

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



Michael Kyte
Chair

~**AMENDED** Agenda~

Bill Belknap
Staff Liaison

<https://www.ci.moscow.id.us/556/Transportation-Commission>

Thursday, October 10, 2019

4:00 PM

Council Chambers
206 E. 3rd St.

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Transportation Commission Minutes from September 12, 2019 (Action Item)

PROPOSED ACTION: Approve minutes as presented; approve minutes with amendments; or provide staff further direction.

2. Public Comment

3. Commission Communications

4. **PRESENTATION CANCELLED** Sustainable—Environment—Commission Presentation—Kristin Haltinner (Action Item)

~~The City of Moscow Sustainable Environment Commission (SEC) is working on a proposed climate change strategic plan proposal for consideration by the City Council. The SEC has contacted a number of City Commissions whose area of responsibility intersect with possible policies and programs that may be included within their proposal.~~

~~**PROPOSED ACTION:** Accept report and take action as deemed appropriate.~~

5. Farmer's Market Table Report – Michael Kyte (Action Item)

The Transportation Commission staffed the City Table at the Farmer's Market on September 21st and solicited public input regarding perceived transportation challenges in Moscow. The public provided a number of comments and suggestions that have been summarized for the Commission's review and discussion.

PROPOSED ACTION: Review public comments and take action as deemed appropriate.

REPORTS

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1. Projects Report – Bill Belknap

CONTINUING EDUCATION

1. (Michael Kyte)

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

- 1. The next scheduled meeting is November 14, 2019. Commission Members must submit agenda items directly to the chair by Wednesday, November 6, 2019.**

ADJOURN

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~Meeting Minutes~
September 12, 2019

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The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Kyte, Chair; Ben Calabretta, Mary DuPree, Joel Hamilton, Brian Johnson, Don Meyer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Phil Cook, Mike McGahan, Bob Sanders

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Bill Belknap, Anne Peterson, Anne Zabala

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Transportation Commission Minutes from August 8, 2019 (Action Item)

Johnson moved and DuPree seconded to accept the minutes as presented. Minutes approved by acclamation with Meyer abstaining.

2. Public Comment (heard as Item 6)

Becker Gutsch expressed her disappointment regarding the Third Street bike lanes but agreed the A Street project is indeed a priority. She believes there is an increasing need for a 4-way stop at Hayes and Third Street because of the additional bike and pedestrian traffic on Third. Belknap said pedestrian and bicycle volume isn't included in a traffic count, but he will revisit whether the City Engineer's prior recommendation against the 4-way stop was based on existing traffic or an estimated analysis of potential traffic once the pedestrian bridge was installed.

3. Commission Communications (Michael Kyte)

Belknap announced a City reorganization has consolidated Engineering and Community Development into one department. Belknap will become the Staff Liaison for this Commission and Tyler Palmer will be available as needed for Operations consultation.

Kyte reminded everyone this Commission is scheduled to be at the Farmer's Market on September 21. Kyte will be there and invited anyone else who was interested to also attend. He would like to provide a city street map where citizens can identify any transportation concerns.

4. Vitruvian Planning Report (Scott Bontrager) (Action Item)

On September 11th representatives from Vitruvian Planning participating in meetings with City Staff and Third Street corridor stakeholders including the Moscow School District and

1912 Center to discuss the implementation of the Third Street separated bike lane facility. Staff will provide a report on the discussions and mitigation actions that were discussed.

Belknap presented notes from the stakeholder meeting (attached). Johnson asked if the Commission's input would be solicited regarding a potential shift of the bike lane to the south side of the street, and Belknap said they would. DuPree said it was important to retain convenient drop-off space for people with large loads. Hamilton concurred. Calabretta felt strongly that any changes to what has already been planned with the bike lane ought to come back to this Commission before final decisions are made.

5. A Street Project Report (Bill Belknap) (Action Item)

On August 20th, the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council opened bids for the A Street Project that would reconstruct A Street between Peterson Drive and Home Street as well as reconstruct Line Street from Highway 8 to A Street, and Circle Drive north of A Street. The lowest bid received at \$3.84 Million was approximately \$791,000 above the engineer's estimate for the project. Staff will provide a report on the project and funding considerations.

Belknap brought Commissioners up to date on the project and said due to construction cost increases, the City needs nearly \$1M more to cover the local match requirement. City staff have proposed borrowing from other projects to avoid the loss of federal funds if the A Street Project could not proceed. Those projects include the Third Street Corridor, funds accumulated for Moser Park, the A Street Refund, the City sidewalk program and the Pavement Management Program (PMP). Since this proposal would exhaust all funding for the Third Street Bike Corridor until Council can find funding, Kyte asked the best way to keep the project in the forefront for other funding possibilities. Belknap suggested a TAP application would be appropriate, but those grants have a three to four year funding process and the earliest the City could submit another one is 2021. Kyte asked if the Commission wished to take a formal position on the matter before it is brought to Council on Monday. Calabretta thought A Street is becoming even more of a priority because of all the new development on that corridor. The Commission voted unanimously to endorse in principle the proposal for A Street as outlined by staff, with the recommendation that the Third Street project be reimbursed and prioritized for appropriation in the FY2021 budget.

6. Sixth Street Bridge Repair Report (Bill Belknap) (Action Item)

On April 9, 2019, Moscow experienced a record flood event which caused significant damage to the current culvert bridge system on Sixth Street near Mountain View Road. The flood event resulted in extensive erosion and undermining of the existing culvert system on both the upstream and downstream sides of the bridge crossing and dislodged the guardrail system. Temporary repairs to the road base and surface have been completed and the City will be installing traffic barriers along the guard rail until more permanent repairs can be made. Staff will provide a report of the status of the repair and grant funding assistance the City is seeking to assist with permanent repairs.

The structural integrity of the culvert system will be analyzed for potential repair options or expansion to include sidewalk space. Funding options are being explored including potential grant and federal transit funding. The current LHTAC-funded project on Mountain View does not include this bridge or its repair.

REPORTS

None.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Kyte distributed information from other cities about downtown parking usage, challenges, and alternatives. He encouraged Commissioners to review for future discussion.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

The next scheduled meeting is October 10, 2019. Commission Members must submit agenda items directly to the chair by Wednesday, October 2, 2019.

ADJOURNED: 5:03pm

Michael Kyte, Chair

DRAFT BRAINSTORMING DOCUMENT
Seeking input from other commissions – October 2019

Issue: Climate Change Preparation and Mitigation

[insert summary paragraph here]

Long-term Goals

- To increase the availability of renewable energy sources such that Moscow (and its residents) can be using 100% renewable energy by 2035
- To reduce waste through increasing public recycling and composting programs
- To conserve water and preserve the public aquifer
- To reduce auto transportation by expanding public bus services and improving routes for cyclists and pedestrians
- To reduce the number of people commuting to Moscow by expanding affordable housing programs
- Develop the foundation for an adaptation plan for Moscow

Annual Objectives

- Increase renewable energy use by 10% annually
- Increase divergence rate (of waste) by 5% annually
- Decrease municipal water use in public parks by 10% annually
- Decrease annual transportation carbon emissions by 10% annually
- (How do we quantify affordable housing?)

Actions/Strategies

- To secure DOE Grant funding to purchase solar panels to outfit on the roofs of Moscow High School and Moscow Middle School
- To work with AVISTA to locate additional locations for public utility developments (solar and wind farms)
- Work with AVISTA to eliminate coal strip
- Buy a buck/ options for consumers to buy renewable energy options
- Create an “energy park” with solar and wind generators to teach the public about renewable energy
- Provide financial incentives for homes and businesses to reduce energy use
- Increase available parking space dedicated for people using electric cars (including solar powered charging stations) and non-car commuting
- To increase public awareness campaigns regarding energy conservation, waste reduction, water conservation, and public transportation.
- Conduct waste audit of the city
- Conduct climate change vulnerability assessment for Moscow
- Provide subsidized rain barrels for residents
- Increase cost of water (except for low-income residents)

- Plant trees to mitigate urban heat island issues
- Increase opportunities for green jobs
- Rezone initiatives for mix-used areas to minimize the need for vehicular travel
- Improving quality and access to community gardens
- Encouraging front yard gardening
- Expand rules regarding water use and yard irrigation
- Lower speed limits to increase safety for pedestrians and cyclists
- Add additional bike lanes on highly biked routes
- Reinvest in Moscow/Pullman bus
- Develop public transportation options to regional cities
- Close off Main Street/city core to vehicular traffic
- Expand over and underpasses for heavily trafficked biking and walking routes
- Expand routes for city buses
- Implement parking fees in downtown
- Implement curbside pickup program for food and yard waste (municipal composting)
- Provide subsidized compost bins for residents
- Expand green requirements for new construction (include solar panels, eliminate natural gas heating systems)

*Get ideas from following commissions: Transportation, Planning and Zoning, Pathways, Trees (email to others)

* Ideas from Steve's Urban Planning

- The traffic on 3rd Street coming into Moscow between Line and Jackson is difficult from 4-6 pm during the week.
- Enforce the no-jake brake (compression) on US 95 at Palouse River Drive.
- One-way signs not well marked, for example, 2nd and Washington.
- E Street and 95 S intersection.
- N/S bike corridor through downtown from north Moscow.
- Better/safer way to bicycle between Fort Russell and Chipman Trail through the downtown corridor.
- Moscow is doing a great job within our city for convenient and free and regular public transportation. However, we seniors (age 71) feel the need for the same (convenient and regular public transportation) between our two university small towns. We guess there are others, many others, who feel the same need. We have dental and doctor appointments in Pullman. Plus the dual universities create wonderful opportunities for all the residents. Then, there are the visits between and among friends in the separate towns, and conversations at coffee houses in both towns, and art exhibits and shopping, parks, etc. All these community-building opportunities would be enhanced with public transportation. My comments and our need are made in light of the factor we want to reduce our carbon footprint and want others to be able to do that too.
- He will give access through his property from cul-de-sac to Mountain View. Fossberg land crossing? New bridge has reduced his commute time from to downtown from 45 min to 19 min.
- Public transportation is a growing benefit, now turning into a requirement for an increasing number of Moscow citizens. I feel my own need and/or movement in that direction. To and through homes, downtown, as well as making Pullman and Moscow mutually available to the citizens in our unique communities. Thanks for your work and service for us all.
- A Street-What happens to traffic when you get to Jackson and Main streets?
- I like the present bike lanes on 3rd Street. Please don't eliminate parking on 3rd Street near East City Park to make room for separate bike corridor on north side of street. Not needed!
- Can we identify "secret" connections like paths or steps that connect neighborhoods (like on Sunnyside)?
- Transit from Moscow to Pullman and Lewiston. COAST lost funding. What are alternatives?
- It would be beneficial to find a way to offer transportation to rural residents. Maybe a screening process for only "in need" residents.
- The loss of bus service between Moscow and Pullman leads me to take four individual round trips between the cities per week. I'd like to see the conversation reenergized.
- 3rd Street extension is more important to me than improvement of A Street. Please give some priority to 3rd Street extension.
- Sidewalks on A Street.
- I have trouble at lights when there are no cars there to actuate the light change. "Walk" buttons streetside that a bicyclist can reach would help a lot. Some cities have these.