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CONNECT TO SMART PARKING Parking Meter Meetings Set for April 15-16

Improving parking technologies is an important part of the parking strategy of the Downtown Master Plan. The Missoula Parking Commission board and staff want as much public participation and help as possible in choosing new technologies to improve on-street parking in downtown Missoula.

The parking commission will host the next round of public meetings on its parking meter modernization project April 15-16 in downtown Missoula. Consultants Dennis Burns of Kimley-Horn and Vanessa Solesbee of The Solesbee Group will be back in town to gather more information and comments on the types of technologies Missoulians wish to see.

All downtown stakeholders are encouraged to attend one or more of the meetings to be held at the Holiday Inn Missoula Downtown, 200 S. Pattee St. A public open house will wrap up the meetings on Wednesday from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Burns and Solesbee will present on the options and technologies available and the pros and cons of each option and will collect public opinion.

PARKING MEETING SCHEDULE

Tues., April. 15

3-4 p.m.....Missoula City Council 5:30-6:30 p.m....Downtown Employees 6:30-7:30 p.m....Downtown Business Owners & Managers

Wed., April 16

1-2 p.m	Downtown-related Boards and Commissions
1	Downtown Residents
1	Downtown Property Owners & Managers
1	Public Open House

Missoula Parking Commission Director Anne Guest is available to reporters this week to discuss the upcoming meeting, as is consultant Vanessa Solesbee at <u>Vanessa@thesolesbeegroup.com</u>.

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