



# Franklin To The Fort Neighborhood Leadership Team Action Plan

April 2025

## INTRODUCTION

### Purpose

The Franklin to the Fort Neighborhood Action Plan addresses the evolving needs and priorities of our community. This plan creates a cohesive and actionable roadmap that aligns with the City of Missoula's Strategic Plan and other relevant city plans. By focusing on specific neighborhood issues, we aim to enhance the quality of life for all residents and foster a sense of community.

This document serves as a workplan for Leadership Team members and may be updated by the Leadership Team as necessary. Updates may include new action items and/or adjusted priorities as additional information becomes available or circumstances change. Any updates to this document will be introduced at our monthly publicly noticed Leadership Team meetings. These are aspirational action items, and not all priorities may be met.

### Process

The development of this plan involves a comprehensive and inclusive process. We engage with residents through multiple surveys, neighborhood meetings, and the annual F2F Block Party. We are continually striving for new ways to reach neighborhood residents to include all voices. This process ensures that the perspectives of our community members are heard and incorporated into the plan.

## PRIORITIES & ACTION PLAN

### PRIORITIES

#### Priority 1: Housing Access and Stability

**Theme:** Ensuring affordable and stable housing options for all residents.

This priority aligns with the City of Missoula Strategic Plan's Housing lens, promoting housing goals as articulated in "A Place to Call Home," and supports the Our Missoula 2045 Land Use Plan's goals of managing growth to meet community needs, providing affordable housing, and addressing social and racial inequities.

- Support for new affordable housing projects and what options are available for Franklin to the Fort
- Submit comments and work with MRA for the North MRL Triangle public engagement process and redevelopment plan

- Address how property tax increases have affected seniors and advocate for tax relief programs
- Engage with the City regarding updated zoning and code reform

## **Priority 2: Traffic and Road Safety**

**Theme:** Improving traffic control and road safety to enhance neighborhood livability.

This priority supports the City of Missoula Strategic Plan's focus on public safety and infrastructure improvements and aligns with the Our Missoula 2045 Land Use Plan's objectives of enhancing transportation options and connectivity and managing growth to improve infrastructure and public safety.

- Look at ways to slow traffic at high-speed intersections along local streets like Eaton St.
- Support speed humps or other traffic calming measures near Franklin Park with support from the Public Works & Mobility department.
- Address traffic noise on Johnson and Russell by exploring noise reduction measures
- Spread awareness of the Reserve Street Safety Action Plan and invite participation

## **Priority 3: Biking, Sidewalks, and Pedestrian Use/Access**

**Theme:** Enhancing pedestrian and biking infrastructure to promote active transportation.

This priority supports the City of Missoula Strategic Plan's Climate & Resilience lens, promoting sustainable transportation options, and addresses the Our Missoula 2045 Land Use Plan's goals of improving transportation infrastructure, promoting active transportation, and reducing environmental impact.

- Support and explore the possibility of extending sidewalks, especially near school bus stops and high pedestrian areas.
- Develop new biking paths and improve bike lane connectivity, with wheelchairs and strollers in mind with support from Public Works & Mobility
- Support sidewalk reform at City Council

## **Priority 4: Community Well-being**

**Theme:** Enhancing community amenities and services to improve quality of life.

This priority aligns with the City of Missoula Strategic Plan's Equity lens, fostering an inclusive community, and supports the Our Missoula 2045 Land Use Plan's objectives of enhancing public services and community amenities, fostering a livable, sustainable community, and addressing the impacts of climate change.

- Address issues with unleashed dogs in public parks by possibly increasing signage and enforcement working with Parks & Recreation.
- Support street lighting projects and improve street plowing in winter with support from Public Works & Mobility.
- Support increased public transit reliability and availability.
- Support programs and events that foster neighborhood connections (general meeting, cleanup, block party).

## IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Action	Primary Responsibility	Time Frame Completion By	Funding Source	Anticipated City Involvement	Priority Action Aligns With
General Meeting 2025	F2F Leadership Team	Q2 2025	F2F Leadership Team Annual Budget	Office of Neighborhoods	Priority 4
Participate with Zoning and Code Reform process	F2F Leadership Team	Q2 2025	N/A	CPDI	Priority 1
Bring up concerns regarding sidewalks and unaffordability during City Council Updates	F2F Leadership Team	Q2 2025	N/A	City Council	Priority 3
Engage with GGLO for North MRL Triangle Redevelopment	F2F Leadership Team	Q3 2025	N/A	MRA	Priority 1
Introduce Reserve Street Safety Action Plan	F2F Leadership Team	Q3 2025	N/A	Missoula Metropolitatin Planning Organization	Priority 2
Annual F2F Neighborhood Block Party - theme of Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness	F2F Leadership Team, F2F Neighbors-in-Action	Q3 2025	F2F Leadership Team Annual Budget	Missoula Office of Neighborhoods	Priority 4
Meet with Public Works & Mobility to discuss neighborhood traffic/mobility concerns	F2F Leadership Team	Q4 2025	N/A	Public Works & Mobility	Priority 2, 3
Support Neighborways to assist implementation through general meetings and city council updates	Neighborways	Q4 2026	N/A	Public Works & Mobility	Priority 3
Facilitate Neighborhood Clean Ups	F2F Leadership Team, F2F Neighbors-in-Action	Q4 2026	Missoula Office of Neighborhoods	Missoula Office of Neighborhoods	Priority 4