

A RESOLUTION OF THE MISSOULA CITY COUNCIL TO ADOPT CHANGES TO THE MISSOULA URBAN AREA HIGHWAY SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the City of Missoula (City), in coordination with the Missoula Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), requested revisions of the Urban Highway System; and

WHEREAS, in response to the request, the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) conducted a review of the routes proposed for removal and the surrounding roadway network to determine eligibility and to provide recommended actions to the City; and

WHEREAS, the MPO's recommendations are set forth in the letter dated June 21, 2022 and the Proposed System Highway Urban Area Map which are attached hereto as Exhibit "A", and incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, the City concurs with the recommendations by the MPO set forth in attached Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, when routes are proposed for removal from the Urban Highway System, MDT requires the entity with jurisdictional authority adopt and provide a resolution accepting jurisdiction and maintenance for the roadways being removed; and

WHEREAS, the section of the Urban Highway System along Sussex Avenue between South Avenue and Brooks Street, as shown in Exhibit "A", is under the jurisdictional authority of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City is accepting maintenance responsibility for that portion of Sussex Avenue between South Avenue and Brooks Street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Missoula as follows:

That the City of Missoula concurs with the proposed changes to the Urban Highway System recommendations as set forth in Exhibit "A" and accepts jurisdiction and maintenance for Sussex Avenue which is being removed as set forth in Exhibit "A. The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the maps with the proposed changes prepared by MDT.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of June, 2022

APPROVED FOR CITY OF MISSOULA

John Engen
By John Engen (Jun 29, 2022 10:18 MDT)
Mayor, City of Missoula

ATTEST:

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By Claire Trimble (Jun 29, 2022 10:23 MDT)
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:

JIM NUGENT
By JIM NUGENT (Jun 29, 2022 09:55 MDT)
Missoula City Attorney



Exhibit A



June 21, 2022

Rob Stapley, Administrator
Rail, Transit and Planning
Montana Department of Transportation
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Helena, MT 59620-0507

RE: Request for modifications to the Urban Transportation System in the City of Missoula.

Mr. Stapley,

Please consider this letter a formal request from the Missoula Metropolitan Planning Organization to the Montana Department of Transportation requesting changes to the Urban Transportation System to remove Sussex Avenue, between South Avenue and Brooks Street, from the Urban System. This action includes:

1. Vacate and abandon Sussex Bend between Stephens Avenue and South Avenue – 0.11 miles
2. Remove Sussex Avenue between Brooks Street and Stephens from the Urban System – 0.17 miles

These changes reflect the intention by the City of Missoula to vacate the Sussex Bend, between South Avenue and Stephens Avenue to allow development to occur on that city block. The current development proposal calls for a roundabout at the intersection of South Avenue and Stephens Avenue that will adequately address the traffic that will be displaced by the removal of Sussex Bend. Because of the uncertainty of the level of traffic, the MPO is requesting that the section of Sussex Avenue between Stephens Avenue and Brooks Street be removed from the Urban System. The entire area will be reevaluated during the system-wide MDT review.

These segments total approximately 0.28 miles. The overall changes represent a decrease of 0.28 roadway miles to the Urban System. Analysis using the MPO's regional travel demand model demonstrates that removal of the Sussex Bend portion of the roadway will have limited or no impact on the overall system function. The proposed roundabout at intersection of South Avenue and Stephens Avenue will mitigate any changes to traffic flows on South Ave. However, it is anticipated that redevelopment of the block will create enough new traffic patterns to warrant reevaluation of the urban system once complete.

We appreciate your time and consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

David Strohmaier

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Dave Strohmaier, Chair
Transportation Policy Coordinating Committee
Missoula Metropolitan Planning Organization

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