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ITEM 227-2010-R1126

Request for Authorization to Grant Easements to the City of Bozeman, Montana Department of Transportation, and Utility Companies for the Kagy Boulevard Expansion Project; Montana State University

THAT

Consistent with BOR Policy 1003.6, the Board of Regents of the Montana University System authorizes Montana State University to grant easements and public access easements to the City of Bozeman, Montana Department of Transportation, Lumen/Yellowstone Fiber, and Northwestern Energy to facilitate infrastructure and public access improvements on MSU property in support of the Kagy Boulevard Expansion Project.

EXPLANATION

1. The Kagy Boulevard Expansion Project is a major infrastructure improvement between South 19th Avenue and Willson Avenue. The project is a partnership of the Montana Department of Transportation, the City of Bozeman, and Montana State University to safety address growing vehicular and pedestrian traffic.
2. To support related utility improvements and rerouting, the City of Bozeman is requesting easements adjacent to Kagy Boulevard on MSU property. This work mutually benefits MSU and the City of Bozeman, no payment is proposed.
3. The City of Bozeman and Montana Department of Transportation are requesting easements to facilitate stormwater drainage systems and public access. MDOT will compensate MSU $1,191,500 to offset impacts to parking. An additional payment to MSU of $11,400 is proposed for impacts to campus signage.
4. Lumen/Yellowstone Fiber are requesting an easement for installation of fiberoptic infrastructure. This easement is proposed to be granted with a payment of $16,826 to MSU for its fair market value.
5. Northwestern Energy is requesting an easement for related installation of electric and natural gas infrastructure. This work mutually benefits MSU and Northwestern Energy, no payment is proposed.
6. No rights of way are granted with these easements.
7. The MSU standard language reserves MSU's right to relocate the easements if it unreasonably interferes with the present or future use of MSU land, and reserves MSU's right to terminate the easement with reversion of the interest to MSU or its assigns and successors.
8. No state funds are requested for any of these easements.
9. Details for each easement are provided in the attachments.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: City of Bozeman Utility Easement Details
Attachment 2: Lumen/Yellowstone Fiber Easement Details
Attachment 3: City of Bozeman and MDOT Drainage and Public Access Easement Details
Attachment 4: Northwestern Energy Easement Details
Attachment 5: Kagy Boulevard Easement Exhibits