

RESOLUTION NUMBER _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MISSOULA CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL PLANNING AND DEMONSTRATION GRANT APPLICATION, *RESERVE STREET SAFETY STUDY*

WHEREAS, the Missoula Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), with support from the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) and the City of Missoula, is applying for funding from the US Department of Transportation Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant in order to provide funding for a Safety Study on Reserve Street from Hwy 93 at Brooks Street to I-90.

WHEREAS, the project will build upon the Missoula Community Transportation Safety Plan and Missoula Connect 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan by developing a corridor safety study that will enable MDT and the City of Missoula to evaluate and prioritize safety improvements; and

WHEREAS, Reserve Street has been a focus of public concern and a 2021 MPO-led engagement planning process; and

WHEREAS, Reserve Street is a key connection for many focused areas of development as well as city, county and federal investments: to the west, the 2022 Mullan BUILD and the 2022 South Ave SS4A grant investments; to the north, the North Reserve Scott Street EPA technical assistance project; to the south, the Brooks Street BRT; and the Reserve and Brooks Corridors Signal Performance Measures pilot project; and

WHEREAS, the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan identifies the top five “corridors that have the highest rate of collisions” in Missoula, and two out of the five are on Reserve Street: Reserve Street from Broadway to Mullan Road and Reserve Street from 3rd Street to 39th Street; and

WHEREAS, the Sxwtpqyen Neighborhoods Master Plan guides growth in the area west of Reserve Street; and

WHEREAS, the corridor serves the dual purpose of operating as a regional highway on the National Highway System to move traffic through the City while also providing access to local businesses and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Reserve Street is a high speed, four lane—with portions having four lanes and a center turn lane—facility that creates challenges to local access and a barrier for nonmotorized users to cross and travel on the corridor; and

WHEREAS, the study will analyze different contexts, such as the local access and principal arterial contexts, of Reserve Street to understand how the corridor functions today and how it will function in the future, both through data analyses and continuous public engagement; and

WHEREAS, the safety study will analyze areas of known transportation crash trends, including vehicle and nonmotorized road users; and

WHEREAS, the safety study will provide alternative analyses for different Reserve Street contexts and identify priority intersection improvements, including costs, funding, feasibility, tradeoffs, and impacts; and

WHEREAS, this study will support safety, connectivity, and accessibility on an important and heavily travelled corridor; and

WHEREAS, the study will assess travel demand management strategies and driver behavior on Reserve Street; and

WHEREAS, the planning study will enable MDT and the City to understand the issues more thoroughly on Reserve Street and to provide short, medium and long-term design solutions for Reserve Street, so that the corridor can ultimately best serve the community, regional travel for people and freight, and be a safe facility for all modes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Missoula, Montana that the City Council and Mayor support the intent of and study contained in the 2023 SS4A grant application.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2023

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Martha L. Rehbein
City Clerk

Jordan Hess
Mayor

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