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1. Status of short term goals:	Completed	Not Completed
<p>a. Cost benefit analysis for providing additional service: The Rapid City MPO is preparing an RFP to secure consulting services to develop a transit feasibility study for the Metropolitan Planning Area. The study will evaluate needs, consider alternatives, recommend implementation strategies, consider economic development and determine associated costs for service and potential funding sources. Study to be completed in 2017.</p>		X
<p>b. RTS to work with officials in neighboring communities to explore ways of providing transit service to those regions: The Rapid City MPO is preparing an RFP to secure consulting services to develop a transit feasibility study for the Metropolitan Planning Area. The study will evaluate needs, consider alternatives, recommend implementation strategies, consider economic development and determine associated costs for service and potential funding sources. Study to be completed in 2017.</p>		X
<p>c. Create an inventory of people who need transportation to areas outside of RTS service area: The Rapid City MPO is preparing an RFP to secure consulting services to develop a transit feasibility study for the Metropolitan Planning Area. The study will evaluate needs, consider alternatives, recommend implementation strategies, consider economic development and determine associated costs for service and potential funding sources. Study to be completed in 2017.</p>		X
<p>d. Provide transit education for local agencies: This is an ongoing process.</p>	X	
<p>e. Create a volunteer buddy system to help people get familiar with using the transit system: This process is currently underway.</p>	X	
<p>f. Get transit routes on Google maps: All transit routes are on Google maps</p>	X	
<p>g. Review policies concerning carry-on items: Carry-on items policy tweaked in 2016 to define allowable</p>	X	

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- food and beverage. Peer analysis performed to follow generally accepted industry standards.
- h. Publish transit routes and other information in senior newspapers: X
  - i. Continue regular coordination and communication among RTS, local agencies and transportation providers: X
  - j. Create a program where employers can assist in the payment of transit fares: A program has begun on a limited basis X
  - k. Make information about agencies willing to help pay transit fares more accessible: Program has commenced X
  - l. Identify funding options that will help provide service to areas Outside of Rapid City: X  
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  - m. Get transit information available on the 211 Helpline Center: X
  - n. Acquire more transit shelters: X  
 Five (5) additional passenger shelters are budgeted for 2017.
  - o. Create more bus stops that are ADA accessible: X  
 An inventory of all bus stops is available but does not currently distinguish between ADA/non ADA accessible stops. Additional ADA accessible stops have been added in 2016. City will apply for 5310 funds in 2017 to add an additional 100 ADA accessible bus stops complete with benches placed on concrete slabs.
  - p. Increase the frequency of buses, possibly requiring more buses: X
  - q. Offer DR service to those who do not qualify for service: X

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- r. Allow riders who have a hard time navigating streets to exit in between stops: This is an ongoing policy. X
  - s. Create a day pass: **NOTE: Will be addressed in transit feasibility to be completed in 2017.**
  - t. Advertise "FREE Ride Friday" for seniors: Ongoing X
2. New goals for FY 2016: NONE
  3. Timeframes for 2016 goals: NA
  4. Coordination changes with other agencies: No changes in coordination have occurred.
  5. Service area change: No service area changes have occurred.
  6. No significant changes have occurred within agency.
  7. No specific FY 2016 goals were established.