



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

Committee: Public Works and Mobility

Item: Stephens Orange MDT Construction and Maintenance Agreement

Date: February 20, 2024

Sponsor(s): Kevin Slovarp, City Engineer for Surface Transportation

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Ward(s) Affected:

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Action Required:

Authorize the Mayor to sign the City/MDT Stephens Orange Construction and Maintenance Agreement.

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council: Authorize the Mayor to sign the City/MDT Stephens Orange Construction and Maintenance Agreement.

Timeline:

Committee discussion:	February 28, 2024
Council action (or sets hearing):	March 4, 2024
Public Hearing (if required):	N/A
Final Consideration	N/A
Deadline:	N/A

Background and Alternatives Explored:

City of Missoula Public Works & Mobility and Attorney staff reviewed and commented on the draft agreement and agreed upon the language as written in the attached agreement before its referral. This agreement documents both City and MDT responsibilities during construction and future maintenance on the proposed Stephens Orange Safety Improvements Project.

The proposed safety project will enhance the overall safety of the intersection of Stephens, Orange, and Tremont. There's an existing crash cluster at this intersection that can be mitigated with the proposed improvements. These safety improvements include a new street surface, new raised island with standard curb reveal and signage to help direct vehicles traveling northbound on Stephens, adequate street illumination for the new raised island, shorten the pedestrian crossing distance of Stephens at its intersection with Orange, enhance the protection of luminaires, trees, and users in the adjacent Sacajawea Park, provide a route for bikes to get from

the on-street (Stephens) bike lanes to Tremont, across Sacajawea Park, and to the greenway on Chestnut Street, and additional drainage features.

City Public Works & Mobility and Attorney staff are recommending the Mayor sign the agreement.

Financial Implications:

MDT will pay for all construction costs of the proposed safety improvements. Added maintenance costs directly attributable to the City will be minimal and satisfied with existing operations budgets of Public Works & Mobility (Tremont Street and storm drainage facilities) and Parks Department (bike lane and sidewalk).

Attachments:

1-Construction and Maintenance Agreement Stephens Orange Safety Improvements