

# TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



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**Regular Meeting**  
~Agenda~

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**Thursday**  
**March 12, 2026**

**4:00 PM**

**Council Chambers**  
**206 E. Third Street**

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## WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

## REGULAR AGENDA

### 1. **Approval of Minutes from January 8, 2026 (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. **Fiscal Year 2027 Commission Budget (ACTION ITEM)**

The City is currently preparing the 2027 fiscal year budget, and the Commission will need to submit their request by the end of March. Consistent with what was granted last year, Staff has proposed a request of \$500.

**PROPOSED ACTIONS:** Discuss and approve the proposed FY2027 budget; or provide Staff further direction as deemed necessary.

### 4. **Letter Regarding Traffic Improvements Near Lena Whitmore Elementary (ACTION ITEM)**

The Commission has received a letter from representatives of the Safe Routes to School Program and the Parent Advisory Team at Lena Whitmore Elementary highlighting traffic concerns in the area surrounding Lena Whitmore Elementary School along with requested actions. Staff will provide background information on existing studies which have occurred up to this point which are applicable to the request and any recommended actions.

**PROPOSED ACTIONS:** Discuss and provide Staff further direction as deemed necessary.

## REPORTS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

The next regular Transportation Commission meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2026.

## ADJOURN

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**Thursday**  
**January 8, 2026**

**4:00 PM**

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**206 E. Third Street**

**Calabretta called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sarah Tucker, Chair; Ben Calabretta, Tanya Denison, Mary DuPree, Joel Hamilton, Mike McGahan, Steve Mills, Bob Sanders  
OTHERS: Kristy Click, Sage McCetich  
STAFF: Alisa Anderson, Scott Bontrager, Jennifer Fleischman, Luke Hajda, Mike Ray

## REGULAR AGENDA

### 1. Election of Officers for 2026 (ACTION ITEM)

*The Commission will need to nominate officers for 2026.*

Tucker offered to serve as Chair and Denison expressed interest in serving as Vice Chair.

DuPree moved to elect Sarah Tucker as Chair and Tanya Denison as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by McGahan. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous (8). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

### 2. Approval of Minutes from December 11, 2025 (ACTION ITEM)

*Presentation of minutes for approval.*

Sanders moved for approval of the minutes as written, seconded by Mills. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Calabretta, DuPree, Hamilton, Mills, Sanders (5). Nays: None. Abstentions: Denison, McGahan, Tucker (3). Motion carried.

### 3. Public Comment

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Sage McCetich, Moscow, introduced himself as a new City Council member.

James Laker, Moscow, reported his concerns about visibility on A St, specifically west of the intersection at Cherry St. There was a short discussion about some potential solutions and the scope of the problem.

### 4. LHTAC Grant Applications (ACTION ITEM) – Alisa Anderson/Scott Bontrager

*The City will be preparing two new Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant applications which are due to the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) at the end of January 2026. Staff from the Grants and Engineering Divisions will present details on the two projects.*

Alisa Anderson, Grants Manager, introduced the grant program as described above and reviewed a few projects that have been submitted successfully in the past. Luke Hajda, Civil Engineer, provided a brief presentation on the two proposed projects that will be applied for at the end of January.

The project on South Mountain View Road will include a shared use path in addition to a bike lane. Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) is currently working through the pre-planning stages and study for a lighted

signal at the intersection of Mountain View Rd and Troy Hwy. Replacement approaches to the coffee stand along the east side of Mountain View Road will be included with the proposed project. The project proposed for the updated pedestrian crossing at Sixth St will be a great safety feature for all pedestrians and especially students.

Tucker moved to endorse the two proposed Transportation Alternative Program grant applications as discussed, seconded by DuPree. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous (8). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

**REPORTS**

Anderson informed the Commission that the proposed South Main St Underpass project has become will not continue as originally planned and staff will be suggesting a project modification from Council in the next week.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS**

- *The next regular Transportation Commission meeting is scheduled for February 12th, 2026.*

**The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM**

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Sarah Tucker, Chair

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Date

**CITY OF MOSCOW  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
FY2027 BUDGET REQUEST**

The Transportation Commission provides advice and recommendations to Mayor and City Council regarding intermodal transportation issues. The focus is establishing a safe and effective system for users of all modes of transportation.

The requested funds could be used to ensure the Commission is well informed regarding local, regional, and national trends in transportation planning and to support outreach efforts, including materials, to engage Moscow citizens.

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<b>Total Request</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
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DRAFT

March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

To: Moscow City Council; Moscow Transportation Commission  
c/o Moscow City Hall  
206 E. Third St.  
Moscow, ID 83843

**Re: Urgent Traffic Safety Improvements Near Lena Whitmore Elementary School**

Dear Council and Commission Members,

We, the undersigned — the Parent Advisory Team of Lena Whitmore Elementary School and the Safe Walks to School Program — write to express deep concern regarding traffic safety around Lena Whitmore Elementary School, particularly at the intersections of Hayes & 6<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & Hayes, and 3<sup>rd</sup> and Blaine.

This area is not only a critical school walking route, but also a major community corridor due to the presence of East City Park. East City Park draws families, children, seniors, and visitors throughout the day and evening, increasing pedestrian activity well beyond school hours. As a result, the safety challenges on Hayes Street affect not only Lena Whitmore students, but also the broader Moscow community that relies on this space for recreation, connection, and safe movement through the neighborhood.

Our community has witnessed too many near-misses involving our students, caregivers, and school staff as they walk to and from school. While comprehensive official crash statistics specific to these intersections are limited in publicly available traffic and police logs, multiple citizen-reported incidents and routine observations highlight recurring risks and unsafe conditions during school arrival and dismissal hours. These include vehicles failing to yield at marked crosswalks and close calls when students attempt to cross busy streets amid traffic that does not slow sufficiently in the current 30 mph zone.

Importantly, relying on prior traffic studies conducted outside of significant pedestrian and school traffic use — such as summer break — is *dangerously inadequate* for evaluating real conditions during school days. Patterns of vehicle volume, speed, and driver behavior during the school year cannot be accurately captured when students are *not* present, and thus such studies underrepresent the risk to school-age pedestrians. These intersections are heavily trafficked areas that serve as vital pedestrian, bike, car, and bus routes to Lena Whitmore, Moscow Middle School, Saint Mary's School, and Moscow High School. Furthermore, on 3<sup>rd</sup> and Hayes there is a city bus stop that blocks traffic, the bike lane, and visibility further impacting safe travel during crucial school time commutes. Finally, when Logos School transitions to its new campus the congestion in these areas will only increase.

Idaho traffic safety data more broadly reinforces that intersections and pedestrian crossings are common locations for serious crashes, including pedestrian-involved collisions statewide. Crash reporting mechanisms and safety dashboards — maintained by the Idaho Office of Highway

Safety and the Idaho Transportation Department — indicate that pedestrian crashes occur frequently and that yield laws alone do not always protect vulnerable road users without engineered safety measures such as beacons and speed controls.

To measurably improve safety for Lena Whitmore students and all pedestrians in this high-use area, we respectfully request the following actions:

**1. Installation of a pedestrian-activated beacon at the crosswalk on Hayes Street at 6th Street.**

A pedestrian-activated beacon (e.g., RRFB or similar) will improve driver awareness and compliance, especially during peak school walking times, and help reduce dangerous crossing conflicts that have already resulted in near-misses. A short term, immediate solution should be the installation of pedestrian crossing flags (cross walk flags), signage installed at the stop sign on Hayes and 6<sup>th</sup> telling left turning drivers to watch/yield for pedestrians, repainting of the cross walks.

**2. Installation of a four-way stop at the intersection of 3rd Street & Hayes Street.**

This intersection sees significant pedestrian use, especially by families walking to school and bike riders using the bike lanes and bike route that starts at Mountain View and extends to downtown via 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (a vital pathway used by High School students to reach school safely). A four-way stop would slow traffic and provide all users with a clearer, safer means to cross.

**3. Reduction of the posted speed limit along the school walking corridor (Hayes from D Street to 6th Street) from 30 mph to 25 mph or Making this Area a School Zone.**

Lower speed limits in school zones are a proven countermeasure that reduce crash risk severity and increase driver reaction time around schoolchildren.

**4. Extension of the no-parking zone on 3rd and Blaine Streets for improved visibility.**

Extending no-parking restrictions near crosswalks and intersections will enhance drivers' sightlines of pedestrians and bicyclists— especially small children — reducing blind spots that can contribute to serious conflicts.

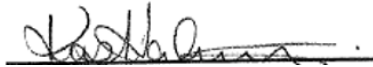
These recommendations are aligned with accepted best practices for school area safety, and like many other communities in Idaho, such as Caldwell, which has recently installed new crosswalk lighting to protect student pedestrians, targeted improvements make a real difference in safety outcomes.

As we consider these safety improvements, we want to emphasize that Moscow's identity as a pedestrian and bike-friendly community is one of its greatest strengths. Moscow is increasingly rare as a town where children can still walk or bike to school, explore parks independently, and build confidence navigating their community. This culture of safety and accessibility is deeply valued by families and is a major reason many choose to live here. Proactively addressing pedestrian and bike safety near Lena Whitmore Elementary is not a departure from Moscow's values — it is a continuation of them. Furthermore, the improvements will increase safety for students traveling to other Moscow Schools as these areas are heavily trafficked by students in the aforementioned schools.

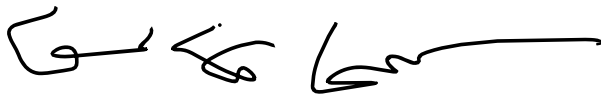
We appreciate the Council's ongoing work to update the city's Transportation Plan and recognize that earlier planning documents included ideas such as four-way stops and raised crossings near some school sites. However, the present conditions — particularly the risks faced daily by children near Lena Whitmore Elementary — request immediate actions rather than continued deferral or reliance on inadequate state traffic studies.

Thank you for considering these requests. We look forward to partnering with the Moscow Transportation Commission, and city staff to ensure our children can walk and bike to school safely.

Sincerely,



Kristin Haltinner, signing on behalf of the Parent Advisory Team, Lena Whitmore Elementary School



Cate Egan Loiacono, signing on behalf of Safe Routes to School Program