

November 16-17, 2023

**ITEM 209-2001-R1123**

**Request for Authorization to Construct Pedestrian Access Improvements Along Grant Street;  
Montana State University**

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**THAT**

Consistent with MCA 18-2-102 and BOR Policy 1003.7, the Board of Regents authorizes Montana State University to expend up to \$6,500,000 of General Spending Authority and Facilities Maintenance Authority for the construction of pedestrian access improvements to improve safe access along Grant Street.

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**EXPLANATION**

1. The Bozeman campus has experienced increased pedestrian traffic along the Grant Street corridor. Nearby facilities, including the new Norm Asbjornson Hall, newly renovated Romney Hall and Student Wellness Center, have increased student capacity and associated use of the area. Pedestrian traffic will continue to grow with the construction of Mark & Robyn Jones College of Nursing building and Gianforte Hall, both being south of Grant Street.
  2. The south side of the Bozeman campus experiences particularly heavy pedestrian traffic as a corridor between commuter parking and the academic campus core.
  3. Converting Grant Street between 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue to pedestrian-focused infrastructure will improve safety, enhance ADA routes, expand emergency access, and improve student and visitor experiences on the campus.
  4. MSU and contracted design professionals have completed initial planning and design work in support of the project as authorized under BOR ITEM 202-2011-R0922.
  5. Vehicle interfaces will be improved at the west entrance along 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, as well as potential improvements along the east entrance.
  6. The project will be paid for using project plant funds.
  7. No additional operations and maintenance costs are anticipated with this project.
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**ATTACHMENTS**

- Attachment #1: Project Details (BOR Policy 1003.7)
- Attachment #2: Pedestrian Corridor Site Plan