

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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**Thursday
January 13, 2022**

4:00 PM

**Council Chambers
206 E. Third Street**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Sanders, Chair; Erin Bacon, Randy Baukol, Ben Calabretta, Rebecca Couch, Mary DuPree, Joel Hamilton, Mike McGahan, Scott Sumner
OTHERS: Ben Aiman, Maureen Laflin, Janet Zarate
STAFF: Jennifer Fleischman, Cody Riddle

REGULAR AGENDA

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

Presentation of minutes for approval.

Bacon moved for approval of the minutes as presented, seconded by McGahan. Vote by Acclamation: Ayes: Unanimous (8). Nays: None. Abstentions: DuPree (1). Motion carried.

DuPree arrived after the motion had passed.

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. Election of Officers (ACTION ITEM)

It is the standard practice for City Commissions to nominate and elect members to serve as Officers during the first meeting of the year.

DuPree nominated Sanders for Chair and Bacon for Vice Chair, and both accepted. Baukol seconded the motion. Vote by Acclamation: Ayes: Unanimous (9). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

4. Continued Discussion Regarding Inter-City Transit Service (ACTION ITEM) – Cody Riddle

A Transit Survey letter has been approved for distribution as outreach focused on a potential bus service between Moscow and Pullman. Staff will provide an update for the Commission.

Riddle updated the Commission on the status of the Inter-City Transit Service survey letter. The survey will go out to various stakeholders in the community and will gauge interest in a possible intercity transit service. The list of contacts that will receive the survey was reported. The apparent need for dually enrolled university students that require transportation between Moscow and Pullman has declined significantly. This may be due to a lack of intercity transportation means or a decrease of available programming that both universities offer. Enrollment at Washington State University and the University of Idaho was considered in how it effects transportation requests. The University of Idaho's partnership with Uber was discussed.

5. Review of Downtown Streetscape Project (ACTION ITEM) – Cody Riddle

The City recently posted a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Downtown Streetscape Design Project. Staff will provide an overview of the request for the Commission's review.

Riddle reviewed the project as described above, and said the Statement of Qualification's are due February 4th. The project would include upgrading utilities and sidewalks downtown, as well as adding pedestrian amenities. The RFQ is for design services, not construction bids. The Moscow Arts Commission and Tree Commission would be involved during the design planning phase of the project.

6. Discussion Regarding Commission's 2022 Goals and Focus Areas (ACTION ITEM) – Cody Riddle

Staff is seeking input on Commission priorities for the upcoming calendar year.

Riddle requested input from the Commissioners on specific areas that they would like to engage in throughout the year. The last time Commission Goals were established was around 2019. The Multi-Modal Transportation Plan (MMTP) can be used to address priorities or projects. There was some discussion about the possibility of reviewing the MMTP. The Climate Action Plan is currently being drafted and will be released late winter/early spring.

Updating the Streets Code was discussed as a possible goal, especially in regards to one-way streets. The Resilient Cities Network was asked about. There was some more conversation regarding what kind of goals or workplan to set, as well as opportunities to collaborate with other Commissions. The Transportation Commission does not have a specific budget to fund projects through. Intercity transportation discussion will continue to be pursued as a focus area for 2022. The Commission talked about the possibility of advocating for alternative transportation methods as well as how the pandemic impacted trends regarding personal vehicles. Silver level award from the League of American Bicyclists was mentioned and how biking and walking could be encouraged. Old county roads converted to city streets was discussed and how that impacts the walkability of Moscow. Staff will compile the suggestions and responses and send out a list to the Commissioners ahead of the next meeting for review.

REPORTS

Zarate gave a brief update for ITD: consultants have been selected for both the Highway 8 and the Highway 95 planning projects. The Highway 95 realignment project is on schedule, though some of the Right of Way has not been finalized. The pre-construction meeting is tentatively scheduled for the first week of March.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The winter Walk to School Day is Wednesday, February 2nd, 2022.

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

The next regularly scheduled Transportation Commission meeting is February 10, 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 4:43 PM



Robert Sanders, Chair