

September 17-18, 2014

ITEM: 164-2006-R0914

Request for Authorization to execute a Right-of-Way at Garfield Street

THAT

The Board of Regents authorizes Montana State University to execute a Right-of-Way to facilitate improvements to the intersection of South 19th Avenue and Garfield Street.

EXPLANATION

1. South 19th Avenue borders MSU's campus on the west. In 2009-10, the City of Bozeman and the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) reconstructed 19th into a modern 5-lane facility. However, at that time Garfield Street did not carry enough traffic volume to warrant a traffic signal at the intersection of Garfield and South 19th; therefore, the intersection was constructed with significantly restricted traffic movements on Garfield (both east and west of South 19th) and no pedestrian crossings were constructed to facilitate pedestrians crossing South 19th at Garfield.
 2. With a speed limit of 45 mph on South 19th, the absence of a traffic signal at this intersection restricts traffic movements into and out of MSU's residential housing area and presents a danger to both vehicles and pedestrians in the area.
 3. With continued commercial development west of the university, Garfield Street is now carrying enough traffic that MDT and the City are willing to install a traffic signal at the intersection.
 4. MSU will benefit significantly from this signal installation in terms of greater vehicle and pedestrian safety for MSU residents and students at this major intersection serving MSU's housing operations. This benefit satisfies requirements of BOR Policy 1003.6.
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ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment #1