

## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

April 6, 2011 10:05 AM

City Council Chambers

**Members Present:** Jason Wiener (chair), Dick Haines, Lyn Hellegaard, Bob Jaffe, Renee Mitchell, Dave Strohmaier, Pam Walzer, Jon Wilkins, Cynthia Wolken

**Members Absent:** Ed Childers, Marilyn Marler, Stacy Rye

**Others Present:** Steve King, Kevin Slovarp, Doug Harby, Monte Sipe, Gregg Wood, John Hendrickson, Joan Milcher, Ike Moody

### I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

A. Approval of the minutes of – [March 30, 2011](#) Approved as submitted

B. Announcements –

Gregg Wood, Project Development Coordinator, has received bids for the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> /Arthur Street project. He will be bringing the bid recommendation forward next week for approval of Special Improvement District 548; it is funded by the University.

Steve King, City Public Works Director, gave an update on the current paving activities. City Street Division is completing the work on Russell Street this week paving from Broadway to south 4<sup>th</sup> Street and weather permitting they will be working through the intersection at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. There have been a lot of public comments on Russell Street about advocacy for bicycle/pedestrian facilities in the newly created shoulder area and there is sufficient width for a combined bicycle/pedestrian shoulder area. With the new paving there will be two traffic lanes, a middle turning lane, and a shoulder area delineated for bicycle/pedestrians. Confirmation was received this week from the Montana Department of Transportation (MDOT) for funding the reconstruction of South Avenue from the College of Technology to Higgins. Work will start immediately after Russell Street and we will move to South Avenue next week; originally it was planned to go to Van Buren but with the confirmation from the State we will be going to South Avenue. Steve wanted this schedule change to be a public record. After South Avenue work will start on Van Buren. The fourth road which is a contract award for Mullan Road from Broadway to Reserve, they will be bringing a bid award recommendation to be referred this week, for the committee's consideration on Mullan Road.

C. Public Comment on Non-Agenda items – None

### II. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Resolution to order curb and sidewalk improvement project 10-019, Lolo Street – Bridge to Duncan. (memo)—Regular Agenda (Monte Sipe) (Referred to committee: 04/04/11) **(REMOVE FROM AGENDA)**

**Motion: The committee recommends the City Council adopt the resolution to order curb and sidewalk improvements adjacent to properties in the Lolo Street – Bridge to Duncan area, Project 10-019.**

Doug Harby, Construction Project Manager, said this is the second phase of the curb and sidewalk improvements along the north and south frontage of Lolo Street from the Rattlesnake Creek Bridge to Duncan Drive, phase one was constructed in 2009. Because the existing right-of-way on this portion to Lolo Street is thirty feet wide and would not allow for the construction of a complete street including driving lanes, bike lanes, curbs, boulevards and sidewalks, the most reasonable design was to construct a twenty six foot roadway with a seven foot wide sidewalk on the south side. This design would require a seven to ten foot public sidewalk easement from four properties between Sharon's Gardens and Cales Court. Community Transportation Enhancement Program (CTEP) funds will be used to pay for curbs and sidewalks for these four properties in exchange for the right-of-way easements. Additional improvements would also include the installation of sewer stubs, drainage structures, pavement and associated improvements. A notice letter was sent to all affected property owners informing them of the project proposal, construction cost estimates and specific dates for consideration by Public Works committee and

City Council. All costs of the improvements will be assessed to the fourteen adjacent property owners under the City's Special Improvement Assessment Program with financing terms available up to twenty years (the four properties exchanging easement right-of-ways will be funded with CTEP funds).

Renee Mitchell said there was a large difference in the sidewalk costs ranging from \$3,000.00 to \$26,000.00 and asked if this were due to the sewer stubs on some of the properties.

Monte Sipe said the exhibit attached to the referral includes all the parcels including the four parcels on the south that were proposing to exchange easements for improvements, those are the largest costs and they are higher because of the sidewalk improvements. Those on the north side are only doing curbs and five of those properties already have sewer stubs.

Doug Harby said some of these properties will be getting sewer stubs and if the property owners want to finance them they have to be included in the order.

Dave Strohmaier said this section of Lolo Street is one of highest priorities to address from a safety standpoint. In terms of equity to share costs among the properties by creating two small SID's at Sharon's Gardens and Cales Court what would the next steps be to adopting a resolution of intention.

Steve King said they would work with Doug Harby and the Council on a resolution of intention for creating two SID's and that process is independent of this project order process; this order process should proceed. There is no pre-conclusion whether SID's would be created at this point.

Dick Haines asked if there were any obligation or time limit on when the property owners would be required to hook up to the sewer.

Doug Harby said not unless there was a connect on sale or if the property septic system fails.

Public Comment:

Joan Milcher resident at 504 Lolo Street said Lolo Street is dangerous and they do need sidewalks and curbs but she was confused by the letter she received because the letter said the street would be limited to eighteen feet. They measured eighteen feet from their property and they were well into the street, not only is there no room for bicycles but two large vehicles could not pass one another. Her question was, is the street really going to be only eighteen feet wide.

Doug Harby said the street will be twenty six feet wide, the curb will be on the edge of the existing asphalt and it will be in the existing right-of-way.

Joan Milcher said she had one other comment, in this letter it said the meeting was from 1:00PM to 3:00PM and to call, however it is at 10:00AM, she said this concerns her because sometimes there are ways to cut off public discussion, letters should be more clear if the time frame is an estimate.

Doug Harby wanted to respond by saying in the letters sent to the property owners, in bold type it says to call 552-6345 on Tuesday before the meeting for the exact time of the meeting which may vary from 11:00AM to 3:00PM.

Ike Moody property owner on Cales Court and his property is next to Rattlesnake Creek said he is in strong support of this project as a safety issue. He commented that on the bridge the sidewalk is five feet and on the east side of the bridge the sidewalk to Missoula Avenue is also five feet, he said he talked to Doug Harby about their concern of the portion of sidewalk being seven feet on their section because that would cut into their berm that has a number of trees in it, he said the sidewalk has inconsistencies in width.

Doug Harby said almost all the work would be in the asphalt area in order to square the roadway in an attempt to further reduce speeders and it would not go into their berm or landscaping.

Dave Strohmaier made the motion to recommend the City Council adopt the resolution to order curb and sidewalk improvements adjacent to properties in the Lolo Street-Bridge to Duncan area, Project 10-019."

Joan Milcher said the letter says this would limit the street to an eighteen foot width if all elements are constructed in the existing right-of-way, she asked what did existing right-of-way mean.

Jason Wiener said all elements in this case meant there is sidewalk on both the north and south sides. He said for equity sake they should consider two small SID's for Sharon's Garden and Cales Court.

The motion was passed unanimously.

### III. HELD AND ONGOING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Discussion on the sizes of grease interceptors for the restaurant industry ([Grease Interceptor PowerPoint](#)) ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Stacy Rye and Bob Jaffe) (Referred to committee: 04/21/08)
2. Review infrastructure conditions at the locations of serious and fatal traffic accidents: 2007-2009 ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Jason Wiener) (Referred to committee: 01/25/10)
3. T4 America partner support ([memo](#)) – Regular Agenda (Stacy Rye) (Referred to committee: (Referred to committee: 08/16/10)
4. Presentation from Public Works staff regarding proposed process for finding contractors and awarding bids for reconstruction of Russell Street. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Bob Jaffe) (Referred to committee: 11/15/2010)
5. Resolution to change the speed limit on Reserve Street between Brooks and 39<sup>th</sup> Street. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Wayne Gravatt) (Referred to committee: 01/24/11)
6. Confirm the reappointments of Carol Williams and Theresa Cox to the Missoula Parking Commission for a term commencing May 1, 2011 and ending April 30, 2015.
7. Consider an ordinance amending Missoula Municipal Code Chapter 15.32 Entitled “Building Permits,” Providing for Low Voltage Permits. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Don Verrue) (Referred to committee: 02/07/11)
8. Update from the Parking Commission. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Bob Jaffe) (Referred to committee: 03/07/11)([Parking Fines](#)) ([Policy Review](#)) ([Ltr: Iowa](#)) ([Ltr: Hensley](#))
9. Resolution stating its intention to consider the vacation of portions of Regent Street in the Homevale Addition, the intersection of Brooks and Stephens and the alley in Block 40 of the Union Addition. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Jessica Miller) (Referred to committee: 03/28/11)
10. Consider amendments to Missoula Municipal Code 13.04, Sewer Regulations, related to gray water systems and connection upon property transfer. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Steve King) (Referred to committee: 03/14/11)

### III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:40AM

Respectfully Submitted,  
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City Public Works Department