

City of Missoula CIP Project Request/Update Form FY 2026 - 2030

Department Priority		New or Update	Required	Delay	Project Title		
1	of 1	New	Is this project Required?	Can project be delayed?	Wayside Horns/Crossing Improvements Project - Spruce/Greenough & Taylor St.		
Project Rating	Department		No	Yes			
	Public Works						
Plan	Engineering	Is the project APPROVED for Fiscal Year 2026?				FUNDED?	

Summary Description and rationale of project and funding sources:

This project will design, purchase and install equipment necessary to allow the wayside horns/railroad crossing improvements project to be completed, thus silencing train horns at the Spruce/Greenough & Taylor St. railroad crossings except in emergencies. Funding for this project includes approximately \$192,000 from MRA Hellgate Urban Renewal District and approximately \$750,000 in assessment funds.

History & Current Status: Impact if Cancelled or Delayed

The City entered into a contract with Triple Tree Engineering to develop a quiet zone analysis for the railroad crossing at the Madison/Spruce/Greenough intersection and Taylor Street. Various options were analyzed and a Wayside Horn Demonstration was conducted. The demonstration proved viable information/data and is the most economical and timely option to eliminate the sounding of train horns. The project got delayed in 2023-2024 with the relinquishment of the MRL railroad lease back to BNSF. BNSF representatives have stated that the City will need to fund Taylor St. railroad crossing improvements for them to silence train horns at the two crossings. If delayed, train horns will continue to sound, as they currently do, adversely affecting public well fare.

Are there any site requirements/ Potentially Affected Interest (PAI) Coordination:

The wayside horns and/or other crossing improvements can be sited on Burlington/Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) property, and coordination and permitting with BNSF will be necessary. The City will have to coordinate boring under Rattlesnake Creek for necessary Wayside Horn electrical equipment BNSF is requiring due to multiple tracks and switching gear. Some existing trees have already been removed to provide for visibility between railroad train engineers and the wayside horn equipment east of the Spruce/Greenough crossing. Coordination and support from the Lower Rattlesnake and area east of downtown will be necessary for SID (property owner assessments). BNSF will also need to coordinate and support the project.

How is this project going to be funded:								
Funding Source	Prior Years Funding	Yr. 1. budget	Unappropriated subsequent years					
		FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030		
SID's		\$ 750,000						
Impact Fees		Impact Fees						
Type	Approval	Date	Amount	Amounts				
	—	\$ 750,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		

How is this project going to be spent:							
Budgeted Funds	Accounting Code	Prior Year Expenses	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
A. Land	4037.280.430264.350.201	-					
B. Buildings		-					
C. Improvements		-	750,000				
D. Machinery & Equipment		-					
E. Percent for Art?		-					
Total		—	750,000	—	—	—	—

History of project and amount left yet to expend

Total Funded to date	Exps through FY24	FY25 Exps	Amount yet to expend	Description of history (Optional)
	\$45,197.14	\$—	\$(45,197.14)	

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	Is this equipment prioritized on an equipment replacement schedule?		
	Is there going to be ongoing Operating and/or Maintenance costs upon completion of the project?		

(account for operational savings and/or reduction in current budget of previous operating/maintenance charges)

Expense Object		Accounting Code					
A	Personnel						
B	Supplies						
C	Purchased Services						
D	Fixed Charges						
E	Capital Outlay						
F	Debt Service						
G	(Operational Savings)						
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NOTE: Approval of the CIP does not indicate approval of the ongoing operating and maintenance costs. Those costs must be submitted as a "New Request" in the regular budget process. This will ensure the coordination exists between the CIP and the new request

Description of additional operating budget impact:	
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Responsible Person:	Responsible Department:	Date Submitted to Finance	Today's Date and Time	Preparer's Initials	
Monte Sipe	PWM	5/20/2025	5/20/2025	ROM	