



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** MRA Board of Commissioners

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

**DATE:** November 10, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Director's Report

### **Scott Street Area Redevelopment**

- Site prep for the streets and utilities will likely start in December or January due to some required soil sampling. Maci is working with other City staff on public notification and possibly a groundbreaking at the appropriate time.
- As architectural plans progress on the Community Land Trust portion of the development, Ravara is continuing to refine construction pricing, sale price points and income mix. City staff and Ravara continue to work on the required agreements.

### **Midtown Planning Efforts**

- The EcoNorthwest team is in the process of organizing and dissecting the input from their visit to Missoula in September along with responses to the online survey. They have completed a draft Opportunities and Challenges Report and created a draft vision statement and compass (goals and themes) for the plan. These are currently being reviewed by the Project Management Team and MMP Steering Committee. Now the really fun part of the planning begins as the team starts to put all of the ideas and aspirations into an urban form appropriate for Midtown. The plan is to have the team return to Missoula after the first of the year to hold another series of public meetings to unveil how these ideas manifest themselves on the ground.
- The Request for Proposals for the Brooks TOD/BRT planning has been issued and is available to the public and appropriate consulting firms. Annette will update the Board during this meeting. The Brooks project and the master plan are tracking nicely.

## **Project Updates**

- MRL Trestle Project – The contract has been finalized and is out for signatures, so work on the feasibility analysis should begin later this month.
- Payne/Library Block – The Missoula Economic Partnership will update the Board on the work they are doing for us at this meeting. This will include the process for identification of potential development partners and creation of the tools necessary to move this project forward.

## **City Council Strategic Planning**

- The City Council adopted the City of Missoula Strategic Plan in 2020. In response to that plan and goals, staff created a series of Strategic Initiative Work Teams (SWIT) to develop strategies and systems for implementation of the Plan. The Council and the Senior Leadership Team will revisit that Plan in early December to evaluate the relevance of the 2020 Plan elements and consider recommendations from the Work Teams. The majority of MRA staff members serve on at least one of these teams.

## **2023 State Legislative Session**

- The Montana League of Cities and Towns continues to work with cities, towns and counties in preparation for the upcoming legislative session. One of the goals is to present a statewide look at the impact that TIF investment has had on such priorities as housing and job creation.

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.