DATE: February 6, 2017
TO: Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Public Works & City Council
RE: Proposed Amendment of Project # P TAPU(09), Shared Use Path Construction

In 2014, the City of Rapid City accepted a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant from the South Dakota Department of Transportation (SD DOT) for planning and development of a shared use path extension to be built in 2018. The project proposed to use a portion of the rail-banked railroad corridor and private property acquisitions to connect the bike path at Cambell Street to Western Dakota Technical College (WDT).

During the project planning and design phase, the necessary property acquisitions for the proposed route proved problematic and cost prohibitive. In an effort to achieve the connection of the bike path with WDT, the City and State discussed several options for potential realignment and construction phasing. The SD DOT has identified a project to construct sidewalk along Omaha St/Hwy 44 in 2021, thus City staff proposes that the TAP project alignment be amended to extend the 10-foot wide side path north along Cambell to Omaha St/Hwy 44 in 2021. The SD DOT will then fully fund and construct a 10-foot wide side path on the north side of Omaha St/Hwy 44 which would complete the bike path connection to WDT; the 10-foot wide side path would extend east to Covington Street.

Staff recommends Approval of the proposed route amendment and Authorization of staff to amend the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Agreement with the South Dakota Department of Transportation.

Proposed Project Amendment:
Construct a path on the East side of Cambell St. from the end of the side path south of Rocker Dr. north to the intersection of E. Omaha St/Hwy 44.

Original Project:
Construct a path on the East side of Cambell St. from the end of the side path south of Rocker Dr., north to the rail banked line south of Centre St., southeast on the rail bed to Kennel Dr., north on the west side of Kennel Dr. to Centre St., east on Centre St. to a private property connection to the Intersection of E. Omaha St/Hwy 44 and Mickelson Drive.

Current Project Funding:
City CIP Funds $293,000
State TAP Funds $206,837