

November 19-20, 2015

ITEM 169-2003-R1115

Request for Authorization to Execute a Utility Easement with the City of Bozeman; Montana State University

THAT

The Board of Regents authorizes MSU to execute an agreement with the City of Bozeman to execute a Utility Easement for the City of Bozeman to establish a Utility Extension through MSU/Montana Agricultural Experiment Station (MAES) property from North 19th Avenue to West Garfield Street.

EXPLANATION

1. The MSU campus includes approximately 460 acres of land immediately adjacent to the limits of the City of Bozeman, which is used primarily by the College of Agriculture and the MAES for instruction and research. This tract of land lies across the path of planned major infrastructure expansions required to support the orderly development of a significant area to the south.
 2. The City of Bozeman and Gallatin County desire and support the annexation and development of properties south of the MSU campus to accommodate urban, rather than rural, property densities. Urban density development is anticipated and supported by a range of planning documents including, but not limited to, the 2020 Community Master Plan and the Bozeman Area Transportation Plan.
 3. The City of Bozeman has requested that MSU/MAES provide the easement to facilitate the orderly expansion of infrastructure, and thus the orderly growth of the city, in a way that will protect the welfare of both current and future citizens.
 4. MSU will benefit from additional neighborhood services within the development area planned to be served by the proposed Utility Extension. In addition, MSU will benefit from the negotiated right and ability to connect existing and future facilities to this Utility Extension rather than solely bearing the cost of later installation.
 5. Board of Regents Policy 1003.6.IV requires that MSU receive either fair market value or sufficient benefit to the University for granting this easement.
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1 - map of the proposed easement