

Memorandum

REPORT TO: Downtown Area Urban Renewal District Board

FROM: Ellie Staley, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Pedlet Pilot Program Review

MEETING DATE: March 25, 2025

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Plan/Report/Study

RECOMMENDATION: Discussion.

STRATEGIC PLAN: 4.4 Vibrant Downtown, Districts & Centers: Promote a healthy, vibrant Downtown, Midtown, and other commercial districts and neighborhood centers “ including higher densities and intensification of use in these key areas.

BACKGROUND:

After the idea of a "parklet" was included in the 2019 Downtown Improvement plan, more research was needed to see how this may work in our downtown community. The Downtown Urban Renewal District (DURD) next developed a "[Parklet & Pedlet Program Assessment Report](#) " in 2021 to explore ways to enhance pedestrian and café experiences in the downtown area.

After extensive research, the "pedlet" model was selected as the most suitable option for Bozeman, particularly for expanding narrow sidewalk spaces on side streets off Main Street. Unlike parklets, which occupy parking spaces and create additional seating, pedlets serve as a pedestrian bypass, allowing restaurants to use the existing sidewalk space for outdoor seating while maintaining ADA-compliant walkways.

We have discovered a design and manufacturer that we feel fits within the overall streetscape design in downtown. We also have interest and excitement from the property and business owner to participate in the pilot project. See attached pilot program outline and fiscal details below for more information.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None.

ALTERNATIVES: None.

FISCAL EFFECTS: \$30,000 is currently allocated in the FY25 DURD Budget for pedlet

infrastructure and planning. Currently the pedlet estimates are coming in within the budgeted amount. Future funds for upkeep and storage will be needed for continued support of this program, which is the intent.

Attachments:

[Pedlet Pilot Program DRAFT.pdf](#)

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