

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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**Thursday
December 9, 2021**

4:00 PM

**Council Chambers
206 E. Third Street**

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Sanders, Chair; Erin Bacon, Ben Calabretta, Mary DuPree, Joel Hamilton, Mike McGahan, Scott Sumner
MEMBERS ABSENT: Randy Baukol, Rebecca Couch
OTHERS: Gina Taruscio, Janet Zarate
STAFF: Jennifer Fleischman, Mike Ray, Cody Riddle, Nate Suhr

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of September 9, 2021 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Presentation of minutes for approval.

Hamilton moved for approval of the minutes as corrected, seconded by Calabretta. Vote by Acclamation: Ayes: Sanders, Bacon, Calabretta, DuPree, Hamilton, Sumner (6). Nays: None. Abstentions: McGahan (1). Motion carried.

2. Public Comment

Members of the public may speak to the Commission regarding matters NOT on the agenda or currently pending before the Commission. Please state your name and city of residence for the record and limit your remarks to three (3) minutes.

None.

3. Introduction of New Commission Liaison

Cody Riddle, new Community Development Deputy City Supervisor, will serve as liaison for the Transportation Commission. Commissioners introduced themselves and greeted the new Staff Liaison.

4. Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Grant Applications (ACTION ITEM) – Bill Belknap

The State of Idaho is currently soliciting grant applications this fall for the Child and Pedestrian Safety Program as well as the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). These grant programs are intended to assist with funding pedestrian and bicycle improvement and safety projects. Staff has identified three potential projects for consideration and Staff will present the proposed project for the Commissions review and comment.

Nate Suhr presented this in Bill Belknap's absence.

Suhr reviewed the grant opportunities that the City is applying for as described above. The application for the Local Highway Safety Improvement Program (LHSIP) was discussed. The maximum award for LHSIP is \$1.5 mil, with a local match of 7.34%. The Child and Pedestrian Safety (CPS) program was announced late October, so the grant funds were not anticipated during City planning. The City of Moscow was the number one application in the State of Idaho the last time it was pursued. TAP grants are competitive, but the project proposals are meeting the application rubric and there is significant opportunity for funding. The

reconfiguration of the intersection at “D” Street and Mountain View Road would have bulb outs instead of pedestrian refuge islands because the lanes skew in the intersection. There continued to be discussion about the effectiveness of pedestrian refuge islands versus bulb outs. Rapid flashing beacons are not part of the proposed project at “D” Street and Mountain View Road. The proposed roundabout at the intersection of “A” and Baker streets would be able to accommodate 54-foot school buses and larger vehicles with the reinforced apron in the center.

The annual sidewalk replacement program has been funded since origination, but contractors are less likely to conservatively bid on small projects. The Commission discussed sidewalks and pedestrian ramps along “D” Street from Hayes Street to the Moscow Middle School, and also the sidewalk along “A” Street. Bike lanes are included with the proposal for the CPS grant project. If the CPS grant award was received it would have to be completed by early December 2022. School Zone flashing beacons for the “D” Street and Mountain View Road intersection were not considered, but can be looked into further.

REPORTS

Intercity Transit Subcommittee Report

The survey draft letter has been approved for distribution and will be sent it out after the first of the year. The survey results should be ready for review and discussion by the February Commission meeting.

Highway 95 Realignment Report

Janet Zarate gave a presentation regarding the Idaho Transportation Department’s project to realign Highway 95. Planning funding for this project has been secured, but the construction funding has not. The project encompassed the highway from Moscow north to the Benewah county line. Another project request for Highway 8 from Moscow to Troy was also submitted. The alternate route would end approximately at Thorn Creek Road, near Genesee, and it focuses primarily on transportation corridor safety. A bypass was studied, but has not been seriously considered recently.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

The next regularly scheduled Transportation Commission meeting is January 13, 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 4:46 PM



Robert Sanders, Chair