

ITEM: 145-1001-R1109 **5th-6th Street/Arthur Avenue Intersection Improvements;
The University of Montana – Missoula**

THAT: The Board of Regents of the Montana University System authorizes The University of Montana to implement steps necessary to make street improvements on 5th and 6th Streets, and Arthur Avenue to improve safety. The University of Montana's obligation will be in the form of a City of Missoula Special Improvement District (SID) addressed to The University of Montana for \$1,250,000. Also, the City of Missoula has committed in-kind contributions in the amount of \$207,446 and the State of Montana will contribute the labor and materials necessary for traffic signal installation with a value of \$270,000.

EXPLANATION: The purpose of the current project is to address basic safety issues associated with a high volume of pedestrians, bicycles, and vehicles adjacent to the University of Montana campus on U.S. Highway 12 (S. 6th Street East and Maurice Avenue). This safety project will implement improvements on the State of Montana Department of Transportation Highway System and City roads adjacent to The University of Montana campus. A summary of the important points follows:

- This section of US 12 routes traffic near the University campus where there are high volumes of pedestrians and bicycle traffic. This unusual circulation of a major highway has many conflict points, and it creates safety concerns on the streets and at many intersections.
- A pedestrian fatality occurred in this project area.
- Long-term planning for this area has been examined and studied by the University. This area is strategic and important to the future growth and vitality.
- The project area has high use. Transportation improvements would have safety benefits to the community and to the large number of visitors who come to Missoula during special events such as University football games.

ATTACHMENTS: SID No. 548 – 5th / 6th / Arthur Sources and Uses
SID No. 548 – 5th / 6th / Arthur Assessment Income
5th/6th/Arthur/Maurice Proposed Layout Overview
Street Improvement SID – Exhibit A