

May 18-19, 2022

**ITEM 200-2007-R0522**

**Request for Authorization to Design Pedestrian Access Improvements; Montana State University**

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**THAT**

Consistent with the Board's authority to manage and control the Montana University System, Board of Regents Policy 1003.7, and MCA 20-25-302, the Board of Regents authorizes Montana State University to expend up to \$500,000 to design safe pedestrian access and associated vehicle access changes on the Bozeman campus.

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**EXPLANATION**

1. The Bozeman campus is projected to have increased pedestrian traffic on Grant Street between Norm Asbjornson Hall and the Black Box Theater. Nearby facilities, including the newly renovated Romney Hall and Student Wellness Center, are expected to increase student capacity and associated use of the area.
  2. The south side of the Bozeman campus experiences particularly heavy pedestrian traffic as a corridor between commuter parking and the academic campus core.
  3. Designing to avoid vehicle-pedestrian conflict is a top safety priority of the University.
  4. Redesigning pedestrian access will improve safety and improve the experience of the campus.
  5. Designing to improve vehicle wayfinding and access, and to reduce vehicle and pedestrian conflict will improve visitor experience and safety.
  6. This work will be paid for using physical plant funds.
  7. No additional operations and maintenance costs are anticipated with this project.
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**ATTACHMENTS**

None