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DOWNTOWN: SMART PARKING CONSULTANTS IN MISSOULA THIS WEEK

Public meeting set for Thursday evening

The Missoula Parking Commission invites the public to engage in an exciting project for downtown Missoula, beginning with a public meeting on Thursday evening.

The Missoula Downtown Master Plan, unanimously approved by the City Council in 2009, identified nine Primary Action Items in the Parking Strategy. The action items were presented at multiple public forums and were endorsed as part of the community-focused planning process. The last item yet to be explored is “Invest in New Parking Technology.”

The Parking Commission Board of Directors recently took action on this item and has contracted with professional consultants to guide the Commission through the process of determining what will be the best solution for downtown Missoula. Dennis Burns from Kimley-Horn and Vanessa Solesbee from The Solesbee Group will be in Missoula March 6-7 to launch the public process of assessing new technologies in parking for downtown.

The first public meeting is scheduled for Thursday from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Missoula Downtown at 200 S. Pattee St. Burns and Solesbee will give an overview of the scope of the project, outline the process and timeline and field questions and comments from attendees.

The Missoula Parking Commission has been diligent in its work to implement the parking strategies of the Downtown Master Plan. Its Board of Directors and staff look forward to continuing its role in “connecting our community” to a quality parking experience for all.

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