

**November 21 – 22, 2019**

**ITEM 185-2003-R1119**

**Request for authorization to execute a public street and utility easement for Technology Boulevard, Montana State University**

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**THAT**

The Board of Regents authorizes Montana State University to execute a fifteen foot (15') public street and utility easement agreement to extend Technology Boulevard west for the City of Bozeman.

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**EXPLANATION**

1. A fifteen-foot (15') public street and utility easement will be granted on the northern portion of MSU's property fronting Technology Boulevard West and Fowler Avenue. The public street and utility easement would be granted to the City of Bozeman to extend public infrastructure including streets, water and sewer lines.
  2. MSU's parcel is currently vacant with no immediate plans for development. The parcel is adjacent to MSU's Bozeman Agricultural Research and Teaching Farm. Additionally, an existing farmer's canal easement runs along the southern boundary of the proposed fifteen-foot (15') easement. The canal is not included in this easement and will not be impacted by the requested easement.
  3. The public street and utility easement will contain eight-inch (8") city water and sewer mains that will be extended to MSU's property line and would be available for MSU to utilize and tie into in the future. MSU will benefit from this access and utility easement by having readily available public infrastructure if the University decides to construct facilities on this parcel. This benefit satisfies requirements of BOR Policy 1003.6.
  4. Only city-owned, public infrastructure will be allowed within the public street and utility easement. All private infrastructure will be required to obtain a separate utility easement from MSU.
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**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment #1: Two drawings of the proposed easement and its relation to MSU property