

Public Works / Finance Committee



Regular Meeting
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**Council Chambers
206 E. Third St.**

The Moscow Mayor, City Council and Staff welcome you to today's meeting. We appreciate and encourage public participation. For regular agenda items, an opportunity for public comment is sometimes provided after the staff report. However, the formality of procedures varies with the purpose and subject of the agenda item and limitations may be placed on the time allowed for comments. If you plan to address the Committee, you will find a list of "Tips for Addressing the Council" in the door pocket outside the City Council Chambers. Please note that council committee meetings are televised, videotaped and/or recorded. Links to view the City Council meeting live can be found on the City website and the City's YouTube channel. Thank you for your interest in City government.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Public Works/Finance Committee December 8, 2025 Minutes (ACTION ITEM) - Laurie M. Hopkins

2. Disbursement Report December 2025 (ACTION ITEM) - Sarah Decker

Presentation of the Accounts Payable Report for the month ending December 2025.

ACTION: Accept the Disbursements Report for the month of December 2025.

3. First Quarter Financial Report October 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 for FY2026 (ACTION ITEM) - Sarah Decker

Presentation of the financial report for the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2026 (October 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025).

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the FY2026 First Quarter Financial Report, or provide staff with further direction.

4. Idaho Commission on the Arts Grant Application: Public Programs in the Arts (ACTION ITEM) - Megan Cherry

The Arts Department seeks approval to apply for an annual grant administered by the Idaho Commission on the Arts (ICA). The Public Programs in the Arts (PPA) grant program is intended to provide program support for arts organizations in Idaho. These funds will represent off-setting revenue in the production of Palouse Plein Air. If the application is successful, funds are typically available at the end of the City of Moscow's FY26, and would be deferred for use in FY2027.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Recommend approval of the Public Programs in the Arts (PPA) grant application for the current cycle, or provide staff further direction.

5. 2026 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant Application Project No. 1 (ACTION ITEM) - Alisa Anderson / Scott Bontrager

The City of Moscow has identified a segment of Mountain View Road from Paradise Creek to State Highway 8 as a candidate for a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant. The project includes installing curb, gutter, and a shared-use path, along with constructing a retaining

wall to minimize property impacts, ultimately connecting to the upcoming construction of the South Mountain View Road TAP project to create a continuous 1.8-mile multimodal corridor. This corridor provides vital access to key destinations such as the Moscow Community Playfields, Latah County Fairgrounds, and Eastside Market Place, serving a rapidly growing residential area with high pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicle traffic, especially during events. The infrastructure improvements will support safe, accessible, and continuous connections for all users, prioritizing pedestrian and cyclist safety while encouraging diverse transportation options. The estimated cost is \$750,000, with \$500,000 requested from the TAP, and the remaining funds of \$250,000 will be provided by the City's Roadway Improvement capital accumulation.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Authorize City staff to submit a 2026 Transportation Alternatives Program Grant Application for \$500,000 with total project costs not to exceed \$750,000 or provide staff further direction.

6. 2026 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant Application Project No. 2 (ACTION ITEM) - Alisa Anderson / Scott Bontrager

The City of Moscow staff has identified the need to replace and expand an aging, heavily traveled pedestrian and bicycle route from a cul-de-sac at the end of Fifth Street to Sixth Street near Short's Funeral Chapel. The project will include an upgraded crosswalk over Sixth Street, connecting to Park Drive with new sidewalks on the west side from Sixth to Seventh Street. This corridor serves residents, students attending Lena Whitmore Elementary and Moscow Middle School, and a developing medical office hub along Sixth Street, which has seen significant growth. Currently, lacking sidewalks on Park Street, the connecting Sixth Street corridor functions as a key multimodal route with two bus stops within two blocks, making it ideal for funding through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). The scope involves installing approximately 610 linear feet of curb and 776 linear feet of sidewalk, along with sidewalk extensions and rapid flashing beacons at the mid-block crossing on Sixth Street to improve pedestrian safety. Overall, the project's goal is to enhance connectivity and safety throughout the city, especially for children and students, while staying within the \$500,000 funding limit provided by TAP.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Authorize City staff to submit a 2026 Transportation Alternatives Program Grant Application for Project No. 2 not to exceed \$500,000 requiring a 7.34% local match or provide staff further direction.

7. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) - Highway 95 Underpass Project Modification (ACTION ITEM) - Alisa Anderson / Scott Bontrager

The City of Moscow and the Moscow Urban Renewal Agency (MURA) began planning a pedestrian and bicycle underpass at South Main Street/U.S. 95 in 2018, supported by a feasibility study and a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant. The project was designed to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety by bypassing a busy five-lane intersection near the University of Idaho. The original plan included a 710-foot-long underpass, pathway connections, and removal of the old Hwy. 95 bridge, with most of the \$1.07 million cost covered by federal funding.

State-level delays postponed design work until 2023, and extensive environmental reviews extended into 2025. Updated analyses revealed significant sediment buildup and changed hydraulic conditions in Paradise Creek, making it difficult to meet clearance requirements and requiring extensive sediment removal and ongoing maintenance. These changes also increased project costs to approximately \$1.78 million, significantly raising the required local match despite increased MURA funding.

Due to the altered creek conditions, permitting challenges, and long-term maintenance concerns, the underpass was deemed infeasible at this time. As a result, the project scope has shifted toward exploring alternative above-ground pedestrian safety improvements at the same intersection, with Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) approval to revise the project approach to better fit current site conditions. This revised approach would meet safety and connectivity goals while reducing the total project cost to approximately \$1.37 million, matching the current budget.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Authorize City staff to modify the scope of the project and complete the design utilizing remaining funds in the current State/Local agreement, or provide staff further direction.

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