

ITEM 144-1003-R0909

**Construct Bus Storage Facility; The University of Montana – Missoula**

**THAT:** Consistent with the provisions of MCA 18-2-102, the Board of Regents of the Montana University System authorizes The University of Montana to implement steps necessary to construct an addition to Building 24 which will serve as a bus storage facility for ASUM transportation. The cost for this work will not exceed \$450,000.

**EXPLANATION:** Currently no space is available on campus, and/or close to campus, that can house the UM bus fleet inside. In 2010 UM will receive a grant for \$245,000 from Congestion Mitigation Air Quality funds and ASUM will match that funding with another \$38,000 to purchase a new 35 ft bus. In order to receive the funding, federal compliance must be met which includes an indoor facility for storing vehicles. The existing bus fleet: 2- 35 ft buses, 2- 30 ft buses, and 2- 21 ft buses currently are stored outside. In the winter the diesel buses are difficult to start and the cold causes strain on many parts, increasing repair bills. In the summer the buses sit outside in the sun, which is hard on the rubber and paint.

ASUM and UM have purchased 3 new buses in the last two years totaling over \$650,000.

This bus barn will protect the equipment investment and make the ASUM Transportation system more reliable.

This authority request is for an amount greater than \$150,000, which requires the following additional information:

a. Project Description:

The work performed under this authority encompasses the construction of an addition to Building 24 which will serve as a bus storage facility for ASUM transportation vehicles.

b. Cost Estimate and Funding Sources:

Construction	350,000.00
Architectural Fees and Administrative Costs	31,000.00
Printing and Bidding Costs	5,000.00

Non-Contracted Labor	5,000.00
Utilities	28,000.00
Contingency	<u>31,000.00</u>

**Project Total** **\$450,000.00**

Project Funding: ASUM Transportation Fund Balance \$100,000  
 InterCap Loan 350,000

The University plans to seek an InterCap loan in the amount of \$350,000 which will be repaid through Student Transportation Fee monies.

c. Programs served, enrollment data, projected enrollments:

The bus service on the UM campus has become extremely popular. Last academic year this bus service gave 343,593 rides. This past spring the daily average ridership was 2,315. Assuming all of these riders go to and from the University, this service is keeping up to 1,158 cars from coming to campus daily and is making campus more accessible.

d. Space Utilization Data:

n/a

e. Projected use for available residual space:

n/a

f. Projected O&M Costs and proposed funding sources:

O&M costs for the new facility are projected to be \$12,000 annually and are fully borne by campus.