



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** MRA Board of Commissioners

**FROM:** Ellen Buchanan, Director *EB*

**DATE:** May 13, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Director's Report

### **Downtown Street Projects**

- MRA continues to work with HDR on a proposal to expand their scope on the west end of the Front/Main project to include the Broadway, Orange, Front/Main impacts of both the proposed development at Riverfront Triangle and the reconfiguration of Front & Main to the east of Orange. We are also looking at an expansion to the scope of the Front/Main engineering contract to include some increased work that HDR has and will perform and for the creation of some modeling that will help the public better understand how the new street configurations will function

### **Scott Street Area Redevelopment**

#### **Ravara Development:**

- The City Council approved a staff recommendation that the City loan Ravara \$479,432 for soft costs associated with the design of the permanently affordable town home and condominium units. Those funds come from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and have allowed the architectural and engineering team to begin detailed design and continue exploration of ways to contain costs so that the units can be sold to individuals and families earning 120% AMI or less. The reimbursement resolution associated with design and construction of the streets and utilities was approved unanimously in Committee this week and will be on the City Council consent agenda on 5/16.

#### **Other Scott Street Properties:**

- The Missoula Urban Transportation District is in the process of entering into a Letter of Intent with the City which lays out expectations for both entities along with the steps necessary to move the new transit facility forward. The LOI was approved in Committee and will be in front of the City Council on 5/16 for

approval. The application for Federal funding is due by the end of this month and Mountain Line is on track to meet that deadline. The MRA's role in providing funding for infrastructure will be forthcoming as we get closer to knowing whether the project has been funded and at what level.

### **Midtown Master Plan**

- The Missoula Midtown Association received a number of good responses to the Request for Proposals and the selection committee narrowed the candidates down to four. We have conducted interviews and hope to bring the process to closure soon. The Association intends to issue a press release before the end of the month.

### **Street and Sidewalk Projects**

- Contracts for both Burton Street improvements and URD III sidewalks are being finalized. Construction will begin on both projects in June.

As always, if you have questions or want information on any other projects not covered here, please contact me at [buchanane@ci.missoula.mt.us](mailto:buchanane@ci.missoula.mt.us) or 552-6156.