

RESERVE Street Missoula Community Input Forum

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Best Western Plus Grant Creek Inn

5280 Grant Creek Rd

WELCOME!!!

TONIGHT IS JUST THE BEGINNING!

The Reserve Street Community Input Project is a project of the Missoula Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and 5th House Consulting. The Project is an opportunity to gather community input around the question, *“What will improve people’s experience with the Reserve Street area?”* The information gathered in this project will be used to inform future projects of the MPO.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE EVENING:

1. Join your group
You will be assigned a group by color and will be escorted throughout the evening by a guide. Your guide has a color paddle so you know where your group is supposed to go.
2. Attend Stations – ROTATE WHEN YOU HEAR THE BELL
We have 5 stations you will be attending.
3 Learning Stations which have experts that give an overview of current plans.
2 Sharing stations in which you will give your input on your current experience around Reserve Street and then what you believe would help your experience to be more positive around Reserve Street.
3. Fill out question Cards
You have index cards called “question cards.”
Please write down your question regarding **the topic of the table** you are at.
We might not get to all of the questions so please give your questions cards to your group facilitator.
Your question may not be answered at the event, we will do our best to answer your question on the project website. Look for the Frequently Asked Question Link.
<https://www.missoulampo.com/reserve-street-community-input>
4. Fill out Survey
Fill out the survey enclosed in your packet and leave them at the bucket on the table at the registration table.

TIMETABLE FOR THE EVENING

5:45pm Registration

6:00 Introduction to Event

Rachel Gooen, Lead Facilitator and Aaron Wilson, Transportation Planning Manager

Rotation Timing

6:15 1st Station

6:35 2nd Station

6:55 3rd Station

7:15 4th Station

7:35 5th Station

7:55 Closure

Rachel Gooen, Aaron Wilson

DESCRIPTIONS OF LEARNING STATIONS AND SHARING STATIONS

LEARNING STATIONS:

How is Missoula approaching transportation safety on Reserve Street

Expert: David Gray

Description: Safety is one of the most important issues or needs that the City, County, State DOT, and Metropolitan Planning Organization are committed to addressing. Transportation safety can impact frequency as well as severity of crashes, for people of all ages, mobility, and economic status. Crashes can result in significant individual and community impacts on health, social and economic costs. In order to address this issue, the MPO has a community-wide Transportation Safety Plan that will lead us to effective, efficient solutions. Within that plan, there are three primary emphasis areas based on a comprehensive analysis of 10

years of crash data. Reserve Street is a state highway that accommodates a high level of pass-through and external to retail vehicle trips. The sheer volume of traffic on Reserve Street increases the probability of crashes occurring. However, there may be countermeasures that could be implemented to reduce crash severity. Based on the analysis in the safety plan, staff look for the most cost-effective solutions to known safety issues. The safety session will give an overview of how staff are looking to improve Reserve Street traffic safety through this strategic approach.

Plans for Reserve Street

Expert: Aaron Wilson

Description: Land use and transportation connections are essential ingredients for understanding and solving the problems related to future growth pressure. Planning for growth means identifying development locations and patterns that support a compact, walkable, and connected urban environment. Establishing the land use and transportation systems necessary for multi-modal travel will be vital for accommodating new residents and the trips they will need to take for jobs, services and recreation. In Missoula, the foundation for both land use and transportation planning is underway, as detailed in the list of planning projects below. Reserve Street is a key component of many of these plans, and remains a central focus of all City, County and MPO planning processes.

In order to accomplish our ambitious goals, we must be strategic as a community in how we invest scarce transportation dollars. We must recognize that we cannot build our way out of congestion simply by widening streets and increasing speeds. There is a better, more efficient approach, as outlined in the LRTP and the City and County Growth Policies, that envisions compact, mixed-use development served by multi-modal transportation facilities that are accessible by all ages and all abilities. Reserve Street will be one of many key corridors to achieving that future.

Land Use and Traffic

Expert: Andrew Hagemaiier

Description: There is a lack of general understanding of the relationship between development patterns and congestion. Certain types of development patterns are much more likely to result in congestion than others. The development patterns along Reserve Street are among the most auto-centric development patterns in the city. As long as the development pattern along Reserve Street favors the automobile, congestion will be a problem. Small changes to infrastructure can help with safety, but any investment to the roadway to alleviate congestion will yield very little in return. But, changes throughout the city that favor walkability, biking and transit will help alleviate congestion community wide.

SHARING Stations

Graphic Recorder 1: *What is happening on Reserve Street today?*

At this station, you will share YOUR current experience of the Reserve Street Area and a Graphic Recorder will illustrate these thoughts for a visual representation of how people perceive their current experience with Reserve Street.

What do you like? What have you seen? What have you experienced? How do you use this area? Do you live here? What's your neighborhood like? Do you shop here? Do you commute here? What is this area like for you currently?

Graphic Recorder 2: *What would you like to see Reserve Street look like?*

At this station, you will share your thoughts around what you envision Reserve Street could be given the parameters as described during the introduction. The Graphic Recorder will illustrate these thoughts to provide a visual representation of what Reserve Street could be.

What would make your experience better?

What would help you enjoy this part of town more?

NEXT STEPS in the Project.

Continuing for the next three months!

ADDITIONAL INPUT FROM YOU!

Tonight is just the beginning of this Community Input Project.

5th House Consulting will be hosting focus groups with stakeholder and user groups to continue the learning process. We will also be talking with identified key stakeholders over the next 3 months.

At the end of April, we will host another community education forum in which we report what we have learned from the community. We will be contacting you if you identified yourself as someone that is interested in being a part of a focus group and we will also be inviting you to the wrap up forum through the email that you registered with.

Thank you for participating tonight.