

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Agenda~

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Thursday
July 13, 2023

4:00 PM

Council Chambers
206 E. Third Street

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of June 8, 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. Citizen Survey Questions (ACTION ITEM) – Cody Riddle

Staff will facilitate a continued discussion on questions that could be included in a citizen survey, with a due date at the end of August 2023.

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 August 10, 2023.

ADJOURN

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Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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Sumner called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Scott Sumner, Chair; Randy Baukol, Ben Calabretta, Mary DuPree, Joel Hamilton, Steve Mills
MEMBERS ABSENT: Erin Bacon, Mike McGahan, Robert Sanders
OTHERS: Luke Hajda
STAFF: Jennifer Fleischman, Cody Riddle

REGULAR AGENDA

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

Presentation of minutes for approval.

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

2. Public Comment

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None.

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.

Mary DuPree arrived at 4:01 PM.

Luke Hajda, from ITD District 2, gave a quick report on current projects in happening in District 2, including construction for the Highway 95 realignment project. Litigation from an environmental group has been ongoing. It is uncertain what the project completion date will be.

DuPree asked about the possibility of adding a crosswalk across Highway 95 North, adjacent to Moscow Building Supply.

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.

Riddle presented a history of citizen survey questions that the Commission has asked in previous years, and opened the floor for the Commissioners to discuss what questions they want to include in the upcoming 2023 survey. Questions can be open-ended, or the Commission can reuse ones from previous years to see how, or if, public opinion has changed. There was a discussion about the different styles of questions that could be used. The Commissioners talked about a possible crossing, north of D Street, of Highway 95 N.

There could be a possibility of doing a more detailed, direct survey after getting a generic response with the 2023 Citizen Survey. The Commissioners continued discussing different topics for questions, especially regarding post-COVID transportation needs. Alternate modes of transportation, such as bikes, was talked about, and the trade-offs between more bike lanes versus parking spaces.

It was suggested to add a question about the desire for a public transit route to Pullman. The Commissioners talked about who gets the surveys and whether that would include the University of Idaho (UI) students. UI Parking Services could possibly send out their own survey to students they interact with. Staff will report back to the Commission on how the survey recipients are selected. Current parking policies were talked about, and how spaces are utilized downtown. Sidewalks and ped ramps could be an important topic for the Commission to ask about.

REPORTS

- The sidewalk program has increased funding in the draft FY2024 budget.
- The E-scooter company is struggling to find someone to manage the units in Moscow. Their current contract expires July 31, 2023, after which they would need to apply again.
- Grants is looking for a grant opportunity that would help fund an EV charging station.
- S Highway 95 Underpass is in design, with construction planned for next year.
- The Paradise Pathway lighting project has been completed.
- The Sixth Street Bridge Replacement project is scheduled to have concrete poured in the next few days.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Steve Mills is the new University of Idaho Transportation Commission representative.
- The Artwalk finale is Thursday June 15th.
- The Moscowanna event is Saturday June 10th.

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- The Commission asked to host a booth at one of the upcoming Farmer's Market. Staff will add that as an agenda item for the July meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:46 PM

Scott Sumner, Chair

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION QUESTIONS

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 strongly do you support the removal of on-street parking to accommodate new or enhanced bike lanes?

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

What are your primary modes of transportation within the City Limits of Moscow (Please Select Two)?

Automobile	Bicycle	Walking	Public Transit	Other (Scooter, Motorcycle, etc.)
56%	23%	4%	34%	4%

How strongly do you support implementation of bus service between Moscow and Pullman, that includes service to the airport?

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

Do you support the use of City tax dollars to support the operation of bus service between Moscow and Pullman?

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

How would you rate the City's pedestrian transportation system (including sidewalks, crosswalks, and other 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%

How would you rate the adequacy of parking in and around the downtown area?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	Don't Know
	7%	54%	27%	6%	3%	3%

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	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%
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%