



## **MRA Project Summary**

February 13, 2026

**Urban Renewal District:** URD II

**City Council Ward(s):** Wards 2 and 3

**Name of Project:** West Broadway River Corridor Project

**TIF Investment:** \$300,000 of TIF funds from URD II (approved 3/16/2023)  
\$ 60,000 of TIF funds from URD II (approved 5/15/2025)  
Up to \$400,000 of TIF funds from URD II (pending)

**Project Description:** The West Broadway River Corridor (WBRC) project is a partnership between MRA, the City's Department of Parks and Recreation, Missoula Water, Trout Unlimited, and Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks. The groups came together to pursue a strategy to decommission the Flynn Lowney Ditch (which the City purchased in 2021) and provide a comprehensive vision to direct future development and site restoration within the planning area.

The master plan for this project has been completed. The project team is asking that the MRA Board endorse the final plan and recommend that City Council adopt it as a guiding document for future work within the planning area.

The project team also is seeking funding to advance the master plan concept to a 30% engineering level to allow for meaningful pre-permitting meetings with regulatory agencies and to make the project more competitive for grants and other fundraising opportunities.

**Alignment with URD II 9-Year Strategic Exit Plan:** One of the top two priorities in the URDII 9-Year Strategic Exit Plan.

**Unique Public Purpose and City Strategic Goals:** The City and its partners are working with a consultant team to address issues and opportunities on the Clark Fork River between the MRL Bridge and the California Street Bridge. The goal is to improve access to the river for all members of the community, stabilize eroding riverbank, remove hazardous debris from the riverbed, enhance river recreational opportunities, remove the diversion ditch, improve safety in and around the river, and enhance wildlife habitat.

**District Sunset Date(s):** URD II = 2031



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** MRA Board of Directors

**FROM:** Annette Marchesseault, PLA *ARM*  
Sr. Redevelopment Project Manager

**DATE:** February 19, 2026

**SUBJECT:** **West Broadway River Corridor Planning Project (URD II / Wards 2 and 3) – Request for MRA Approval, Recommendation for Park Board and City Council Approval and/or Adoption, and TIF Request**

### **Background**

The West Broadway River Corridor (WBRC) Master Plan project evolved from a partnership between MRA, the City's Department of Parks and Recreation, Missoula Water, Trout Unlimited, and Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks. The groups came together to pursue a strategy to decommission the Flynn Lowney Ditch (which the City purchased in 2021) and provide a comprehensive vision to direct future development and site restoration within the planning area. This is one of the top priorities in MRA's URD II Strategic Exit Plan.

Because Trout Unlimited has experience developing and implementing large-scale ecological restoration projects in Western Montana, it was agreed that TU would act as project manager. At its March 16, 2023 meeting the MRA Board approved funding for professional planning work, and in August 2023 the project team selected a multi-disciplinary consultant team of hydrologists and ecologists, engineers, landscape architects, and river recreation designers to lead the master planning process. The consultant team is led by SWCA Environmental Consultants (formerly River Design Group (RDG)).

### **Masterplan Completion & Request for Approvals**

At the December 4, 2025 MRA Board meeting the WBRC project team presented a draft of the master plan report, nearing completion at that time. A copy of that draft can be found at <https://www.engagemissoula.com/west-broadway-river-corridor>. The report is currently being copy edited and the final version will be available at the Board meeting. The final site plan highlighting key elements of the master plan is attached to this memo. Results of a public survey showing overall support for the master plan is attached as well.

The project team is requesting that the MRA Board formally endorse the final plan and recommend that City Council adopt it as a document to guide future work within the plan area.

### **TIF Request for Funding for 30% Engineering Documents**

The next phase of the project is to advance the master plan concept to an approximate 30% engineering level to allow for meaningful pre-permitting meetings with regulatory agencies and make the project more competitive for grants and other fundraising opportunities.

When assembling MRA’s FY26 Community Investment Program (CIP) budget last spring, staff estimated that this phase of work could cost approximately \$300,000. The Board approved that amount as a placeholder in the FY26 CIP at its June 12, 2025 meeting. Following completion of the master plan the project team asked SWCA to provide a fee estimate for this next phase of work, which is nearly \$360,000.

Meetings & Project Management	\$ 59,620
Wetland Delineation	12,462
Cultural Resources Survey	19,988
Water Level Loggers	7,333
Misc. Site Survey	5,490
Hydraulic Modeling	43,548
Cut/Fill Site Calculations	8,202
Recreational Wave Feasibility Design	14,108
30% Design Set Documents	126,021
Construction Phasing Strategy	6,614
Construction Cost Estimate	<u>7,394</u>
<i>Subtotal</i>	310,780
TU Project Management (15%)	<u>46,617</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$357,397</b>

Staff believes this is a reasonable estimate given the project complexity and scope of work. Staff also recommends that MRA continue to contract with TU to manage the project. Because this project is complicated and there still may be some unknowns, staff recommends that the Board approve an amount up to \$400,000 so there are some contingency funds to cover unexpected tasks without having to come back to the Board. As always, only funds that are actually used for this phase of the project will be expended.

**RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the MRA Board approve the following:**

- 1. The MRA Board approves the final West Broadway River Corridor Master Plan as a guiding document for future actions within the planning area;**
- 2. the MRA Board recommends that the Park Board and City Council approve and/or adopt the final West Broadway River Corridor Master Plan as a guiding document for future actions within the planning area; and**
- 3. the MRA Board authorizes up to \$400,000 in TIF funds to complete 30% design documents and authorizes the Chair to sign an amended agreement with Trout Unlimited to manage this phase of the project and to engage SWCA to complete the 30% design work, contingent upon approval and/or adoption by the Park Board and City Council.**



- 1 NORTH BANK RECONSTRUCTION WITH TRAIL CONNECTIONS**  
Mass grading and fill on the north bank will create additional parkland and enable realignment and extension of Ron's River Trail to W. Broadway Street as well as construction of gently sloped natural surface trails with river access.
- 2 WEST BROADWAY ISLAND NATURAL AREA**  
A new engineered side channel will be constructed through a portion of W. Broadway Island and existing bridges to the island will be removed. Construction of wetland cells, establishment of native vegetation, protection of existing vegetation where possible, and change to float-in only public access will enhance and protect wildlife habitat on the island.
- 3 RECREATIONAL WAVE FEATURE**  
A recreational surf wave with a slack-water pool will be located within the engineered side channel, and hardened river access and viewing area will provide space to spectate.
- 4 PROTECTED SHARED-USE TRAIL**  
An extension of Ron's River Trail along W. Broadway Street will separate pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized transportation from vehicle traffic with a buffer strip planted with trees.
- 5 CLASS II RAPID AND GRADE CONTROL**  
Strategically placed boulders will maintain flows into the side channel, improve fish habitat, and create recreational opportunities.
- 6 SOUTH BANK RECONSTRUCTION WITH NATURE TRAILS**  
The south riverbanks will be improved by repairing eroding portions, removing waste concrete, and stabilizing with natural materials and native vegetation. Natural surface trails with river access will be constructed.
- 7 IMPROVED BOAT RAMP**  
In conjunction with south bank reconstruction, the Silver Park Boat Ramp will be rebuilt to improve its function. Improvements include widening and lengthening the ramp, adding scour protection, and reorientating the ramp.
- 8 DOWNTOWN LIONS PARK MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**  
Amenities that complement the uses proposed in the West Broadway Corridor Area will be added in Downtown Lions Park. Those include a restroom, play area, basketball court, indigenous art, and park lighting.



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## **PROJECT SUMMARY**

Following several years of public engagement, feasibility investigations, and design work, Missoula Parks and Recreation and our project partners shared the draft West Broadway River Corridor Master Plan and Report. This ambitious project includes significant changes to riverfront parklands, trail systems, and the Clark Fork River itself. We wanted to hear your thoughts on this unique project that will redefine how people and wildlife interact with the Clark Fork River in downtown Missoula. The draft West Broadway River Corridor Master Plan outlines a new vision for the West Broadway River corridor. The Master Plan Report also captures the decision-making process and explains various aspects of the project area including plan approach, site assessments, infrastructure analyses, management challenges, key assets, preferred design concepts, alternative design concepts, feasibility and construction considerations, environmental permitting, and estimated project costs and timeline.

A thorough master planning process was critical to ensure this project aligns with community goals. It is also a prerequisite of many external funding opportunities. Development of this Master Plan was made possible by the Missoula Redevelopment Agency Board's allocation of tax increment financing (TIF) funds from Urban Renewal District II for professional design and engineering services. Project development and oversight is being coordinated by Missoula Parks and Recreation's Ecosystem Services Division. Trout Unlimited is serving as the project manager with oversight from a steering committee with representatives from City of Missoula Parks & Recreation, Redevelopment Agency and Public Works & Mobility departments, and Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks. A consultant team including SWCA Environmental Consultants (formerly River Design Group), Morrison-Maierle Engineering, Field Studio Landscape Architects, and Recreation Engineering & Planning were contracted to develop the Master plan. There have been three public surveys posted on the project's Engage Missoula page with over 900+ participants.

## **PAST PUBLIC SURVEYS**

The purpose of the first survey was to gather public input to refine project goals and priorities. The online survey was open to public input from September 5, 2023, to September 21, 2023, with a few responses occurring in November. There was a total of 554 survey respondents.

Results from the initial survey to confirm and refine the project goals and priorities are here:

<https://www.engagemissoula.com/20712/widgets/67562/documents/46088>

The project goals and priority areas are outlined here:

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The second online survey was open to public input from October 23, 2024, to November 25, 2024. The purpose of this survey was to gauge public preference for the range of design components presented in



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three alternative design concepts. There was a total of 221 survey respondents. Respondents were given the option to skip any question and not submit answers. The document summarizing results from the second survey also includes comments received by email, which are grouped within the open response question of the survey. Document linked here:

<https://www.engagemissoula.com/20712/widgets/67562/documents/63391>

### **CURRENT PUBLIC SURVEY**

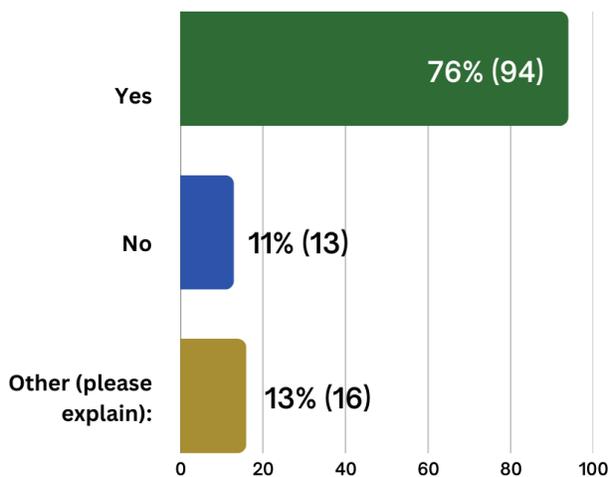
The purpose of the third public survey was to gather input on the draft West Broadway River Corridor Master Plan. The online survey was open to public input from November 17, 2025 to December 15, 2025. There was a total of 132 survey respondents.

### **SURVEY SYNOPSIS OF CLOSE-ENDED QUESTIONS**

In this survey there were display logic questions. Display logic questions are when a specific question is displayed only if survey respondents selected a specified answer from the previous question. The display logic questions are noted below.

**Question #1:** *“Do you support the draft West Broadway River Corridor Master Plan?”* 123 responses, 9 skipped

#### **Do you support the draft West Broadway River Corridor Master Plan? (123 respondents)**





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*For those who selected the option “Other (please specify)”, write-in responses were:*

#### **Question 1: Do you support the draft West Broadway River Corridor Master Plan? Other (please specify): Open-ended Responses**

It feels like a waste to remove the bridges that were put in not too long ago. And do we really need another surfing wave? Otherwise support

I support lots of elements of this project. My main concern is that the proposed location for the wave is in an area that does not receive adequate water for large parts of the summer. I would also like to see maintenance for the surf wave in the plan.

some elements are great, others are less so

I appreciate the desire to make waterfront trails accessible, but the one time I tried using a new trail in 2021, I had to navigate and explain urban camping and drug use to my child. The conversation was good, but the experience was bad. I saw a report about a body found in that area the following week and haven't been back

I support the idea but not the specifics

When I seen this it felt exciting. When I seen what section it actually was, I was disappointed. The fact that Missoula is even entertaining dumping millions into this area, is frankly disgusting and irresponsible. We know what is going to happen it, the same thing that consistently happens to that area. What's the point of building an accessible beach if it's going to filled with unhoused anyway. Do you honestly think that is a safe place for a family to recreate? What kind of delusion Missoula city officials are living in, I will never understand.

An additional surf wave will be beneficial in a multitude of reasons. River recreation is an awesome way to help the youth understand the importance of conservation and help protect our rivers in their lifetime also provides a positive activity to keep kids engaged and healthy. Also im sure it will help with tourism

Quit wasting our money, you know this is just going to end up full of trash and crime

Mostly, please see attached comments

Broadly, yes; however, I have concerns about certain aspects.

Some parts look reasonable but there will be a lot of disturbance to the river and its banks

What's the cost to the tax payer?

While I am in support of the plan, I am concerned that the level of unhoused people who reside in this area will make maintenance nearly impossible. Until this issue is resolved I feel that most people will not use this area. It is a scary place to be at times.

Mostly

Marginally, with reservations

Mostly



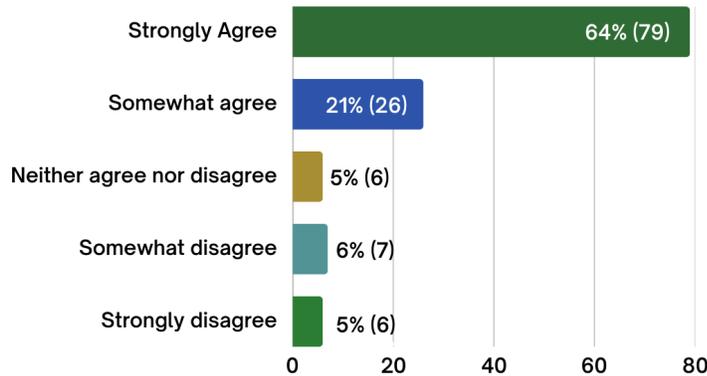
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**Question #2:** “Do you think the draft West Broadway River Corridor Master Plan reflects the project goals?” 124 responses, 8 skipped

**Do you think the draft West Broadway River Corridor Master Plan reflects the project goals? (124 respondents)**



**Question #3:** Display Logic question: “Why do you feel the draft West Broadway River Corridor Master Plan does not align with project goals? Please be specific:” Participants only saw this question if they answered “Somewhat disagree” or “Strongly disagree” on question #2. 13 responses

Question 3: Display Logic: Open-ended Responses
Our taxes are too high. There is no end to these grifters. Will be leaving Missoula to find a place to live that doesn't brake the bank
It is a public park and a public project yet the public, for the most part, is being excluded from its use.
It is a very bad idea to ask taxpayers to fund the improvements and then deny access. Once word gets out that this is the plan you can anticipate lawsuits and the accompanying cost and delays. This project has not been very well publicized for public input.
I love to walk along the river front trail. I start at Milwaukee Station and walk through the park past the Paddlehead Stadium and on across the bridge. It is one of the best parts of the walk as I can stand there and look out over our beautiful river and the mountains beyond. I also love watching the ducks as thy waddle along. I saw a great blue heron a couple of times. Please please please don't take out that wonderful bridge. I don't see how taking that out will enhance wildlife preservation. It also has nothing to do with homeless people camping there. The area on both sides of the bridges can be accessed by land anyway. It's a total waste of time and money to remove this bridge. Don't do it.
Do not spend any tax payers dollars on this please. You know it will go over budget.



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Im with rebuilding the boat ramp, cleaning up debris out of the river and stabilizing the banks. But not on board with altering the flow of the river by making rapids and a surf wave. We the public cannot do such things. City shouldn't be able to either.

Spending up to seven million dollars without bridge access to the park is a bad idea. Only swim/boat access? What about disabilities?

Hmm. Let's see. Let's start with the fact that you call it a "Master" plan. What year is this 1880? Secondly, the fact that thy city claims to be green and progressive while routing streams and adding structures to a stream bed. Is this for our pleasure and not for nature's pleasure. How dare you. Arrogant is a nice term. Adding more take out and put in sites only allows more people on the water that in turn only adds more trash in our precious water. We already have a bridge to nowhere that Engen said would be great for walking and touring the little island. Now it is full of trash and needles. If you really want to do good by the river, the money should only go to clean up efforts. Don't make the problem worse.

I think the goal should be specifically to clean up the area, first and foremost. Not create a multi-million dollar park for the unhoused to trash. This seems completely like a planned park for the unhoused. Families don't take their kids to that area now, why would that change? Kids don't need to be around unstable people. Fix your policies and you will fix the homeless issue! Missoula = San Francisco. In the 10 years after this project is finished, there will be more ODs and crime in this new park than there has been in the last 30. I'm so taken aback by this blatant waste of my taxpayer money. Put our funds into areas that deserve it.

It's only focus is adding more area for drugs, illegal camping, rape and crime all the while eliminating an area for normal, law abiding Missoulians to take their families, quite wasting our taxes

A recreational wave feature should be included in the main channel, not just the side channel. The side channel does not have enough flow to make a compelling recreational wave feature.

We do not need to be spending money on another recreational wave feature for a few boarders. This is why the populace distrusts the planners and politicians. Disconnect the island from the mainland and let nature take its course.

Quit wasting our money on bum islands in the middle of the river. Might as well name it the Poverello Playground Park. Most of the project is below the boat ramp?

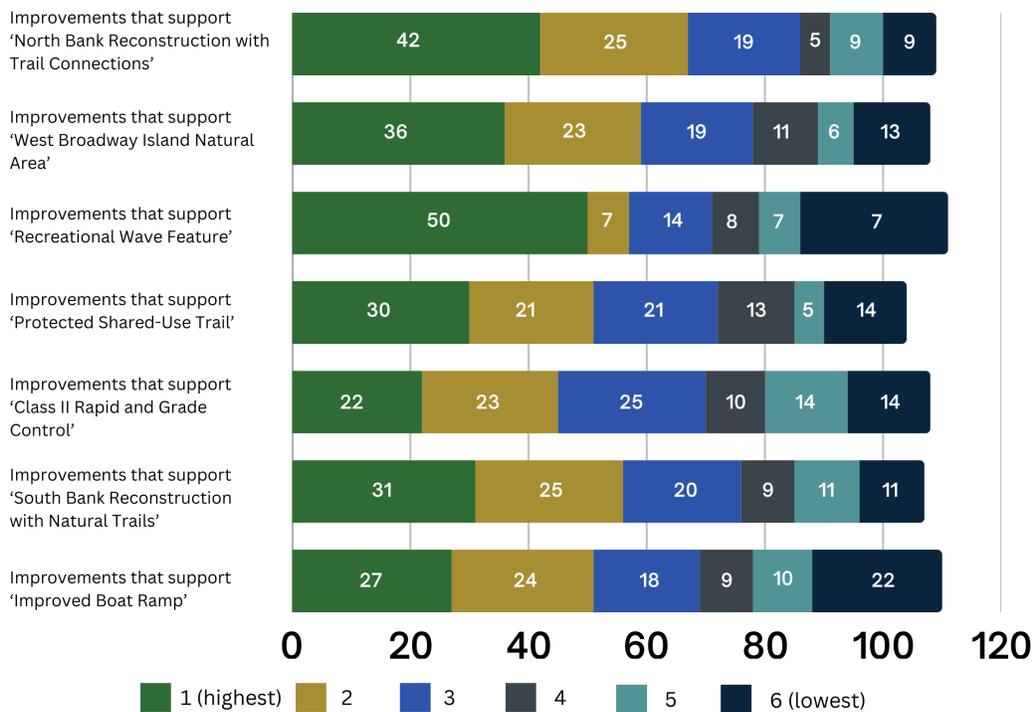


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**Question #4:** “The list below includes the major proposed project design elements in the draft West Broadway River Corridor Master Plan. Please rank each item individually, with 1 being your highest priority and 6 being your lowest priority.” 124 responses, 8 skipped



*\*The numbers in the bar graph itself represent survey participants unique responses to each individual priority on a given design element\**

### SURVEY SYNOPSIS OF OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

Comments and responses to the open-ended question were analyzed for feedback, suggestions, or changes to draft designs concept from survey respondents. Survey respondents were asked:

**Question #5:** “Do you have any other comments on the draft West Broadway River Corridor Master Plan that you would like to share?” 65 responses, 65 skipped

*Some responses were grouped into more than one category, depending on the open response that was received.*



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#### Question #5 Responses by Category

<u>Free response category</u>	<u>Count</u>
Overall Project Support	12
Against Project	5
In favor of river recreation components	8
In favor of side-channel recreational wave	19
<i>Against</i> side-channel recreational wave	4
Favor improving wildlife habitat, riparian, and wetlands features/or natural restoration	14
Not worth investment unless unhoused camp issues in area are addressed first	5
Favor improving the Silver Park Boat ramp	3
Concerns over taxes or expense of project	7
Support for enhancing river access	7
Concern for maintenance of the project area	4
Favor trail improvements and/or trail system connectivity	12
Concern for litter/Trash	2
Support for removal of in-river debris and trash	9
Concern for recreational wave design and maintenance	5
Other:	10

*Other comments include (paraphrased for brevity): survey design, spending money on bridges now being removed, let nature take its course, recreational wave design details, railroad trestle bridge trail, parking, repairing Brennan's Wave, fundraising, naming the wave, etc.*

*The table provided below is all the open-ended comments to the question: Question #5: Do you have any other comments on the draft West Broadway River Corridor Master Plan that you would like to share? 67 responses, 65 skipped*

#### All Open-ended Responses to Question #5

A wave would be amazing

Please build the max wave and support Missoula's white water community. Thanks!

Yes! This will reconnect a new aspect to the river and westside neighborhood for more access to the river, recreation, and safer transit around the heart of Missoula. Being able to recreate safely with a new wave and boat ramp while helping ensuring fish passage, restoring a floodplain and riparian habitats is important, too. Improving in stream river conditions for fish, and removing all the hazards of rebar, concrete and doing a major clean up.

I am concerned that the location for the surf wave will not receive adequate water for large parts of summer.

Great ideas, I am in strong support of improving habitat values and recreational access to the river!



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I love this plan particularly the surf wave!

I fully support all aspects of plan. Thank you for all the time and energy that has gone into it. I know a wave feature hasn't always been top priority. It seems like a very beneficial aspect of this plan. If it all possible, 2 wave features in the side channel would be a great idea. One for kayakers and one shaped for board riders. Looking at communities such as Boise and Bend, OR., they have built multiple waves for different uses and the communities have greatly benefited. Also, this is a multi faceted plan where I think all aspects are just as important. That said, given the history of The Max Wave planning and fund raising, is there any way to include "the max" in some aspect of naming or aspect of project?

Why did we purchase this land without a plan to address homelessness, urban camping, and with consideration to the location of HUD housing and the movement of the Poverello Center across the street? I struggle to see the benefit of spending millions on a man made river wave when we already have Brennans Wave and don't seem to be addressing the housing crisis affecting our local people. I would rather not spend 20K annually to clean up camping sites, but to find real solutions to that problem and to hold those who create the problem partiality accountable for it. As it is now, I feel the city bought an irrigation ditch and has inadvertently invited more camping by making the area publicly owned. As noted in the plan document, residents who are paying the price for this do not feel safe in the plan area and there's no long term plan to manage the issues there except to keep cleaning up after people who shouldn't be camping there in the first place.

If the bridges are removed you can expect some public eye-rolling (you recently spent millions putting un-needed new bridge in and now you want to remove it). If the bridges go have you given any thought to alternative ways not to restrict public use. For instance, California St bridge has two observation decks. Building stairs from the deck to the main island is an idea. Could be made to be retracted in high water and also access could be restricted when needed by building a fence/door similar to what is seen in marinas.

Please use any remaining funds (or designate a small portion of these current funds) to repair & maintain Brennan's Wave located upstream. Brennan's Wave has provided incalculable benefits to downtown Missoula and all of Missoula as a whole. To let it fall into disrepair is unforgivable.

To restrict pedestrian access is a mistake. Not only for the reasons stated above but also west Broadway island is the closest park to Old Sawmill, westside neighborhood, Eagle Watch Accessible apartments, newly planned apt. complex west of Calif st bridge and a new senior center planned in Old Sawmill district. By denying access you are basically giving a big \*explicit word\* to older and disabled citizens. Putting up the new (non ADA compliant bridge) was a huge mistake and now you plan to compound the problem. By denying public access you will only increase the transient population problem on the island. The more people access public areas the less problems there are with inappropriate use and camping.

Construct the recreational wave to be designed specifically for whitewater kayakers and deep enough to allow for tricks. Look at designs in Salida and Buena Vista in Colorado or Boise, Idaho as examples. Brennans wave no longer is ideal for short kayaks and is taken over by river surfboards.

I support all proposed elements of the master plan including: -Rebuilding the Silver Park boat ramp – Adding a river surf wave, pools, trails, and beaches –Expanding and connecting the bike path –Making the river safer and cleaner for people and wildlife I believe these elements will prioritize river health



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and ensure fish passage by restoring floodplain and riparian habitat, improving instream river conditions for fish and other aquatic life, removing in-river hazards like concrete and construction debris, stopping river bank erosion, and hardening river access sites to prevent future erosion.

I would like the wave to be good for kayak surfing! Brennan's wave is only good for a very short period each spring after changes to the feature.

Thanks for all the hard work and the excellent plan!

Very excited to have a new wave feature and a restored peice of the clark fork

I really appreciate the time that was obviously given to this draft. The improvement in the trails, especially on the north side, along with protecting of the banks and the West Broadway Island are proof we are attempting to care for this natural gift.

I appreciate the thoughtful collaboration that's been done to develop a plan that considered restoring habitat, increasing safety for recreating, and connecting trails for accessibility for everyone.

I'm most invested in the wave feature. I think that is a great idea. My only worry is design. If you look at Salmon, ID and the wave they just built and it's a complete failure. Just need to make one that works.

The wave feature is the most important part of this. If the wave is put in, this part of town would see major positive changes.

Stop this plan now! You have many more community needs than this.

We need a public beach area. The area across the river from the old Taco Johns could be transformed into an amazing city public beach. Please make this happen residents would love it.

I believe that bringing a connected bike path, naturalized park and, most exciting to me, a recreational surf wave (for both kayak and surf boards) would be an incredible asset to Missoula's community and values. Missoula is a river town with people who love, identify and draw a sense of meaning and well being from their connection to the river and natural spaces. Such a connection brings people together and enriches mental physical and spiritual health of the community.

Number one priority should be the wave and all of the upgrades on the north bank. This area has suffered due to the Poverello relocation and finally deserves some attention and funding for an enhancement project from the city.

I live on the Westside, on Burton and Cooper. I would so love to see Broadway Island improved for the tax paying citizens of Missoula to be able to actually enjoy. The river access down there is a great amenity right by our house that we can't/don't use due to all the homeless people. It does not feel safe for my family. This project excites me in major way, because we would be able to go down there and enjoy the river without the fear of drunk homeless people. I also love the restoration, and trail components! MAKE BROADWAY ISLAND GREAT AGAIN! The wave would bring the community down to this part of Missoula. Be a huge mistake not to proceed with this project. Missoula is a river town. This would be a HUGE win for us!!

Our community thrives on river recreation and this project will promote healthy outdoor recreation. Cleaning up the rivers from concrete, rebar, old vehicles and trash is essential for the preservation of



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one of our most treasured resources as well and the safety of our community. Please put our tax dollars to work on this.

I think having a large wildlife refuge in town with limited access for people will be a huge benefit.

This brings access to the Westside and north side, yay as Westsider I greatly appreciate it! Thank you to everyone who is working on this!

There's zero need for any of this and those of us that reside and pay the taxes don't want to pay for it.

My main concern about this plan is it seems like tubers and folks without trailers will end up using this as a take out. Is there parking planning happening as well?

The price of this proposal is not commensurate with the broader public benefit. Remove the wave side channel component of the project and focus on the critical elements of protecting the river banks. Please approach this project with fiscal responsibility and restraint. I am also concerned about the primary management challenge not being addressed - proximity to the POV. The existing expensive bridge was supposed to draw in members of the public to deter the illegal homeless activity on the island. That has been a failure. How is the current proposal any different? The common aspect remains - proximity to the POV? Why would you consider spending 7 million in tax payer funds when the situation is doomed to repeat itself. Moreover, the city will be on the hook for long term maintenance, which is guaranteed since the river will constantly change. I urge you to take a step back and focus on the cost effective elements of the project and those that provide the broadest public benefit.

River access and nature trails for residents and visitors would beautify and support growth for our community.

I think the wave feature would increase tourism and support local business who rely on kayakers and surfers for sales! it's a great tourism highlight as well

I am very pleased to see attention being paid to riparian areas and wildlife habitat in this plan. Lifelong Missoulian here and I have seen first hand the loss and effects of growth on these vital areas that are in and around Missoula.

Major constraints of this project are the proximity to the Poverello Center and that the "river" is between the North and South Banks. I don't think you'll be able to environmentally engineer the social situation and there is water and no island or side channel at higher flows, thus maintenance will be an issue after it get inundated. Cost is high for concept 3 given the small benefited user group. Save about \$4M and maintenance issues and go with Concept 1 and maybe some trail work in Concept 2. The river will provide recreation without costly infrastructure.



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I think that these improvements are going to greatly increase safety and neighborhood joy/connection. I have lived on the Westside for 5 years and don't feel comfortable walking around this area at dusk or at night (even with my dog). I hope that bike racks, trash, and solid lighting will be included in your plans. I can't wait to walk a few blocks, bring a blanket, a book and enjoy the river. Thanks!

Make sure the wave lasts through low water periods.

Infrastructure, housing, homeless, traffic are just some of Missoula's biggest problems. Spending millions on more amenities that don't benefit most of the citizens is irresponsible.

Glad to see the trails expanded. Trail connectivity is my top issue Otherwise, it'd be good to know that you have support of aquatic specialists and organizations like Clark Fork Coalition, to ensure that in-stream work improves fish habitat

It constantly amazes me how the City and County of Missoula can find needless places to expend taxpayer funds while neglecting their enumerated Constitutional duties to Missoula Citizens. Roads are neglected. Homelessness has exploded, due to the free-for-all spending on transients who come to Missoula in search of "free" services. Many of these transients contribute to the burgeoning drug problems in Missoula, adding to the impact on police, medical and social service costs. It appears that all of these wasteful projects are a coordinated effort to spend money we don't have, on projects we don't need, to impress people who don't care or won't be served by the projects. Missoula is the laughingstock of Montana. If that is your goal, you have attained it beyond your wildest dreams.

The conservation improvements of the Clark Fork River would benefit ecological sits along the river bank, increase safety for water and land recreation use, and provide access to more locals.

Save the money to clean the river.

I wish this could be a good thing. I plead you all to see the big picture and take an honest look at the area. We all dream of grandeur, a beautiful Missoula. The reality is this area is unstable, eyes up/head forward at best, and scary at the worst.

The wave should be constructed to operate at a variety of flows in CFS if we fix brennans wave to its original design it will work in high water levels if the new wave works well in low water conditions you could potentially surf year round! I think the new wave feature should be constructed to primarily be surfed in low water conditions especially if its not possible for it to work in high and low water conditions!

It's hard to tell—does the railroad trestle bridge fall within the scope of this plan? If so, it will be important to address its design and features, as well as safety and maintenance considerations, particularly if it is to be converted into a pedestrian bridge. Is there consideration for trash



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receptacles, facilities (pavilions, bathrooms) that have already been considered? How about parking for the wave feature?

Quit wasting our money

It would be awesome to see some boulders put in the engineered overflow channels to create class iii rapids suitable for whitewater slalom kayaking. It would also be awesome to see a gravel trail built on the island from the river wave to the mouth of the furthest downstream engineered overflow channel. Kayakers could get off the wave, walk up the trail to the engineered overflow channel, and then ferry across the river to the boat ramp by the Osprey Stadium. This would alleviate the parking situation on California Street and make it more feasible for kayakers, surfers, and tubers to run the diversion channel and then get back to the Osprey parking lot. All in all, a great master plan!!

I very much support this plan and hope that protection of the island and its riparian areas, wildlife and waterfowl, along with West Broadway pathway, attain top priority. And I urge the Montana Dept of Transportation to work with the city to construct a great and wide well-treed boulevard and pathway along Broadway.

A recreational wave feature in the side channel will greatly benefit a large user group and drive more positive traffic to the area.

Clean the river and get the wave in! To the right thing it's not 1890 anymore

There are several claims that West Broadway Island can provide valuable wildlife habitat. Is there data supporting this? Will this be true even with the level of public use anticipated immediately adjacent? The potential for river users to access West Broadway Island via the river is severely downplayed. High levels of human access would likely coincide with bird nesting season. I'd like to see scientific support that the proposal will establish "a refugia for terrestrial wildlife" and have it managed accordingly (i.e., restrict human access, especially during nesting season) or, if there isn't data to support this, don't claim that it will. I'd like to see more focus on improving aquatic and riparian habitat. Are there opportunities for wildlife benches that would be seasonally inundated? Would fish habitat be improved with no side channel? At low flows, shouldn't all flow be in the main channel? I'd like to see that the effects on fish and aquatic habitat were considered and see scientific support for the proposed design. I'd prefer no recreational wave feature but since there appears to be strong public support for this feature, I want it to be done in a way that is least detrimental to the fishery. Figure 2-1 is hard to read. Overall, the document requires copyediting to catch mistakes.

The highest priority for me as a whitewater kayaker and missoula resident is to have a plan to maintain the recreational wave feature, call it the max wave, and make sure it is surfable for as much of the year as possible. This will require sufficient flow being directed over the feature in all water



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levels. It's also important to me to that the north and south banks are restored and dangerous materials are removed from them so boaters are safe walking and paddling around the banks by the wave and the boat ramp. The silver park boat ramp being repaired is also important to me.

very hard to give feedback on a survey like this. There does not appear to be room for Ron's river trail between Burton & Scott. Will take major reconstruction of the bank --much disturbance. Loss of the current trees there -- will be unstable while regrowing. lots of questions but can't get them answered in a survey

Make a recreational wave in the main channel. Brennan's Wave is centerpiece for the town. Making another wave like it in the main channel for this project will replicate that success. You can split the main channel into multiple channels that have wave features and others that are class II navigable. But do not just put the rec wave in the side channel. Huge missed opportunity if you do. Not worth any of the the other project elements if a rec wave or waves is not the centerpiece of the entire project in the main channel.

What if more camp cleanups need to occur on west broadway island? How will debris be transported across the side channel?

The planned improvements will not only be a great benefit to the river's ecosystem, they also provide safe recreation space. This project also positively addressed the problems with unauthorized camping and use of the island.

The money that was spent a few years ago (\$500k or more) is pretty much wasted since those "improvements" will now be torn out. Lets focus on the parks that we already have and quit trying to figure out more ways to waste money or justify job positions. What is going to be the ongoing maintenance of this project? And lastly has anyone been paying attention to what has been happening in the Libby Troy area this last week? One good flood like they are experiencing and your \$7'.2 million will be many miles downstream.

I love the idea of a very natural way to interact with the best part of Missoula. I would some history features also.

I love this project and fully support it! Thanks! you should have done a better job of answering funding questions in the body of the engage post, which would have reduced the number of negative comments (which I read). How foolish can you be? You know this is going to be the first question from most folks. Be honest and upfront! I felt the 2 bridges were a mistake when they were proposed and implemented about 8 years ago. P&R ought to admit they were a fail and tell the public they were worth a try and did not work out. This project should list what the plan is for repurposing them.



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So excited about connection of the north riverbank trail! Biking on Broadway is sketchy. Protected trail makes sense because there's not many driveways on that side to deal with.

The maintenance required for the wave areas should not be funded publicly with city tax dollars but instead private funds if desired

It's a moving island, quit trying to play with Mother Nature. How's that bridge to nowhere work out for parks and rec?

What the heck? Removing the bridges to the island? After spending all that money to build the eastern bridge & improve the western bridge? And remove the opportunity for neighborhood kids to access the only natural riverine environment for miles around? The migrating birds can fly a couple more miles to Kelly Island. Seems to me like you're using that as an excuse to not have to deal with the problem of houseless people using the island. Absolutely irresponsible!

This is loaded language. You say "improvements" rather than "changes". Whoever drafted this survey clearly has a predetermined outcome in mind. Cheerleading wording is not very professional.

The highest priority for me as a whitewater kayaker and Missoula resident is to have a plan to maintain the recreational wave feature, call it the max wave, and make sure it is surfable for as much of the year as possible. This will require sufficient flow being directed over the feature in all water levels. It's also important to me that the north and south banks are restored and dangerous materials are removed from them so boaters are safe walking and paddling around the banks by the wave and the boat ramp. The silver park boat ramp being repaired is also important to me. I truly feel that Brennan's wave and Marshal Mountain and all of the public rec areas that Missoula have keep the spirit of this town alive.

I'm very thankful to see this plan's approach to improve trail connectivity along with improved river features.

I love surfing Brennan's wave every spring and I'd be stoked to have an even better wave in our awesome little town