

PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD ZONING COMMISSION

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Source

Great Falls Transportation Planning Process

Requested Action

Approve Amendment #1 to the FFY 2014-2018 Transportation Improvement Program.

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AMENDMENT #1– FFY 2014-2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

SUMMARY

Overview

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a staged, five year, intermodal planning document that includes transportation projects proposed for implementation in the Great Falls Metropolitan Area. It includes projects financed with U. S. Department of Transportation, Montana Department of Transportation, and City and County funds. The TIP aids in the effective development of a variety of projects and efficient management of varied money sources, and is the main implementation tool of the Great Falls Area Long Range Transportation Plan.

Occasionally, an amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) becomes necessary, usually due to changes in available funding, changes in project costs, or the addition of projects. Amendment #1 to the Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2014-2018 TIP considers a number of minor changes, including the following:

- River Drive Overlook—City CTEP Project
- West Bank Park-ADA (parking lot and trail access improvements) - City CTEP Project
- West Bank Trail Improvements (trail upgrades) - City Transportation Alternatives Project
- 25th St North Pedestrian Bridge-Previously approved City CTEP pro-

ject, being programmed for Construction

- Bike Route Signs—Previously approved City CTEP project
- Sidewalk 1st Ave S (downtown streetscape)-Previously approved City CTEP project, being programmed for Construction
- 6th St/NW Bypass Safety Improvements (turn lane modifications)
- Reduced Fox Farm Rd. reconstruction project estimate by about \$500,000

It also generally updates project costs, by phase, and updates past and expected funding amounts from the various funding sources. Finally, it also revises project schedules, by year, as project development timelines shift.

Other local TIP approval bodies include the Great Falls Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Policy Coordinating Committee (PCC) - TAC has approved the TIP amendment, and PCC will consider it after Planning Advisory Board action.

Summary of Changes

The Amendment brings the TIP up to date. As projects progress, budgets change and shift, development timelines change, and new projects are proposed. As well, available funding increases or decreases and funding projections become firm numbers.

“Attachment A” is the proposed Amended TIP, with major changes high-lighted in red on Tables 1, 6 and 7. No priorities have been modified, and the TIP’s fiscal constraint and air quality conformance determinations have not been affected.

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning Advisory Board approve Amendment #1 to the FFY 2014-2018 Transportation Improvement Program.

ATTACHMENT A