

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 4:00 pm.

Present: Chair; Michael Kyte, Phil Cook, Ben Calabretta, Joel Hamilton, Brian Johnson, Bob Sanders, Mike McGahan, Mary DuPree

Absent: Les MacDonald, Public Works Director, Vice Chair Don Meyer

Staff: Anne Zabala, Council Liaison
Kevin Lilly, City Engineer
Tyler Palmer, Acting Public Works Director
Bill Belknap, Community Development Director
Jared Hopkins-ITD
Sandra Collins, Administrative Assistant / Deputy City Clerk
Bob Buvel, Staff Engineer

1. Approval of minutes from December 13, 2018 (Action Item)

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

2. Commission Communications (Kyte) Palmer gave updates on the following:

- Third Street Bridge alignment.
- E-bike Pilot Program was approved by City Council. A meeting to discuss hub locations for the e-bikes will be scheduled and then brought before the Transportation Commission for input.
- The City is submitting the Volkswagen Grant to obtain electric charging stations, primarily at the Jackson Street Parking Lot. The maximum grant amount available is \$200,000. The cost of one charging station is approximately \$80,000 with installation around \$100,000. Jared Hopkins asked if the City would charge for use of the station. Palmer said several proposals will be brought before City Council and one proposal is for an initial free period. Regulations will also need to be formulated on parking in the charging station, which should be brought to the Transportation Commission for review.

Hamilton asked about parking enforcement on painted bike lanes in the winter when the bike lanes are unusable by bikes. Palmer said in preliminary conversations he has had, the police

would be issuing warnings to cars parked in bike lanes. Kyte asked if Operations gets calls from citizens with this complaint. Palmer did not think there were many. Cook said legally, a traffic control device has to be visible in order to be enforceable. Belknap said there are signs, so that would serve as visibility.

Johnson reported on the one-way couplet reversal on campus, which is currently being reviewed by the City and should be implemented in the spring.

Cook asked about pending items MacDonald was looking into, including:

- The empty lot next to Patty's kitchen
- Possible misuse of the overnight parking near Rosauers
- The new bike lanes at Indian Hills

Palmer said there would be a review of the Indian Hills bike lanes in the spring.

Kyte asked if the US 95-Crosswalk issue had been presented to Council. Staff felt it might not have, due to MacDonald's absence. Kyte will send the memo to Staff who will put it on Commission letterhead and present it to Council.

Commission Members introduced themselves to Anne Zabala, the new Council Liaison Officer.

3. Project Priorities for the 2020 Budget (Lilly) (Action Item) Lilly showed a presentation and gave an update on the upcoming 2019 construction projects, including:

- White Ave/State Hwy 8 Underpass
- Third Street Corridor Multimodal Improvements - Phase I
- 5339 Grant Shelters - Bus & Bike Shelters
- 2019 ITD ADA Pedestrian Ramps - SE Third / Jackson
- Mt. View Improvements (Joseph Street to 6th Street)
- A Street Improvements
- Sixth St. Safety Improvements (Local Highway Safety Improvement Program (LHSIP) Grant
- 2019 LHSIP Grant Applications
- 2019 Sidewalk Program

Lilly said an application has been submitted for an LHSIP Grant, which if awarded will fund improvements on Public Avenue from Polk to Orchard. This would include sidewalks, widening, curb, and gutter.

Lilly also presented the list for proposed 2020 construction projects:

- LHSIP Third St. Safety Improvements
- 2020 LHSIP Grants
- Almon St. Reconstruction (Third to First)
- Main St. Grind & Inlay
- Slurry Seal
- Asphalt Rubber (AR) Chip Seal

- 2020 Sidewalk program
- Storm Main Replacements
- Replace water main from Well 9 to Farm Rd.
- Booster Station Upgrades – Ponderosa & Indian Hills
- Indian Hills water main
- Southwest Sewer Trunk Line Phase VI
- Inflow & Infiltration Abatement
- Sewer Main Cured-In-Place Pipe (CIPP)
- N. Main to N. Polk Sewer
- Lift Station Renovations

There was discussion about the improvements on Public Avenue, which Lilly said would probably begin in 2021 or 2022, if the grant were awarded. Buvel gave an update on the Urban Berm Development. Calabretta asked about the 2020 Street Projects and the budget process. Palmer explained how staff selected projects for the budget, including pavement maintenance projects and Capital Projects. Lilly explained how pavement evaluation ranking is carried out. Kyte asked if future bus routes are included in the ranking of roads. Palmer said current bus routes are, but not future ones.

Cook asked if Third Street improvements from Washington Street, east, would still take place now the multimodal bridge was not going in at this time. Palmer said the separated bike lanes would be installed this summer, together with the bicycle/pedestrian bridge installation in the spring. Some components of the traffic-calming plan, such as raised intersection and stop signs will not move forward until the multimodal bridge is built. Kyte asked if the multimodal bridge would be included in the 2020 budget. Palmer said staff has no plan to include it, but that direction could come from the Mayor. McGahan said the proposed four way stop sign at Blaine and Third Street, near Lena Whitmore Elementary is still needed, whether the multimodal bridge goes in or not. Sanders and Kyte agreed. Zabala said she would look into that with City Council.

4. Continuing Education (Kyte) Kyte explained he added this item to the agenda so Commission Members could present an idea or education item for discussion. Kyte handed out a newspaper editorial about closing Third Street. He asked the Commission to read it over and bring discussion back to the meeting or suggest other ideas. Belknap said the Planning and Zoning Commission has a shared reading once a month, which is a similar idea. Cook suggested topics including speed limits and electric scooters and e-bikes. DuPree said she liked this idea and suggested the subject of parking limitations within the historic district. Sanders suggested the topic of an alternative method of commuting by converting old railroad tracks in between the University of Idaho and Washington State University.

5. Next Meeting (Kyte) The next scheduled meeting is February 14, 2019. Commission Members must submit agenda items directly to the Chair by Wednesday February 6, 2019.

Adjourned: 5:21 pm