



**City of Missoula, Montana
City Council Committee Agenda Item**

Committee: Public Works and Mobility

Item: A Resolution to support the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program Grant Application

Date: September 22, 2022

Sponsor(s): Jon Sand

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Ward(s) Affected:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ward 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 4
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 6
<input type="checkbox"/> All Wards	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Action Required:

Support the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program grant application and approve the resolution.

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council: Adopt a Resolution of the Missoula City Council in support of the Missoula Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program grant application, titled *Reconnecting East Missoula*.

Timeline:

Committee discussion:	September 28, 2022
Council action (or sets hearing):	October 3, 2022
Public Hearing (if required):	N/A
Final Consideration	N/A
Deadline:	N/A

Background and Alternatives Explored:

Recently, the Missoula Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), with support from the Montana Department of Transportation, Missoula County, and the City of Missoula recently completed the East Missoula Highway 200 Corridor Plan. The plan addressed many needed improvements along the corridor for all methods of transportation.

The MPO, in partnership with the City of Missoula and Missoula County, is applying for funding from the US Department of Transportation Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program (RCP) grant in order to provide complete streets improvements along Highway 200 between Van Buren and Tamarack Road, including sidewalks, bike lanes, shared-use paths, and improved intersections, and to reconstruct the railroad underpass to allow for safe, accessible multi-modal transportation.

This cross-jurisdictional project will ensure collaboration between the City of Missoula and Missoula County to provide connectivity, safety and accessibility for residents along Highway 200 regardless of whether they live within City limits, and in order to create a consistent design of the corridor.

Financial Implications:

\$50,000 in local match from a mix of transportation impact fees, park district, and gas taxes

Links to external websites:

<https://www.transportation.gov/grants/reconnecting-communities>

https://www.missoulampo.com/_files/ugd/31250b_3eabea058d7c49dba2bcc9712ec12c03.pdf