

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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**Thursday
April 13, 2023**

4:00 PM

**Council Chambers
206 E. Third Street**

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

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.

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.

REPORTS

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:01 PM



Scott Sumner, Chair