



Missoula Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board Minutes

September 3, 2019, 3:00 PM
City Council Chambers
140 W. Pine Street, Missoula , MT

Voting members present: Cory Simenson (vice-chair), Britt Arnesen, Jessica Dougherty-Goodburn,
James Walter

Regular member(s) absent: Jenny Baker, Chris Siller

1. Call to Order

Corey Simenson called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

2. Roll Call & Introductions

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes were approved as submitted.

4. Approval of Current Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

5. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

6. Comments from City Staff, Agencies, Boards, etc.

6.1 Bicycle & Pedestrian Program: Ben Weiss

Ben Weiss, Bicycle and Pedestrian Office Manager, discussed the following topics with the board:

- The results of the Public Works budget recommendation letter
- Walk and Roll Week / Sunday Streets
- Bicycle and pedestrian count volunteering opportunities
- Hot Spot tours as official public meetings
- Committee of the Whole meetings
- Future law enforcement presentations
- Article on bicyclists and pedestrians in Amsterdam (See attached link to article)

6.2 Sidewalk funding policy proposal (Engineering)

Monte Sipe, Construction Project Manager - City of Missoula Engineering Division, presented on the sidewalk funding policy proposal. The board was briefly updated on Missoula's sidewalk funding history, the most recent Pedestrian Facilities Master Plan results, and the proposed funding assistance adjustments.

The board asked questions pertaining to the possibility of more sidewalk being built based on potential funding, feedback from homeowners of past sidewalk projects that did not receive assistance, and the date City Council will take action on this new policy proposal.

The board discussed the following items:

- Painting along with curb replacement
- Complete streets prioritization
- Data presentation and delivery
- Public versus private sidewalk funding
- Traffic services budget BARSA funding source
- Additional funding revenue option availability
- Property assessments timelines
- Project selection process

Aaron Wilson, Transportation Planning Manager, briefly spoke to the board on bonding and the plans previously discussed for creating ADA improvements and sidewalk connectivity. The board unanimously expressed support for the funding proposal and encouraged the city to consider prioritizing sidewalk funding in order to make improvements sooner.

6.3 Long Range Transportation Plan update (Metropolitan Planning Organization)

Aaron Wilson, Transportation Planning Manager, presented on the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update. The board was informed of the required four-year update, the history of the plan, the scope of work, the implementation process, and the plan's projected adoption timeline. The 2020 LRTP takes a targeted approach using updated performance measures and a new travel demand model to assist in project selection. Funding scenarios are established, projects are scored and ranked, and based on rankings, projects are selected and paired with eligible funding sources. The board was informed on the MPO's priority tasks and update objectives including an update to the existing conditions analysis, a revised funding outlook, an improved implementation section, consideration of emerging technologies (e.g. e-bikes, scooters, and autonomous vehicles), and the production of an online data dashboard. The board was asked to provide a list of priorities and projects they wanted to see included in the plan. Aaron Wilson discussed the projected project schedule with final adoption occurring in January 2021.

The board discussed the following items:

- The bicycle master plan
- Sidewalk prioritization
- Rideshare program categorization
- Mode split interim goals
- Scheduled board feedback sessions

7. New Business

7.1 Board officer nominations

The board discussed officer elections in October and current board vacancies. Britt Arneson asked to not be nominated for the vacant board chair position.

8. Old Business

9. General Comments and Announcements

The board discussed the possibility of postponing the Committee of the Whole meetings until Ben Weiss returns from paternity leave. A final decision was not made.

The board spoke about the option of digital hotspot tours.

10. Upcoming Meetings

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Committee of the Whole meeting will take place at 6 pm in the Jack Reidy conference room on September 17, 2019.

11. Adjournment

Cory Simenson adjourned the meeting at 4:47 p.m.