



NEWS ADVISORY

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MORE BROOKS STREET PUBLIC COMMENT WELCOME **Help shape future lane configuration**

Bike lanes? Parking lanes? Turning lanes? Let us know what you think belongs on Brooks Street.

Between Higgins Avenue and Mount Avenue, Brooks Street will soon get new curbs, new asphalt paving, drainage improvements and handicapped-accessible corner ramps. The street will remain the width it is today. However, the final painted lane configuration has yet to be decided.

The City of Missoula has been formally collecting public comment since the Brooks Street residents public meeting April 7. The existing road width will accommodate several alternatives, and we want public comment to shape the decision-making. Here are three upcoming opportunities to comment at public meetings:

- May 13: The City Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board will discuss the need for bike lanes on Brooks Street at its meeting at 3 p.m. in City Council Chambers at 140 W. Pine St.
- June 2: The City Council Public Works Committee will consider lane configuration recommendations to the full Council. The meetings usually begin at 2:05 p.m., but check the Council committee schedule on the City Web site at www.ci.missoula.mt.us the day before the meeting. The committee meets in Council Chambers.
- June 7: The City Council is scheduled to receive the Public Works Committee recommendation for lane configuration. Please check the City Web site to confirm the agenda, which is posted the Friday afternoon before the Monday meeting. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Public comment may also be sent directly to Public Works Director Steve King at sking@ci.missoula.mt.us or at 435 Ryman St., Missoula, MT 59802. City Council representatives and Mayor John Engen are always open to receiving your comments and questions.

The City Council recommendation for lane configuration will be forwarded to the Montana Department of Transportation for final approval. Street paving and painting are planned for July and August.

Questions? Please call Steve King at 552-6345.

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