

Memorandum

REPORT TO: City Commission

FROM: Nicholas Ross, Director of Transportation and Engineering

SUBJECT: Fowler Avenue Connection 60% Design Special Presentation

MEETING DATE: August 12, 2025

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Citizen Advisory Board/Commission

RECOMMENDATION: Participate in update from city staff on the Fowler Avenue Connection project.

STRATEGIC PLAN: 4.3 Strategic Infrastructure Choices: Prioritize long-term investment and maintenance for existing and new infrastructure.

BACKGROUND: The city of Bozeman has recently concluded the 60% design phase for the Fowler Avenue Connection project.

The project will complete Fowler Avenue from Oak to Huffine as a 2-lane minor arterial with shared-use paths in both directions, roundabout intersection control at Annie and Durston, and a traffic signal at Babcock.

Substantial revisions from the 30% design phase in spring of 2024 include removal of landscaped median and narrowing of boulevards from Oak to Durston reducing the proposed typical section by 36', a reduction in local street connections, complete connection of shared-use paths, and implementation of traffic calming.

The project is planned to be completed in segments from Oak to Durston (2025 Final Design, 2026 Construction), Durston to Babcock (2026 Final Design, 2027 Construction), and Babcock to Huffine (2027 Final Design, 2028 Construction).

Staff will present the updated design, cost estimate, and results of recent public engagement.

City Commission and members of the public are invited to review public engagement material and project plans here:
<https://engage.bozeman.net/fowler>.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None.

ALTERNATIVES: As suggested by the Commission.

FISCAL EFFECTS:

Appropriations for final design, right of way acquisition, and construction of Oak to Durston have been approved in the FY25 and FY26 operating budget.

60% Design Construction Cost Estimate:

Oak to Durston (2026)

\$7.04m Durston to Babcock (2027)

\$3.62m Babcock to Huffine (2028) - \$3.77m

Total: \$14.43m

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