MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning Commission

FROM: Kelly Brennan, Planner II

DATE: 02/23/2021

RE: 21TP004 – Rapid City Year End 2020 Population Estimate

Every year the Long Range Planning Division prepares a population estimate for Rapid City using a methodology approved by the United States Census Bureau. These estimates are based on approved building permits, housing demolitions, the 2010 Census occupancy rate and the 2010 Census persons per household rate for Rapid City and Pennington County. The 2020 year end Rapid City population estimate is 78,369, up 1.53% from the 2019 population estimate of 77,185. A graph is attached showing trends in population growth from 2011 until 2020.

Please note that the 2020 Census data for Rapid City is expected to be released on May 27, 2021, and will become the basis for next year’s population estimate.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approving the Rapid City Year End 2020 Population Estimate.