

WEEKLY REVIEW

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
May 3, 2022



This document is a weekly review of the Board of County Commissioners meeting, Tuesday, May 3, 2022. Information related to agenda changes, Consent Agenda, and Public Comment are on the [County website](#).

Public Hearing

Amending Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program – Matt Mahoney, Public Works Operations Manager

Counties are required to prepare and annually update their Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which represents the County's priority transportation improvements and is a perpetual planning and project management tool. The proposed amendment to the 2022-2027 TIP includes the Jacobs Rd Community Connector Path and Badger Corridor Mobility Study projects. The Jacobs Rd Community Connector Path project includes construction of a new alternative transportation pathway adjacent to Jacobs Road, from the I-82 Kiona Interchange to Dallas Rd. Solar lighting will be added to the pathway for evening usage and to improve the overall safety of pedestrian and bicycle access. Total proposed project cost is \$5 million. The Badger Corridor Mobility Study is a planning study to identify solutions to safety issues and active transportation planning. The study will focus specifically on Badger Rd, between the Richland/Kennewick Boundary and Cottonwood Dr. Data collection, public meetings, coordination with local, state, and federal stakeholders, and determination of potential improvements will be the target of the study. Total proposed cost of the project is \$400,000. These two proposed projects are seeking federal funding through Congressionally Directed Spending (FY23). The two project budgets will be included in the County Road budget, contingent upon award of funds. **The Board moved and seconded to adopt the amendment to the 2022-2027 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Project, to include the Jacobs Rd Community Connector Path and the Badger Corridor Mobility Study. Motion carried.**

Scheduled Business

Public Safety Sales Tax RFP Update – Matt Rasmussen, Deputy County Administrator

Staff provided an update to the Board on the status of the 2023-2024 Public Safety Sales Tax Request for Proposals process. The RFP was opened for all applicants on March 1, 2022, and closed on April 29, 2022, for funding in the 2023- 2024 biennium. A total of \$2.4 million was made available for all external project/program requests made through the Benton County Gang & Crime Prevention Initiative. Individual proposals/applications were limited to a \$700,000 funding request for the two-year project/program. A total of nine (9) external requests were received, totaling \$3,407,233.00. A total of \$400,000 was made available for all new Benton County internal department requests, including any new requested positions and one-time expenditures (this does NOT include positions or expenses that are already included and approved within the existing Public Safety Sales Tax budget, and is only for new requests). A total of 15 internal requests were received, totaling \$1,650,780.36. Following staff review, all funding requests will be presented to the Board during a special meeting (date and time to be determined), after which a final staff recommendation will be made regarding level of funding for each request. **The Board requested to move applicant presentations back one week, with final schedule to be determined by staff, and for Commissioner McKay be on the review committee.**

Other Business

Recovery Center Update

Staff updated the Board on the status of the purchase of the old KGH (Trios Health) Building from LifePoint. Due to some restrictions, the facility may not be able to be used for the main Recovery Center location as planned but could be utilized for other services. **The Board gave staff direction to proceed with purchase of the facility.**

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