



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

Committee: Climate, Conservation and Parks

Item: Referral – Northside Greenway Pavement Preservation Grant Amendment

Date: November 25, 2022

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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
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<input type="checkbox"/> All Wards	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Action Required:

Approve amendment of the Northside Greenway Pavement Preservation grant to increase the budget and authorize Mayor to Sign

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council: approve amendment of the Northside Greenway Pavement Preservation grant to increase the total project budget to \$218,090; whereby State grant funding is increased to \$188,820 and City match increases to \$29,270 and authorize Mayor to sign.

Timeline:

Committee discussion:	December 7, 2022
Council action (or sets hearing):	December 12, 2022
Public Hearing (if required):	Click or tap here to enter text.
Final Consideration	Click or tap here to enter text.
Deadline:	Click or tap here to enter text.

Background and Alternatives Explored:

The city applied for and received a State of Montana, Transportation Alternatives-Pavement Preservation Grant for repair and cyclical maintenance work on the Northside Greenway Trail. Missoula’s grant was one of five awarded in 2021. This grant program is administered by the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT). These grant projects are designed, bid, and administered by MDT. MDT staff have met with City staff to determine the extent of the Northside Greenway’s needs. MDT staff have advanced the project plans to 90% design. MDT staff recommended the grant award e increased due to the extent of asphalt repair work needed and the fact of higher-than-expected construction and materials costs associated with asphalt projects statewide.

The proposed budget amendment is needed to provide sufficient funding for trail repairs, inclusive of crack sealing and seal coating work. The trail’s asphalt tread condition is deteriorating due to age, type of asphalt, tree root damage, and poor drainage. The proposed repairs and sealing work would greatly extend the trail asphalt’s useful service life while also reducing potential liability from slips, trips, and falls due to uneven surfaces and areas that are difficult to remove snow and ice from.

Financial Implications:

Original grant award was for just over \$103K in value requiring City match of just under \$14K. Proposed amendment increases total project value to just over \$218K and increases City match not to exceed \$29,270. The Parks & Recreation Department proposes to reprioritize asset management funding (part of the base budget) to make up the \$16K difference. If the amendment is not approved as proposed, the city would be wholly responsible for project cost overruns (expected to be > \$100K); or it would have to request State modify the project scope to fit the current budget. Neither of the options are desirable.

Links to external websites:

More Information about the State's Transportation Alternatives – Trail Pavement Preservation grant program: <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/mdt/ta-application.aspx>