

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



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**Thursday
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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

Minutes Approved On

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Sullivan

Clerk/Deputy Signature

Resolution from MTC (draft, 2018.10.25)

The MTC is aware of increasing pedestrian volumes at and near the intersection of SH 8 and US 95 at the south end of the City of Moscow resulting from the completion of the Identity Apartment complex, the addition of the Gritman Medical Center employee parking lot on the south side of US 95, and the soon to be completed WWAMI medical education building on Sweet Avenue.

The MTC encourages the City of Moscow Engineering staff to work with the Idaho Transportation Department to add crosswalks on the south and west ends of the intersection and to provide the necessary pedestrian signal timings to facilitate safe crossing of the intersection.

The MTC also encourages both agencies to monitor the pedestrian crossing volumes that occur midblock between the 8/95 intersection and College Avenue to determine if additional pedestrian safety mitigation measures are needed.

US 95/SH 8 Pedestrian Crossings

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Google Earth



Gritman Medical
Complex

Gritman
Parking Lot

US 95/
SH 8
Intersection

Sweet Avenue

Proposed
Underpass

Future Lane Addition
for EB SH8 traffic

Identity Apartments

WWAMI Program Building



**Facilitate
safe crossing
of US95/SH8
(midblock)**

**Facilitate safe
crossing of
US95/SH8
(at intersection)**

**Facilitate safe
movement of
WWAMI program
students/faculty**

**Facilitate safe
movement of
Identify Moscow
residents to UI
and downtown**



**No crosswalks at
west and south
approaches to
US95/SH8**

BIKE SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION ADJUSTMENTS

STREET	FROM	TO	PLANNED INFRASTRUCTURE		INSTALLED/PROGRAMMED INFRASTRUCTURE	
THIRD STREET	VAN BUREN STREET	JEFFERSON STREET	WESTBOUND	BIKE LANE	WESTBOUND	SHARROWS
FARM ROAD	NORTH OF SH8 INTERSECTION	BUS STOP	SOUTHBOUND	BIKE LANE	SOUTHBOUND	BIKE LANE WITH DOOR ZONE BUFFER
	NORTH EDGE OF WINCO	30' SOUTH OF ISLAND	SOUTHBOUND	BUFFERED BIKE LANE	SOUTHBOUND	6' WIDE BIKE LANE
	195' SOUTH OF ISLAND	30' SOUTH OF ISLAND	NORTHBOUND	BUFFERED BIKE LANE	NORTHBOUND	TRANSITION LANE - EXTRA WIDTH
	30' SOUTH OF ISLAND	A STREET	SOUTHBOUND	BUFFERED BIKE LANE	SOUTHBOUND	BIKE LANE
			NORTHBOUND	BUFFERED BIKE LANE	NORTHBOUND	SHARROWS
PERIMETER DRIVE	OLD PULLMAN ROAD	RAYBURN STREET	EASTBOUND	SHARROWS	EASTBOUND	6' WIDE UPHILL BIKE LANE
NEZ PERCE DRIVE	RAYBURN STREET	GOLF COURSE	EASTBOUND	SHARROWS	EASTBOUND	UPHILL BIKE LANE
	BLAKE AVENUE	GOLF COURSE	WESTBOUND	SHARROWS	WESTBOUND	UPHILL BIKE LANE
RAYBURN STREET	GOLD LOT DRIVEWAY	PERIMETER DRIVE	SOUTHBOUND	BIKE LANE	SOUTHBOUND	SHARROWS
STADIUM WAY	SIXTH STREET	PARADISE CREEK STREET	NORTHBOUND	BIKE LANE	NORTHBOUND	BIKE LANE WITH DOOR ZONE BUFFER
			SOUTHBOUND	BIKE LANE	SOUTHBOUND	BIKE LANE WITH DOOR ZONE BUFFER
EISENHOWER STREET	D STREET	F STREET	NORTHBOUND	BIKE LANE	NORTHBOUND	SHARROWS
			SOUTHBOUND	BIKE LANE	SOUTHBOUND	SHARROWS
SIXTH STREET	ASBURY STREET	JACKSON TURN LANE	EASTBOUND	BIKE LANE	EASTBOUND	BIKE LANE WITH DOOR ZONE BUFFER
ALMON STREET	YARD WASTE DRIVEWAY	E STREET	NORTHBOUND	BIKE LANE	NORTHBOUND	BUFFERED BIKE LANE
			SOUTHBOUND	BIKE LANE	SOUTHBOUND	BUFFERED BIKE LANE
	MINI STORAGE DRIVEWAY	END OF CURB ON WEST SIDE	NORTHBOUND	BIKE LANE	NORTHBOUND	BUFFERED BIKE LANE
			SOUTHBOUND	BIKE LANE	SOUTHBOUND	BUFFERED BIKE LANE
JACKSON STREET	C STREET	D STREET	NORTHBOUND	BUFFERED BIKE LANE	NORTHBOUND	SHARROWS
			SOUTHBOUND	BIKE LANE	SOUTHBOUND	BIKE LANE WITH DOOR ZONE BUFFER

STREET	FROM	TO	PLANNED INFRASTRUCTURE		INSTALLED/PROGRAMMED INFRASTRUCTURE	
D STREET	JACKSON STREET	MAIN STREET	EASTBOUND	BUFFERED BIKE LANE	EASTBOUND	SHARROWS
			WESTBOUND	BIKE LANE	WESTBOUND	6' - 7' BIKE LANE
	WASHINGTON STREET	ALLEY TO THE WEST	WESTBOUND	BIKE LANE	WESTBOUND	SHARROWS
POLK STREET	PUBLIC AVENUE	N. END OF CITY SHOP	NORTHBOUND	BUFFERED BIKE LANE	NORTHBOUND	BIKE LANE
			SOUTHBOUND	BUFFERED BIKE LANE	SOUTHBOUND	BIKE LANE
	N. END OF CITY SHOP	RODEO DRIVE	NORTHBOUND	BUFFERED BIKE LANE	NORTHBOUND	BIKE LANE
	RODEO DRIVE	NORTH OF PLEASANT PLACE	NORTHBOUND	BUFFERED BIKE LANE	NORTHBOUND	BIKE LANE
			SOUTHBOUND	BUFFERED BIKE LANE	SOUTHBOUND	BIKE LANE
LANNY DRIVE	ORCHARD AVENUE	SLONAKER DRIVE	EASTBOUND	TRAIL	EASTBOUND	TRAIL
			WESTBOUND	BIKE LANE	WESTBOUND	NO CURRENT MARKING (POSSIBLY SHARROWS)
BLAINE STREET	ALTURAS DRIVE	TRAVOIS WAY	SOUTHBOUND	BIKE LANE	SOUTHBOUND	BIKE LANE WITH DOOR ZONE BUFFER
	N. SPENCE DRIVEWAY	WHITE AVENUE	SOUTHBOUND	BIKE LANE	SOUTHBOUND	BIKE LANE WITH DOOR ZONE BUFFER
WHITE AVENUE	BANK DRIVEWAY	MOUNTAIN VIEW ROAD	EASTBOUND	BIKE LANE	EASTBOUND	BUFFERED BIKE LANE
	FAIRGROUNDS DRIVEWAY	MOUNTAIN VIEW ROAD	WESTBOUND	BIKE LANE	EASTBOUND	BUFFERED BIKE LANE