

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Agenda~

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Thursday
May 11, 2023

4:00 PM

Council Chambers
206 E. Third Street

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of April 13, 2023 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Presentation of minutes for approval.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve minutes as presented; approve minutes with amendments; or provide Staff with further direction.

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.

3. Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) Update - ITD Staff

Staff from ITD will provide an update on current planning efforts impacting Moscow and the surrounding area.

4. Citizen Survey Questions (ACTION ITEM) – Cody Riddle

Staff will facilitate an initial discussion on questions that could be included in a citizen survey to occur later this year.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Discuss and provide staff with feedback and direction as necessary.

REPORTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

The next regularly scheduled Transportation Commission meeting is set for June 8, 2023.

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Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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4:00 PM

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Sumner called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Scott Sumner, Chair; Randy Baukol, Mary DuPree, Joel Hamilton, Mike McGahan, Robert Sanders
MEMBERS ABSENT: Erin Bacon, Ben Calabretta
OTHERS: Janet Zarate
STAFF: Scott Bontrager, Jennifer Fleischman, Mike Ray

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of February 9, 2023 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Presentation of minutes for approval.

DuPree moved for approval of the minutes as presented, seconded by Hamilton. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Baukol, DuPree, Hamilton, McGahan, Sumner (5). Nays: None. Abstentions: Bob Sanders (1). Motion carried.

2. Public Comment

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David Hall, Latah County, asked about transportation of turbine blades and the Hwy 95 project, which was responded to by Zarate.

3. Sidewalk Program Update – ~~Cody Riddle~~ Scott Bontrager

Staff will provide an update on the sidewalk program including the history, current challenges, and potential solutions.

Scott Bontrager, City Engineer, presented on the topic in place of Cody Riddle. There was a brief presentation on the history of the sidewalk program, as described above, as well as problems inherent with the program. Contractors working in the public right-of-way need a Public Works License when the work is valued above \$10,000. The City tries to gather interest from neighboring residents when an application is received to make projects larger and more enticing for contractors. Pedestrian ramps and curbs are not the responsibility of residential owners. The Downtown Streetscape Design project would include new sidewalks. Safe Routes to School is involved with the Sidewalk Program and helps prioritize projects.

4. Streets Ordinance Presentation (ACTION ITEM) – ~~Cody Riddle~~ Mike Ray

Staff will present a draft ordinance that establishes a new Streets chapter in Moscow City Code. The code includes standards for addressing, access management, and requirements for various improvements to the public right-of-way.

Mike Ray, City Planner, presented the topic in place of Cody Riddle. He provided a short review of the background of what led to the need to create a Streets Chapter and how it ties to the updated Subdivision code going through the public hearing process now. There was a conversation about the street addressing section and how it works with the Post Office code. The Access Management section of the Subdivision code was

moved into the new Streets chapter. Projects of substantial improvement would require street frontage updates, including City utility stubbing.

The Commission asked some questions about the updated Subdivision code and how that would affect addressing in the Streets Chapter. Code for one-way streets was asked about and how it could be eventually included in the Streets Chapter for specific circumstances.

Hamilton moved to recommend approval of the Streets Chapter to City Council with two minor clarifications, seconded by DuPree. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous (6). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

5. Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) Update – ITD Staff

Staff from ITD will provide an update on current planning efforts impacting Moscow and the surrounding area.

Janet Zarate, ITD, gave an update on the upcoming projects that ITD is considering, which would not be finalized until funding is announced in October. Planning projects are underway, with a visit for a stakeholder meeting to be held in the near future. The bridge over Eid Road for the Highway 95 project is under litigation but they can do the center pier immediately, which should be started in the next week. The ITD signaling scoping project would review all the lights in the region to see if any upgrades are needed.

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The Public Avenue project is progressing and is currently scheduled to be completed fall of 2024.

The Sixth Street bridge replacement project has begun speeding up in the last two months and it is hoped to be open at the end of May.

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The next regularly scheduled Transportation Commission meeting is set for May 11, 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 5:01 PM

Scott Sumner, Chair

Transportation Commission

2002 Survey

Automobile traffic congestion is getting worse in Moscow.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
29%	44%	16%	6%	1%	4%

Rank the following options as to their importance in improving bicycling in Moscow, with 1 being the most important to 5 being the least important

	Off Street Bike Paths	Bike Safety Education	Bike Shelters	Bike Lanes	Bike Racks on Buses
#1	56%	23%	4%	34%	4%
#2	22%	16%	5%	43%	7%
#3	15%	27%	20%	12%	20%
#4	3%	16%	36%	6%	27%
#5	4%	19%	34%	5%	42%

How frequently does someone in your household ride a bicycle?

Never	< Once a Week	2-3 Times a Week	4+ Times a Week	Don't Know
34%	29%	18%	17%	1%

In your household, what percentage of your transportation/recreation needs are fulfilled by bicycles?

None	< 25%	25% - 50%	50% - 75%	>75%	Don't Know
42%	34%	14%	5%	2%	3%

How strongly do you support or oppose the construction of a bypass or thruway around Moscow to help lessen the automobile congestion in Moscow?

Strongly Support	Support	Neutral	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know
25%	32%	16%	14%	7%	6%

How strongly do you support or oppose the development of a City bus system with route(s) to Moscow shopping centers, the Moscow downtown, the University of Idaho, and several schools, which would be intended to help lessen the automobile and parking congestion in Moscow?

Strongly Support	Support	Neutral	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know
28%	45%	15%	6%	3%	3%

2004 Survey

Do you support the continued development of a City bus system with route(s) to Moscow shopping centers, the Moscow downtown, the University of Idaho, and several schools, which would be intended to help lessen the automobile and parking congestion in Moscow?

Strongly Support	Support	Neutral	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know
39%	41%	14%	3%	1%	2%

Do you support the use of City tax dollars to support the continued operation of the bus system?

Strongly Support	Support	Neutral	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know
22%	44%	18%	7%	6%	3%

Do you support the identification and preservation of routes for future roads in and around Moscow?

Strongly Support	Support	Neutral	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know
22%	46%	18%	1%	1%	12%

2006 Survey

How would you rate the City's pedestrian transportation system (including sidewalks, crosswalks, pedestrian curb drops, and other pedestrian amenities) in the following categories? (Please circle one in each category)

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	Don't Know
Overall System Conditions	7%	54%	27%	6%	3%	3%
System Connectivity	6%	44%	32%	11%	3%	5%
Importance of System to You	Very Important 34%	Important 39%	Neutral 21%	Not Important 4%		Don't Know 3%

How often have you, or any member of your family, used the current public transit service (including Moscow Valley Transit fixed route and dial a ride, and Wheatland Express) within the City of Moscow in the last 12 months?

Once/Never	2-5 Times	6-12 Times	13-26 Times	>26 Times	Don't Know
71%	12%	3%	3%	9%	2%

How important are the current public transit services available within Moscow (including Moscow Valley Transit fixed route and dial a ride, and Wheatland Express) to you?

Very Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Not Very Important	Unimportant	Don't Know
25%	24%	21%	11%	15%	3%

Do you support the City's continued financial support of public transit service within Moscow?

Strongly Support	Support	Neutral	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know
37%	42%	16%	2%	2%	2%

Do you support the identification and preservation of routes for multi-use transportation corridor in and around Moscow (often referred to as the ring road)?

Strongly Support	Support	Neutral	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know
18%	34%	23%	5%	2%	19%

Do you believe that there is a problem with the interconnection of public streets within the City of Moscow?

Not a Problem	Minor Problem	Important Problem	Major Problem	Extreme Problem	Don't Know
17%	41%	21%	9%	4%	8%

Do you support regulations that would require any new buildings constructed downtown to provide off-street parking?

Strongly Support	Support	Neutral	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know
21%	42%	19%	9%	4%	5%

2008 Survey

City bike facilities (more designated traffic lanes, bike racks, etc.) would increase my use of a bicycle as a mode of transportation.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
19%	28%	21%	20%	9%	4%

I support a bond election for the repair and construction of sidewalks in existing neighborhoods where sidewalks are deteriorated or missing.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
19%	36%	21%	12%	6%	5%

The City should use tax dollars to support public transit service within Moscow.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
17%	40%	23%	10%	6%	5%

How frequently does someone in your household ride a bicycle?

Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Rarely	Never
16%	24%	13%	26%	22%

2010 Survey

I support the construction of a motor vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian bridge over Paradise Creek to connect Third Street to Mountain View Rd.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
25%	18%	14%	12%	20%	8%

I am satisfied with my ability to travel by car between the east and west sides of Moscow

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
15%	44%	15%	15%	8%	1%

I support the installation and improvement of sidewalks within existing developments to provide a continuous sidewalk system.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
43%	41%	9%	1%	1%	1%

The collection of a fare of 50¢ for riding on Moscow Valley Transit buses would reduce my use of public transit services (fares would defer costs, such as those associated with existing routes and possible service expansion).

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
10%	14%	21%	23%	15%	15%

2012 Survey

The collection of a fare of 50¢ for riding on Moscow Valley Transit buses would reduce my use of public transit services (fares would defer costs, such as those associated with existing routes and possible service expansion).

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Non-Response
9%	15%	23%	17%	16%	18%	2%

In terms of your priorities, which transportation investments do you feel are the most important?

	Very High Priority	High Priority	Moderate Priority	Low Priority	Not a Priority	Don't Know	Non-Response
Maintaining and improving roadways	38%	42%	12%	3%	1%	1%	3%
Providing a continuous sidewalk network	34%	37%	17%	7%	1%	1%	3%
Off-street paths for pedestrians and bicyclists	28%	36%	21%	8%	3%	1%	3%
On-street bicycle facilities such as bicycle lanes	17%	29%	30%	13%	5%	2%	3%
Roadway improvements to ease traffic at congested intersections	34%	33%	21%	7%	1%	1%	2%
Safe street crossings across SH8 for all users	29%	31%	24%	10%	0%	4%	2%
Safe street crossings across US95 for all users	29%	32%	24%	10%	1%	3%	2%
Better transit schedule information and marketing	13%	19%	32%	15%	8%	10%	3%
Expanding bus service to the weekends	13%	14%	27%	18%	9%	14%	3%
Additional transit routes in Moscow	13%	14%	28%	18%	9%	14%	4%
Making sidewalks/intersections safer and more accessible for senior citizens and persons with disabilities	24%	26%	28%	11%	3%	4%	4%
Better wayfinding signage for motorists	6%	14%	34%	24%	11%	7%	3%
Better wayfinding for cyclists and pedestrians	6%	13%	32%	27%	14%	6%	3%
Regional transit service to Pullman	20%	24%	26%	14%	7%	7%	2%
Regional transit service to Lewiston	13%	16%	26%	23%	11%	8%	3%
Transit stop amenities such as shelters and benches	89%	21%	33%	22%	6%	6%	3%
Secure bicycle parking throughout the city	17%	19%	30%	17%	11%	4%	2%

2014 Survey

In terms of your priorities, which transportation investments do you feel are the most important?

	Very High Priority	High Priority	Moderate Priority	Low Priority	Not a Priority	Don't Know
Maintaining and improving roadways	40%	38%	17%	1%	0%	0%
Providing a continuous sidewalk network	33%	40%	17%	6%	1%	1%
Off-street paths for pedestrians and bicyclists	25%	35%	24%	11%	2%	1%
On-street bicycle facilities such as bicycle lanes	19%	24%	28%	16%	8%	1%
Roadway improvements to ease traffic at congested intersections	38%	28%	23%	5%	2%	1%
Safe street crossings across SH8 for all users	36%	31%	22%	5%	2%	1%
Safe street crossings across US95 for all users	37%	30%	22%	4%	2%	1%
Better transit schedule information and marketing	15%	20%	31%	14%	6%	13%
Expanding bus service to the weekends	16%	13%	28%	19%	8%	14%
Additional transit routes in Moscow	14%	17%	25%	18%	7%	16%
Making sidewalks/intersections safer and more accessible for senior citizens and persons with disabilities	25%	28%	29%	6%	4%	5%
Better wayfinding signage for motorists	10%	16%	34%	20%	11%	6%
Better wayfinding for cyclists and pedestrians	9%	16%	33%	22%	13%	5%
Regional transit service to Pullman	22%	16%	26%	16%	8%	8%
Regional transit service to Lewiston	15%	12%	25%	23%	11%	10%
Transit stop amenities such as shelters and benches	11%	21%	31%	20%	8%	6%
Secure bicycle parking throughout the city	17%	21%	32%	16%	7%	4%

I support the installation of enhanced bicycle facilities, such as shared lane markings, bike lanes, or removal of some parking, on Third Street east of downtown

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
26%	28%	14%	16%	11%	2%

2017 Survey

Which transportation system investments do you feel are the highest priority? Please prioritize each investment type between very high

	Very High Priority	High Priority	Moderate Priority	Low Priority	Not a Priority
Maintaining and improving roadways	44%	40%	10%	1%	0%
Roadway improvements to ease traffic at congested intersections	33%	38%	19%	4%	0%
Safe crossings at arterials for all users	36%	35%	21%	2%	0%
Providing a continuous sidewalk network	24%	30%	30%	8%	1%
Making sidewalks/intersections safer & accessible for senior citizens & persons with disabilities	33%	27%	30%	5%	0%
Off-street paths for pedestrians and bicyclists	24%	28%	30%	12%	0%
On-street bicycle facilities such as bicycle lanes	15%	21%	31%	20%	2%
Secure bicycle parking throughout the City	10%	18%	35%	22%	1%
Better transit schedule information and marketing	15%	21%	33%	17%	3%
Transit stop amenities such as shelters and benches	10%	24%	35%	19%	2%
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Better wayfinding signage for motorists	5%	15%	30%	31%	5%
Better wayfinding signage for cyclists and pedestrians	6%	14%	33%	27%	4%

The City and University of Idaho are considering the development of a Bike Share Program to provide bicycles at multiple stations throughout the City which would be available for short-term rental through the purchase of daily, monthly, or annual passes. Please select your level of agreement with the following statement: The City and University should pursue the implementation of a City-wide Bike Share Program.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
25%	31%	23%	8%	7%	2%

2019 Survey

Which transportation system investments do you feel are the highest priority? Please prioritize each investment type between very high priority, high priority, moderate priority, low priority, and NOT a priority at all. You may assign the same priority more than once

	Very High Priority	High Priority	Moderate Priority	Low Priority	Not a Priority	No Answer
Maintaining and improving roadways	35%	39%	16%	1%	0%	9%
Roadway improvements to ease traffic at congested intersections	30%	35%	24%	3%	1%	7%
Safe street crossings across US Highway 95 for all users	37%	30%	21%	4%	1%	6%
Safe street crossings across State Highway 8 for all users	34%	32%	21%	5%	1%	7%
Providing a continuous sidewalk network	30%	31%	23%	9%	1%	6%
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