development of their master plan update. Their current balance is \$497,442.60.

The Department recommends approval of fuel tax funds allocated for Rapid City in the amount of \$497,442.60.



RAPID CITY REGIONAL AIRPORT

www.rapairport.org

November 8, 2019

Mr. Jon Becker
SDDOT Office of Air, Rail & Transit
Becker-Hansen Building
700 E. Broadway Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: RAP Fuel Tax Funds

Dear Mr. Becker,

We would like to request usage of the fuel tax funds for Rapid City Regional Airport for an update to our Master Plan. Our Master Plan was started in 2013, however, not approved until 2018 and is therefore not eligible for federal funding.

RAP has been experiencing tremendous enplanement growth and has now reached enplanement levels forecasted for year 2033 in the Master Plan. Due to this increased growth, it is critical for RAP to do additional planning to meet current and future needs. We believe this project is vital to western South Dakota, to allow Rapid City Regional Airport to continue to grow and provided added air service to the region.

The project will cost \$624,976.07. The balance in our fuel tax account as of October 24, 2019, was \$497,442.60. We respectfully request the use of all available fuel tax funds and will use existing airport operational revenues to cover the remaining project costs.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Patrick Dame, CM
Executive Director