

Memorandum

REPORT TO: Transportation Board

FROM: Nicholas Ross, Director of Transportation and Engineering

SUBJECT: Staff Updates

MEETING DATE: May 27, 2026

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Citizen Advisory Board/Commission

RECOMMENDATION: Receive staff update and participate in discussion.

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

BACKGROUND: The Director of Transportation and Engineering, Nicholas Ross, provides the Board with staff updates on transportation related items.

- N 27th: Baxter to Cattail broke ground on May 11th with construction anticipated to be completed by the end of the 2026 construction season. The City of Bozeman is working with Knife River and Morrison Maierle to construct a segment of North 27th Avenue from Baxter Lane to Cattail Street. This project will complete the half-mile missing link of N 27th between Baxter and Cattail with City Collector standard typical section of one lane in each direction, left turn lanes, shared use paths in each direction, landscaped medians and boulevards, installation of water, sewer, stormwater and street lighting. The intersection with Baxter will be signalized and the intersection with Cattail will be controlled by a single-lane roundabout. A 60-day closure of the Cattail intersection is anticipated to begin in early May to complete roundabout construction.
- Oak and Ferguson Signal Improvements (SIF188) have been awarded to Knife River in the amount of \$647,453.25. The engineer's estimate for the project was \$682,867.70. City staff have previously completed advanced procurement of signal poles in March in order to mitigate risk of schedule delay due to ongoing issues with lead times on signal equipment. This project will improve intersection safety and capacity by constructing missing left turn lanes at the intersection of Oak and Ferguson, implementing protected left-turn signal phasing, leading pedestrian intervals, and converting the Oak and Ryun Sun intersection to right-in, right-out operations. Construction is anticipated to begin in June with project complete by end of the 2026 construction season.
- McIlhattan Road Bikefill Access Improvements final design is now

complete with bidding phase to follow the completion of all necessary construction access permits from adjacent landowners. This project will improve safety of the gravel portion of McIlhatten Road within city limits by realigning the road, slope flattening, and installation of guardrail associated with full-depth asphalt pavement construction. Bidding and construction is anticipated to be complete by the end of the 2026 construction season.

- College St: 8th to 11th safety improvement project has completed the design and bid package. The project will be bid upon finalizing irrigation approval with the Montana DNRC. Construction is anticipated to be complete by the end of the 2026 construction season.
- Fowler Avenue Connection from Oak to Durston continues to secure final right of way agreements ahead of bidding. Staff intent to bid the first phase of this project and begin construction in 2026 remains firm.
- Annual Multimodal Improvements (STR20) for FY27 have advanced in planning and design in anticipation of City Commission approval of \$300,000 in funding, doubling staff's request of \$150,000. This additional funding has allowed advancement of the following multimodal safety improvements:
 - School Zone Speed Feedback Radar Signs. Staff proposes to install permanent speed feedback radar signs at five schools per year beginning with schools located on arterial and collector routes. Speed feedback signs are a proven safety countermeasure to induce modest speed reductions in school zones. Procurement will seek a product that includes data collection for tracking of driver compliance and assistance to Bozeman PD Traffic Unit for identification of targeted enforcement areas.
 - Highland Boulevard Midblock Crossing. Staff have completed 30% design plans for installation of sidewalk along Highland Boulevard between S Cedarview and N Spruce with a midblock crossing of Highland supported by a solar-powered Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB). Construction is anticipated for 2027 at a cost of approximately \$90,000.
 - Willson and Dickerson RRFB. This project will install a grid-tied RRFB across Willson in support of a safe school crossing to Longfellow Elementary. This project will require consultant design support. Construction is anticipated for 2027 at a cost of approximately \$70,000.
 - Bridger Drive RRFB. This project will install a solar-powered RRFB and curb ramps crossing Bridger Dr at Bridger Center Dr adjacent to Story Mill Park. Construction is anticipated for 2027 at a cost of approximately \$35,000.
 - S 3rd RRFBs and pedestrian infrastructure. This project will install ADA curb ramps and RRFBs along S 3rd at Arnold and Westridge in advance of the city's planned reconstruction project currently scheduled for FY31. Consultant design support

is anticipated and costs are expected to exceed \$100,000.

Construction is currently planned for 2027.

- Previously committed improvements include RRFBs at Oak/Yellowstone, Baxter/Riata, S 11th/Brookdale and permanent neighborhood traffic calming at three locations in 2026.
- Uncontrolled Intersection improvements have begun! Post sleeves for stop signs have been installed by city crews at 50 uncontrolled intersections in neighborhoods adjacent to Montana State University with sign installation and pavement marking operations to begin next month.
- Contracts for the city's SS4A Safety Action Plan Demonstration projects have been signed. Two demonstration projects supporting the city's upcoming Safety Action Plan include the following:
 - 3-yr implementation of the [CRASH](#) safety data platform from Citian. This data platform will enhance crash data and police reports to identify high crash intersections and corridors for targeted safety improvements.
 - Installation of [Currux Vision](#) safety detection software at 8 signalized intersections. This product will provide safety analytics including speeding, red light running, and near-miss detection at traffic signals to inform potential geometric, signal phasing, and targeted enforcement of safety-critical traffic violations.
- 2027 Transportation Master Plan RFQ was released on May 2nd with responses due on May 29th. Final scope and fee will be negotiated following selection of the highest qualified consultant team.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None

ALTERNATIVES: None

FISCAL EFFECTS: None

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