

DOWNTOWN SAM

GRANT REQUIREMENTS

General Project Description:

The project will construct a multi-modal transportation network on three corridors in Missoula's Downtown core. Front and Main Streets will be restored to two-way operations with intersection safety improvements and protected nonmotorized facilities. Higgins Avenue will be reconfigured from four lanes to three, allowing dedicated left-turn lanes, protected bike lanes, intersection improvements, enhanced transit stops, wide sidewalks, and ADA upgrades. The Riverfront Trail will also be widened to commuter path standards and universally accessible connections will be provided between the trail and downtown, including an ADA-compliant ramp between Beartracks Bridge and Caras Park.

Project Elements:

A) Higgins Ave Multi-Modal Improvements |

- 4-to-3 lane conversion
- Improved bicycle facilities
- ADA access
- Bus stops and other street amenities
- Improvements to be installed from Brooks to Broadway (linear distance of 3,500 LF)

B) Front/Main Two-Way Restoration |

- Restoration of both Front Street and Main Street from one-way to two-way traffic
- Improvements includes:
 - Restriping, parking lane modifications, bicycle facilities, intersection improvements, a new signal at the intersection of Front Street/Madison, reconfiguration of the intersection at Front/Main/Orange.
- Improvements to be completed between Orange St and Madison St on Front and Main Streets, a total distance of approx. 1.25 miles

C) Riverfront Trail & Connectivity Improvements |

- Widening of the Ron's River Trail (~2,400 ft of path)
- Gateway reconstruction of Ryman Street from Front Street to Carousel Drive (200 ft of roadway reconstruction)
- Enhanced trail access at Pattee Street
- Reconstruction of trail access between Front Street and Ron's River Trail at Kiwanis Park (~300-400 ft of trail)
- Construction of an ADA accessible ramp from the east side pedestrian path of Beartracks Bridge to Ron's River Trail/Caras Park

D) Signal Optimization |

- Upgrade signal detection, controllers, and other hardware as needed at ~8 signals
- Conduct signal timing analysis and implement automated signal performance measures across ~ 22 downtown signals

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PROJECT MAP:

