

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

Department Listing		New or Update	Required	Delay	Project Title		
4	of 7	Update	Is this project Required?	Can project be delayed?	MRA URD II Bitterroot Trail MRL Bridge Project		
Project Rating	Department Redevelopment Housing				Yes	No	
Urgent	MRA		Is the project APPROVED for Fiscal Year 2026?			FUNDED?	
Summary Description and rationale of project and funding sources:							
<p>At the March 17, 2022 regular meeting of the MRA Board of Commissioners, the MRA Board approved the 9-Year Strategic Exit Plan for the sunset of URD II. One of the priority projects in the plan is the conversion of the MRL Bridge at McCormick Park to accommodate pedestrian and bike usage. The City of Missoula has received permission from MRL, the owner of the bridge, to investigate the conversion of the railroad bridge to trail use that will carry the Bitterroot Trail across the Clark Fork River - such a connection has also been identified in the Downtown Missoula Master Plan as a needed pedestrian connection to the parks and trail system south of the river. Upon approval by the MRA Board, the project will be funded with URD II Tax Increment Funds.</p>							
History & Current Status: Impact if Cancelled or Delayed							
<p>HDR Engineering has completed the first phase of a study to determine the feasibility of converting the bridge to bike/ped use with the understanding the use of the bridge might revert back to railroad use if the need arises in the future. The Consultant has conducted a structural evaluation and developed preliminary conceptual design alternatives and associated probable costs of construction for various design alternatives. MRA and the Mayor's office are working with MRL to find the best path forward as MRL evaluates what they want to do with the short lines that they still own now that they are no longer operating the main line rail service. MRA will continue to carry \$3.5M in the CIP in anticipation of a resolution prior to the sunset of URD II.</p>							
Are there any site requirements/ Potentially Affected Interest (PAI) Coordination:							
How is this project going to be funded:							
Funding Source			Yr. 1. budget	Unappropriated subsequent years			
			FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
MRA				3,500,000			
Impact Fees							
Type	Approval	Date	Amount				
				3,500,000			
How is this project going to be spent:							
Budgeted Funds	Accounting Code	Prior Year Expenses	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
A. Land	7392.385.4702230.930	-					
B. Buildings		-					
C. Improvements		-					
D. Machinery & Equipment		-					
E. Percent for Art?							
Total		-	-	3,500,000	-	-	-
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)			
	\$—	\$—	\$—				
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		FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	
A Personnel							
B Supplies							
C Purchased Services							
D Fixed Charges							
E Capital Outlay							
F Debt Service							
G (Operational Savings)							
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:							
Responsible Person:	Responsible Department:	Date Submitted to Finance	Today's Date and Time		Preparer's Initials		
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