

ITEM 143-2008-R0509

Authorization to Execute Easement/Right of Way Agreement at Kagy Boulevard and South 11th Avenue with the City of Bozeman; Montana State University

THAT:

Consistent with Regents Policy 1003.6.IV, the Board of Regents of the Montana University System authorizes MSU to execute agreements with the City of Bozeman to provide an easement required to install a traffic control signal at Kagy Boulevard and South 11th Avenue adjacent to the MSU campus.

EXPLANATION:

1. The Kagy/11th intersection is adjacent to the southwest corner of the MSU campus and is a major vehicular entry point to the campus. A recent traffic study determined that the amount of traffic currently flowing through this major intersection now requires active control (signalization) to increase public safety and the intersection level of service.
2. The signal design/layout requires a small amount of additional easement to accommodate the cantilevered signal pole at the northeast corner of the intersection.
3. MSU supports the signalization project and university patrons will benefit directly from the increased safety for both vehicles and pedestrians and the increased level of service for vehicular flow at this important intersection. This intersection is a primary vehicular access point for events at the MSU Stadium and the Fieldhouse.
4. This project will be funded by the City of Bozeman.
5. Regents Policy 100.3 allows for the Board to approve easements on university system property. Fair value must be received for the easement. Benefit to the campus may be considered when determining fair value. In this case, the intersection improvement, at no cost to the MUS, constitutes fair value for the easement.