

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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**Thursday
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4:00 PM

**Council Chambers
206 E. Third Street**

Sanders called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM

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

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of April 14, 2022 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Presentation of minutes for approval.

Hamilton moved for approval of the minutes as presented, seconded by DuPree. Vote by Acclamation: Ayes: Unanimous (5). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. 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 remarks to three (3) minutes.

None.

3. Idaho Transportation Department Update – Janet Zarate

Staff from ITD will provide a general planning update on projects in and around the Moscow community. Zarate provided a presentation on some of the recent Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) projects scheduled to occur in District 2, and more specifically around Moscow. The acceleration lane proposed to be built on the south lane of Highway 8 would be on the east side of the intersection at Highway 95. The additional lane would not pass through the Highway 95 and Highway 8 intersection. ITD is currently doing a traffic study that will look into other congestion issues and which will possibly lead to solutions. The owner of the property located southeast of the Hwy 95/Hwy 8 intersection donated the access to ITD. ITD is exploring the addition of up to three turn bays to be added to the section of US-95 between Rodeo Dr to Estes Rd. Commission talked about how traffic backs up when heading north and when residents try to make a left-hand turn on that section of road.

Zarate had contacted the Washington Department of Transportation about the Sand Road project, as mentioned in the newspapers. She found that they are considering upgrading the gravel and dirt road to pavement, and are working on hiring a freight traffic consultant. Some of the people Zarate spoke with are willing to provide an individual presentation of plans for the Transportation Commission. Mark Storey was one of the contacts, and works for Whitman County as the Director of Public Works.

4. Shared Mobility Program Update – Cody Riddle

Staff will provide an update on the anticipated deployment of shared mobility devices (e-scooters).

Riddle went over some updates on the shared mobility device and e-scooter contract, which is still on track to deploy late June or early July of this year. The agreement was signed and executed to include a max of two-hundred (200) devices deployed at one time. There will be a dismount zone around Main Street, enforced with geofencing technology.

5. Update on Downtown Streetscape Design Project – Cody Riddle

Staff will provide an update on the project, including a preliminary schedule.

Riddle explained that contract with Welch-Comer, the design consultant for the Downtown Streetscape Design project, has been signed and executed. The Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet for the first time on Tuesday June 14th, which is the beginning of the public outreach portion of the project. Final conceptual designs are anticipated to be ready at the end of the calendar year.

6. General Construction Update – Scott Bontrager and Nate Suhr

Staff will provide an update on construction projects that are either underway or anticipated to begin in the coming months. This includes improvements on Third Street, Sixth Street, and Mountain View Road.

Scott Bontrager, City Engineer, and Nate Suhr, Staff Engineer, provided various updates on the construction projects taking place within Moscow and as described above. There will be pavers placed in the sidewalk gaps in front of Helbling's Auto Parts and along Third and Sixth Street. Mountain View Road is 24ft wide now and will be expanded to 36ft, all the way from Sixth Street to just south of Joseph Street. Two more projects were approved for Transportation Alternative Programs (TAP), to update another two sections of Mountain View Road; one along the northern portion and the other from south of the current project to White Avenue.

The Sixth Street bridge replacement project will be right next to the new Mountain View Road roundabout. The approach to Pickard Orthodontics from Sixth Street will remain in the same place. The Children & Pedestrian Safety (CPS) project, which will be at the intersection of B and Cleveland, will improve the crosswalk and pathway systems for school parent drop-offs. The Public Avenue project is currently in design and the City needs to work through some right-of-way acquisitions before proceeding to construction. Engineering is trying to create a right-angle approach intersection with Polk Street, and is scheduled to begin construction during the spring of 2024.

REPORTS

The Commission discussed the University Gateway on Sixth project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

The next regularly scheduled Transportation Commission meeting is set for July 14, 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 4:38 PM



Robert Sanders, Chair