

New downtown parking plans before planners

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The Rapid City Planning Commission discussed a proposal for development of new surface parking space for the downtown area during a luncheon meeting Tuesday.

Presenting the proposal were Floyd Tanaka and Bob Giltner, both of THK Associates, Inc., the city planners consulting engineering firm from Denver.

Tanaka explained because of the urgency his firm gave top priority to an "interim parking study" but also considered the parking study in relation to the general neighborhood renewal plan.

Giltner, former planning director for the city of Denver, explained details of the parking study. The interim plan would provide a net increase of 450 spaces in the downtown area and cost approximately \$1.62 million.

The study also recommended the creation of a downtown parking district to finance the project. The increase in parking spaces would come from expansion of existing lots and acquisition of downtown locations for up to seven more lots.