



City of Helena

ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING

January 4, 2024 - 4:00 PM

City - County Building Room 326 / Zoom Online Meeting; <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84909415786>

Sidewalk Summit

AGENDA

1. **Call to Work Session, introductions**
2. **Commission comments, questions**
3. **City Manager's Report**
4. **Department Reports**
 - a. Transportation Systems - Sidewalk Summit - Discussion of Inventory, Funding, City Code and Enforcement
5. **Public Comment**
6. **Commission discussion and direction to the City Manager**
7. **Adjourn**

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City of Helena, Montana

12/19/2023

To: Honorable Mayor Collins and Helena City Commissioners

From: David Knoepke, Transportation Systems Director
Chris Couey, Deputy Transportation Systems Director

Subject: Transportation Systems - Sidewalk Summit - Discussion of Inventory, Funding, City Code and Enforcement

Present Situation: The City Commission through these sidewalk summits has been working through the many challenges associated with sidewalk maintenance and installation. Sidewalks are a key compc

Background Information: Sidewalks in Helena have been a topic of discussion for many years. The ongoing maintenance and repair of existing sidewalks and ADA ramps. Numerous gaps/lack of sidewalks and / residents, property owners, business owners and the Commission.

Proposal/Objective: This session is intended to inform the City Commission of the results of the inventory recently conducted. This inventory captured existing facilities along with areas of no sidewalks. Th funding options, possible City Code revisions. Input from the public is welcome and encouraged.

Advantage: A better-connected community. Sidewalks can encourage walking and physical activity.

Notable Energy Impact: n/a

Disadvantage: Funding is a challenge.

Notice of Public Hearing: False

Staff Recommendation: ##staffrecommendation##

ATTACHMENTS:

20240104-TSD-AdminMemo-Sidewalk_Summit.pdf

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01-04-2024

To: Tim Burton, City Manager

From: David Knoepke - Director Transportation Systems
Chris Couey - Deputy Director Transportation Systems

Subject: Transportation Systems - Sidewalk Summit - Discussion of Inventory, Funding, City Code and Enforcement

Present Situation: The City Commission through these sidewalk summits has been working through the many challenges associated with sidewalk maintenance and installation. Sidewalks are a key component for Safe Routes to School and making our community accessible.

Background Information: Sidewalks in Helena have been a topic of discussion for many years. The ongoing maintenance and repair of existing sidewalks and ADA ramps. Numerous gaps/lack of sidewalks and ADA ramps is a difficult problem to solve, requiring input from staff, residents, property owners, business owners and the Commission.

Proposal/Objective: This session is intended to inform the City Commission of the results of the inventory recently conducted. This inventory captured existing facilities along with areas of no sidewalks. The discussion of the inventory will lead into a discussion of potential funding options, possible City Code revisions. Input from the public is welcome and encouraged.

Advantage: A better-connected community. Sidewalks can encourage walking and physical activity.

Notable Energy Impact: N/A

Disadvantage: Funding is a challenge.

Notice of Public Hearing: False

Staff Recommendation/ Recommended Motion: *No motion requested at this time. Review of the current policies, program and City Code through an in depth discussion on possible program revisions and outlining a clear path moving forward.*