



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

Committee: Public Works and Mobility

Item: Professional Services Agreement with WGM for Kent Central Greenway – S. Russell to Regent Project

Date: September 14, 2022

Sponsor(s): Brandt Dahlen, Surface Project Coordinator

Prepared by: Brandt Dahlen, Surface Project Coordinator

Ward(s) Affected:

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

Action Required:
Approve a Professional Services Agreement with WGM for consulting services on the Kent Central Greenway – S. Russell to Regent Project.

Recommended Motion(s):
I move the City Council: Approve and authorize the Acting Mayor to sign a Professional Services Agreement with WGM for consulting services on Kent Central Greenway – S Russell to Regent Project at the cost not to exceed \$84,627.90.

Timeline:

Committee discussion:	September 21, 2022
Council action (or sets hearing):	September 26, 2022
Public Hearing (if required):	N/A
Final Consideration	N/A
Deadline:	N/A

Background and Alternatives Explored:

Kent Avenue is a crucial part of Missoula’s Neighborhood Greenways network. Kent Avenue, paired with Central Avenue, provides a direct east-west greenway connection between Mount Sentinel and Fort Missoula. Since Tremper’s Kent Plaza has been completed, traffic has increased on Kent between Brooks and Russell Streets, creating confusion and unsafe conditions for pedestrians and bicyclists. The City has received numerous requests for safety improvements in this area, particularly at the Kent Avenue/Oxford Street intersection. Through the Public Works and Mobility Statement of Qualifications process we selected five consultant firms to complete transportation projects. WGM Group was one of these five firms. We selected WGM Group from this list because of their previous work on City projects in this area, including the Tremper’s Kent Plaza. Consulting services for this project entail design, bidding, and construction services.

Public Works & Mobility has worked with WGM Group to prepare preliminary design for the traffic calming features, which includes:

- Mid-block speed hump between Regent and Oxford Streets
- Hybrid urban roundabout at Kent/Oxford Street intersection
- Raised crosswalk on Kent Avenue between Tremper's Plaza & Tremper's Shopping Center
- Widened sidewalk on south side of Kent Avenue, between driveway entrance into Tremper's Shopping Center and Russell Street
- Crosswalk enhancements on Russell Street, including Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons
- Signage

Financial Implications:

The funding for this \$84,627.90 contract is through Missoula Redevelopment Agency Tax Increment Financing funds approved by the MRA Board on May 12, 2022.

Links to external websites: