

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



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~Meeting Minutes~
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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 any modification of the bike lane, 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

Memorandum

To: Scott Bontrager
From: Frederick Olmos
Date: September 11, 2019
Subject: Bike Lane Meeting

Attendance

City of Moscow: Scott Bontrager, Carey Edwards, Frederick Olmos
Vitruvian Planning: Chris Danley, Don Kosteled

Meeting 1:00 pm
Director of the 1912 Center: Jenny Kostroff

- One of her main concerns when speaking to her was parking on the 3rd street frontage which was to be expected.
 - Parking on Third Street is used for vendors and caterers to access the main space of the 1912 center. The events they cater to include the following.
 - Winter Market
 - University student org programs
 - Weddings
 - Elderly Free meal days
 - Safety was another major concern for offloading if parking is to be moved to the south side of the street. She was concerned that it could potentially be an accident waiting to happen.
 - She was a bit frustrated that no one had reached out to her in the past to involve her in the process.
 - She mentioned that the way the things are currently set up are working great. "Why fix something if it isn't broken" (in reference to the improvements already made including the eastbound bikelane, westbound sharrows, parking restrictions, and the raised crosswalk.
 - She mentions that this would be more dangerous in the winter time with the Snow removal as more ice would be present if the same level of street cleaning would be affected by the separated bike lane.

Recommendations to solve 1912 concerns

- Use of Transition zone in separated bike lanes
 - Creates space for loading/offloading zones in green strip along the Third Street frontage of the 1912 center.
 - New Signage "Offloading Zone only"
 - Installing a mountable curb and all weather surface in green strip area.
- Explored other parking and loading opens all around the 1912 Center. Discuss possible changes to parking along Van Buren and adjustments to parking lot ingress/egress.

Meeting 2:00 pm

Moscow Superintendent (Greg Bailey) & High School Principal (Erik Perryman)

- They seemed more receptive of the idea. Their main concern was speed and safety.
- Emphasize how they wanted to make sure that speed was decreased in the school zone.
- In front of the school they wanted the no parking to be enforced just how it is now.
- It was mentioned they are actively searching for a new location for the High School, are aware of their current parking limitations, are not worried about deliveries since they happen early in the morning or in off-peak times.

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