

**RAPID CITY AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
RESOLUTION #2021-01**

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE U.S. OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET TO AMEND ITS PROPOSED CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS (2021-00988)

WHEREAS, the Executive Policy Committee (EPC) of the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization has been designated by the Governor of the State of South Dakota as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) responsible, together with the State, for the comprehensive, continuing, and cooperative transportation planning process for the Rapid City Metropolitan Planning Area and;

WHEREAS, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has proposed increasing the minimum urban area population to qualify as a metropolitan statistical area (MSA) from 50,000 to 100,000 and;

WHEREAS, the City of Rapid City is the designated urban area for the MPO and has an urban population of less than 100,000 and;

WHEREAS, the proposed changes to the MSA criteria would result in Rapid City being removed from MSA status and placed into micropolitan statistical area status and;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Executive Policy Committee of the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization that the EPC opposes the proposed change in the minimum urban area population criteria for Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

Dated this 11th day of February, 2021.

ATTEST:

Mayor Larry Larson, Chair
Rapid City Area MPO

Ken Young, Executive Director
Rapid City Area MPO