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ITEM 202-2011-R0922

Request for Authorization to Design Pedestrian Access Improvements; Montana State University

THAT

Consistent with the Board's authority to manage and control the Montana University System, Board of Regents Policy 1003.7, and MCA 20-25-302, the Board of Regents authorizes Montana State University (MSU) to expend up to \$500,000 to design safe pedestrian access and associated vehicle access changes on the Bozeman campus.

EXPLANATION

1. The Board of Regents authorized MSU to design pedestrian access improvements in May (Item 200-2007-R0522). This item clarifies the funding source of the project.
 2. With the opening of the Norm Asbjornson Hall (NAH), the MSU campus is projected to have increased pedestrian traffic on the portion of Grant Street comprised between NAH and the Black Box Theater. Nearby facilities, including the newly renovated Romney Hall and Student Wellness Center, have increased student capacity and associated use of the area.
 3. The south side of the MSU campus experiences particularly heavy pedestrian traffic as a corridor between commuter parking and the academic campus core.
 4. Designing to avoid vehicle-pedestrian conflict is a top safety priority of the University.
 5. Redesigning pedestrian access will improve safety and improve the experience of the campus.
 6. Designing to improve vehicle wayfinding and access, and to reduce vehicle and pedestrian conflict will improve visitor experience and safety.
 7. The projects will be financed with a combination of physical plant funds from associated fees, BOR policy 901.6 funds and annual maintenance funds.
 8. No additional operations and maintenance costs are anticipated with this project.
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ATTACHMENTS

None