

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



Ben Calabretta

Regular Meeting

Les MacDonald

Commission Chair

~Agenda~

Staff Liaison

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Thursday

Council Chambers

4:00 PM

December 13, 2018

206 E 3rd Street

Call to Order

1. Approval Of Minutes From November 8, 2018

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

Documents:

[DRAFT MINUTES 11.8.18.PDF](#)

2. Commission Communications (Calabretta)

ACTION: Receive reports and updates from the Commission

3. Election Of Officers For 2019 (Calabretta) (Action Item)

ACTION: Elect Chair and Vice Chair for 2019.

4. Report On The Gotcha Bike Share Program (Palmer) (Action Item)

ACTION: Receive report and provide staff direction or make recommendation, if deemed necessary.

5. Third Street Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge Alignment (Tyler) (Action)

ACTION: Discuss two options for the alignment of the Third Street Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge. Provide staff direction or make recommendation, if deemed necessary.

Documents:

[THIRD - ROOSEVELT TO MTVIEW.PDF](#)

Adjourn

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**Thursday
November 8, 2018**

4:00 PM

**Council Chambers
206 E. 3rd Street**

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm.

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

Absent: Phil Cook, Bill Belknap, Community Development Director, Bob Sanders, Mike McGahan

Staff: Council Liaison Gina Taruscio
Les MacDonald, Public Works Director
Jared Hopkins-ITD
Sandra Collins, Administrative Assistant / Deputy City Clerk

1. Approval of minutes from October 25, 2018 (Action Item)

ACTION: DuPree moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Johnson. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: All; Nays: None; Abstained Meyer: Minutes approved.

2. Commission Communications (Calabretta) Calabretta asked about an empty lot next to Patty's kitchen where people have been parking. Some have been accessing the lot by jumping the curb. MacDonald said it was a private lot, but would try to speak with the property owner. Hamilton said he had a concern that the designated overnight parking near Rosauers was being misused as long-term parking. MacDonald said he would look into the situation. Hamilton suggested the parking could be limited to one day only. Hopkins said ITD's construction season was wrapping up and they were purchasing salt to prepare for winter. MacDonald said Ken Helm from ITD is giving a presentation on November 19, 2018 to City Council on the status of the Thorn Creek to Moscow U.S. 95 build. MacDonald talked about the new covered bike shelter facility outside City Hall, which currently has the capacity to hold twelve bikes but can be expanded to hold up to twenty bikes. Calabretta asked MacDonald if he could go over budget priorities at the December meeting. DuPree said she would like the Commission to advocate for more funding for the sidewalk program. MacDonald said the program is scheduled to go out to bid again in 2019 and has a budget of \$80,000, which is better than previous years. Calabretta reminded the Commission that the December meeting is when they will be voting for a new chair for 2019. Calabretta said he was not planning on running for chair next year. Calabretta asked Michael Lowry who was in the audience if he had any questions. Lowry said some of his students attended this meeting as part of an assignment and asked when the Paradise Path Underpass would be finished. MacDonald said there would be a soft opening once all the

railings are in place and an official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in the spring. Lowry said he had a pedestrian/ bike counter the City could utilize to gauge how well the path is used.

3. Draft Resolution for South Couplet Pedestrian System Upgrades (Kyte) (Action Item) Kyte gave a presentation on the US 95/Highway 8 intersection to show development growth since the intersection was built and the increase in pedestrian traffic. Kyte said he is concerned about safety as pedestrian traffic increases due to the new Identity Apartments, the University WWAMI building and new Gritman Medical Center parking lot as well as future development. His presentation showed possible sites for proposed new crosswalks. He presented a draft resolution/memo and asked the Transportation Commission to support his proposal for new crosswalks on the south and west ends of the intersection. There was discussion by the Commission which included questions about:

- The proposed addition of an underpass at US 95 and Paradise Creek and removal of the existing bridge
- Potential development of the surrounding area including the addition of new sidewalks and Gritman's responsibility for frontage improvements.
- The proposed crosswalk locations, including City policy on crossings connecting to sidewalks or facilities verses undeveloped land.
- The cost of the Underpass at White and Styner, which was \$500,000, in comparison to the cost of the proposed underpass at US 95 and Highway 8, estimated to be \$800,000.

Johnson felt Kyte's resolution/memo was appropriate and said he would support it. MacDonald explained the Commission's options.

- The Commission could request City staff work with ITD to explore the feasibility of adding crosswalks, without going before City Council with a funding request.
- Alternatively, if the Commission were asking for funding for these crosswalks, then this would need to go before City Council in the form of a memo, not a resolution.

Kyte moved to present his memo as a recommendation to City Council that City staff work with ITD to explore adding crosswalks in the proposed locations; DuPree seconded. Roll Call Vote; Ayes: All; Nays: None. Motion passes. Taruscio said she would like to see conversation with Gritman alongside that recommendation.

4. Bike System Implementation Adjustments Report (MacDonald) MacDonald gave the Commission a handout showing streets where the bike route plan has been adjusted. He also showed the Bike Facilities Plan on the overhead and went over each section that had adjustments. There was discussion, including:

- Cyclists in bike lanes on Highway 8 riding in the wrong direction and if directional arrows would help.
- If dedicated bike lanes that transition into Sharrows present a problem to cyclists.
- Bike lanes next to the trash drop off facility are being used by vehicles to queue while waiting to enter the facility.
- Bike lanes and markings on Orchard Avenue and removal of parking.
- If a bike lane was needed on the south side of White Avenue due to the bike path on the north side.

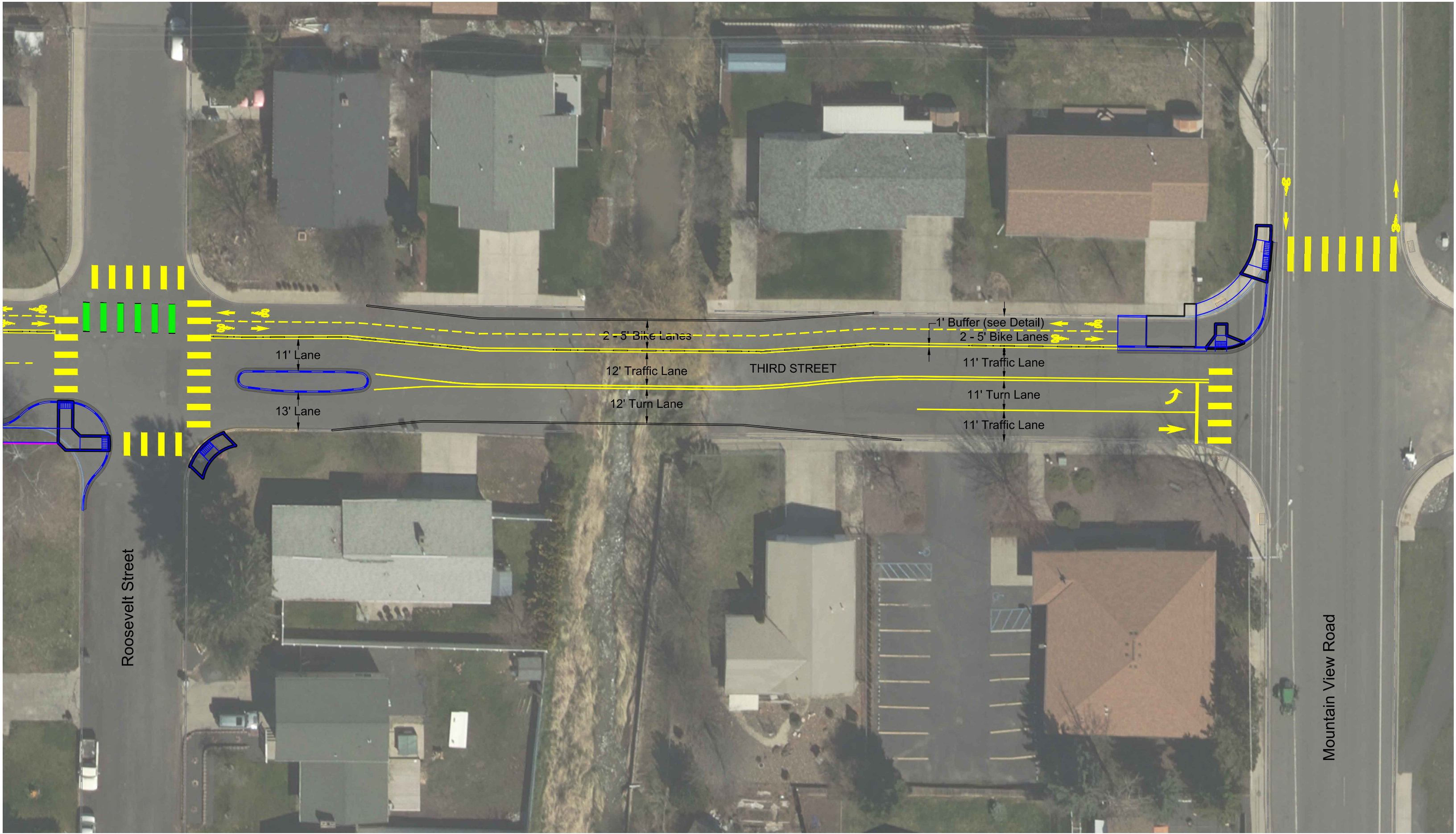
- The frequency of paint maintenance.

Council Member Brandy Sullivan was in the audience and asked if there was a process for the Transportation Commission to re-evaluate the bike routes, especially if citizens did not want the bike lanes in their neighborhood. MacDonald said perhaps the changes should be given some time and then if people are still concerned, the Transportation Commission or City Council could address that feedback. Lowry asked how citizens are notified of the bike lane striping and MacDonald explained the process. Sullivan said she would like to bring some of the areas of controversy before the Transportation Commission for their input. Calabretta said she could have that opportunity during the Commission Communications time. MacDonald said Indian Hills is a controversial area and he could bring information about that to the next meeting.

DuPree asked if the Commission was interested in revisiting the idea of transportation between Moscow and Pullman and the possibility of forming a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). There was discussion about Pullman, who may already have started the paperwork to form an organization, and the requirements for forming an MPO and where that information could be found.

5. **Comprehensive Plan Update - Discussion Completion (Belknap) (Action Item)**
MacDonald asked if the Commission had any other comments or direction about the Comprehensive Plan during the open comment period. No recommendations or changes were made.

Adjourned: 6:01 pm



Roosevelt Street

THIRD STREET

Mountain View Road

11' Lane
13' Lane

2 - 5' Bike Lanes
12' Traffic Lane
12' Turn Lane

1' Buffer (see Detail)
2 - 5' Bike Lanes
11' Traffic Lane
11' Turn Lane
11' Traffic Lane