

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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**Thursday
March 12, 2026**

4:00 PM

**Council Chambers
206 E. Third Street**

Tucker called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sarah Tucker, Chair; Ben Calabretta, Tanya Denison, Joel Hamilton, Mike McGahan, Steve Mills, Bob Sanders
MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary DuPree
OTHERS: Sandra Kelly
STAFF: Nichol Baird Spencer, Scott Bontrager, Britany Luft, Mike Ray

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes from January 8, 2026 (ACTION ITEM)

Presentation of minutes for approval.

Hamilton moved for approval of the minutes as written, seconded by Calabretta. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous (7). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. 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.

None offered.

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.

Ray discussed the proposed budget request as described above and budget restraints for FY2027. Printable materials, banners and potential opportunities for public outreach were discussed as ways to utilize the \$500 budget.

Mills moved to submit the FY2027 budget request as proposed, seconded by Sanders. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous (7). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

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.

Staff informed the Commission that the concerns outlined in the letter are not new and have been researched many times before. The Commissioners had an extensive discussion about the areas mentioned in the letter,

including the intersections of Hayes & Sixth St, Hayes & Third St, reducing speed on Hayes Street from 30mph to 25mph, and removing parking on Blaine Street for better sight distance.

Engineering will review prior studies and perform updates as needed for the various areas to confirm if new improvements are warranted. The most recent study of the Hayes and Third Street intersection was completed in 2020 and a speed study on Hayes Street was done in 2024. The Commission had already recommended that pedestrian safety features at the intersection of First & Hayes Street be added to the Multi-Modal Transportation Plan.

Engineering will report back to the Commission in a few months after completing their research and performing a site distance analysis of the intersection of Blaine & Third Street.

REPORTS

Denison provided a quick update on what was discussed at the Idaho Transportation Departments US95 and HWY 8 workshop. A summary of the meeting will be posted online for public viewing.

Ray will work on an e-scooter update to present at the next meeting, including compiling information from Moscow Police Department reports if available.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The new Director of Community Development, Nichoel Baird Spencer, introduced herself to the Commission.

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 PM


Sarah Tucker, Chair

14 May 2026
Date