

## Notes from the April 2007 Transportation Coordinating Committee quarterly meeting

### Projects updates:

- Transit Committee – the bids for the slope-backed buses were \$10,000 higher than budgeted. MSU will cover half the amount.
- I-90/East Belgrade interchange – Meeting on 4/30/07 to get Memorandum of Understanding signed between Gallatin County, Gallatin Field and the city of Belgrade. Going to re-examine the auxiliary roads – take some out of the Federal request (Alaska Road to Valley Center Road and Belgrade bypass). County and airport funds will be used so this moves it ahead faster. If the project doesn't go forward then the Feds must be repaid. MDOT has committed to payback if the project doesn't happen.
- Transportation System Management – most of the '01 projects/plans are under way or done.
- Bicycle Advisory Board – May 14-18 is bike-to-work/school week. 5 coffee shops are donating bagels/coffee. Evening workshops on repairs; BDHS will hold a safety rodeo; an inventory of bike lanes/routes is under way.
- County impact fees – work is under way on the plan which will allow county to assess impact fees.
- Downtown Parking Garage – Funding will be through the TIF and Federal transit appropriation. It is being called the Bozeman Intermodal Transit Facility – this means there must be a pedestrian island and it will become the transfer location for the Streamline buses. There will be 10,000 sf of retail space; phase 1 will have 350 parking spaces and phase 2 will have 150 spaces. Scheduled to open the bids on May 2. Construction could start this summer. Relocating the utilities will happen next. There are construction closure plans: Northbound Black, southbound Tracy and Mendenhall will each be 1 lane; the alley will be closed for 4 months; late July start. Main Street overlay is scheduled for May 1, so they will do the best they can to coordinate construction work. Martel is the general contractor for the garage.
- Transportation plan update – Robert Peccia and Associates (Helena) has started working on the plan. 84 intersections will be analyzed. Meetings scheduled with pedestrian consultant and May 8 with Inter Neighborhood Council. June 15 Eggs & Issues meeting with Chamber. Issues to be resolved: Should we use a range for traffic levels or a set number? Use federal or state designations for roads? And what is an acceptable level of service?
- MSU projects – Nothing big this year; construction of 8<sup>th</sup> Ave between College and Cleveland and Cleveland between 8<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> in 2008.
- Community Transportation Enhancement Program - 2<sup>nd</sup> round of bids for the roof replacement for East Willson; Milwaukee Rail trail, the library bid was good, waiting for firm money from the Feds; \$127,000 in allocations for new projects in 2007 or overruns on previous projects
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Main to Kagy – begin acquiring ROW next month; bids in February 2008.
- Signals – Willson/College a roundabout has less ROW impact to the property (by 40 sf). Citywide signalization program goes in this summer; new lights at
- Belgrade –no projects being planning now.
- Valley Center Road – acquiring ROW; VCR underpass to Love Lane will be phase 1; moved from '07 to '09; \$5.4 million; west of Love Lane is not scheduled, however there are several new subdivisions being reviewed in the western portion that could expedite the development.
- Durston Road – 2<sup>nd</sup> layer of asphalt will be put on the west end soon; east end will be completed by fall.