

Memorandum

REPORT TO: City Commission

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SUBJECT: Authorize the City Manager to Sign an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with Bozeman School District 7 for the Whittier Elementary School Parking Lot Construction

MEETING DATE: June 2, 2026

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Agreement - Agency/Non-profit

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the City Manager to sign an intergovernmental cooperation agreement with Bozeman School District No. 7 for the Whittier Elementary School Parking Lot construction.

STRATEGIC PLAN: 1.3 Public Agencies Collaboration: Foster successful collaboration with other public agencies and build on these successes.

BACKGROUND: The Midtown Action Plan calls for building partnerships to hone in on key infrastructure improvements. Under the Montana Urban Renewal Law, there are only a few ways urban renewal funds can assist schools in Montana. Tax increment financing may be used to complete certain infrastructure projects, including parking lots. Reconstructing the Whittier School's crumbling parking lot has been a multiyear project adopted in the Midtown Urban Renewal Workplans and Budgets since FY25. The construction of the parking lot will take place this summer. The attached intergovernmental cooperative agreement authorizes the City to fund, oversee, operate, manage, and implement the project on the School District property.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None.

ALTERNATIVES: As recommended by the Commission.

FISCAL EFFECTS: None.

Attachments:

[INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT - Whittier with project drawings.pdf](#)

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