

# Memorandum

**REPORT TO:** City Commission

**FROM:** Nicholas Ross, Director of Transportation and Engineering

**SUBJECT:** College St 8th to 11th Renovation Work Session Continued

**MEETING DATE:** January 13, 2026

**AGENDA ITEM TYPE:** Citizen Advisory Board/Commission

**RECOMMENDATION:** Receive presentation and advise staff on preferred alternatives for final design.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:** 1.1 Outreach: Continue to strengthen and innovate in how we deliver information to the community and our partners.

**BACKGROUND:** This item is a continuation of a City Commission work session on the subject project begun on October 21st, 2025.

After a presentation from city staff on conceptual design options which included removal of street parking along the south curb of College St in order to extend an existing shared use path from the west within existing right-of-way, Commission received significant public comment on the importance of maintaining street parking. In response, Commission asked staff to re-engage with Montana State University (MSU) leadership in search of commitment for the necessary easements that would allow street parking to remain. Subsequent city-MSU meetings resulted in gaining support from MSU for an easement that would allow for parking to remain.

The continuation of this work session will present this update along with preliminary design. Staff seeks Commission support on the revised scope of final design.

The city of Bozeman has appropriated funding in the FY26 Operating Budget for a renovation of College Street from 8th to 11th as approved in the FY26-30 Capital Improvement Plan. The city intends to bid the project in late-winter 2026 with construction following the end of the Montana State University school year in order to avoid schedule conflicts with the upcoming Kagy Boulevard Reconstruction planned for 2027-2028.

The consultant team of TD&H Engineering and Kittelson have been hired to lead design of the project. Tasks completed to date include survey, geotechnical investigation, and traffic study with conceptual alternatives.

City staff has led public engagement with the intent of confirming the scope of improvements for final design. Having considered feedback received, staff proposes the following scope of improvements for final design:

- Mill & Overlay of pavement surface
- Reconstruction of north sidewalk and addition of boulevard with appropriate street trees
- **Maintain** parking lane along south curb
- Addition of shared use path and boulevard with appropriate street trees along south curb
- Addition of elevated mid-block crosswalk with Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon (RRFB) between 9th and 10th street
- Removal of limited driveway cuts along north curb with addition of street parking
- Maintain existing all-way stop control at S 8th intersection

Commission and members of the public are asked to review the [FY26-30 CIP](#) and the project [Engage page](#) prior to the work session.

**UNRESOLVED ISSUES:** Scope of Final Design.

**ALTERNATIVES:** As suggested by the Commission.

**FISCAL EFFECTS:** Project SIF157 has been allocated \$2,465,800 from the Arterial & Collector District in the FY26 Operation Budget. Current cost estimate of proposed improvements is approximately \$1,500,000.

Attachments:

[College St Preliminary Design.pdf](#)

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