



LOCKWOOD PEDESTRIAN SAFETY DISTRICT



Lockwood Pedestrian Safety District Advisory Board Meeting Agenda – 01/07/2026
Lockwood High School, Community Room | 1932 U.S. Hwy 87 E, Billings, MT 59101.

- **Call to Order**
- **Public Comment**
- **Minutes:** January minutes emailed 3/3/26.
- **TA Grant (Erin Claunch, Sanbell)**

- **Old Hardin Rd sidewalk project (Travis Smith)**
 - Final project walkthrough occurred 1/29/26 at 10am - (Travis attended on behalf of the LPSD)
 - Punchlist notes attached.
 - Project Completed.

- **Billings MET Transit Governance and Study Committee (Travis Smith)**
 - No update (Travis missed latest meeting on 2/5/26 due to work travel)

- **Billings Bypass/TEDD update (Nick Pancheau)**

- **Trail Count Report (Mike Hayes, City of Billings Multi-Modal Planner)**
 - Emailed January trail counts on 2/4/26

- **Old Business**
 - Existing Sidewalk Maintenance Report (Erin Claunch, Sanbell)
 - MDT Dick Johnson Bridge
 - MDT Grant Application support letter for Exposition Drive (Lynn Peterson)
 - Pancheau circulated request & support letter to board on 1/30/26
 - Smith, Ask, Deal, & Zacher responded with affirmative support
 - Smith sent final letter to MDT (Lynn Peterson) on 2/4/26

- **New Business**

- **Next Meeting Date(s):** Wednesday, April 1, 2026, 7pm.

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Lockwood Pedestrian Safety District Advisory Board Meeting Attendees – January 7, 2026

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Travis Smith

From: Connie Nevarez <cnevarez@dowl.com>
Sent: Friday, February 6, 2026 10:25 AM
To: Dane Swartz; Dennis Ross
Cc: Marissa Madsen; Doug Enderson; Logan Mclsaac; Travis Smith; Mike Ariztia; Leligdowicz, Joe; Williams, Kris
Subject: Lockwood Sidewalks | Final Punchlist

Dane,

Below are the punchlist items from our walk-through last week. Please note that the last two bullets are on hold until we receive confirmation from the County on the direction we will be taking.

- Reinstall signs and signpost at Woodland & Old Hardin Rd at STA 1+13.
- Confirm all sign foundations have been installed properly with a concrete foundation per Section 02583 and standard drawing Sm_M02583-2.
- Complete hand broadcast seeding throughout the project.
- Correct rilling between STA 4+80 and 6+08 on the south side of the sidewalk.
- Remove the board covering the manhole grate at MH-1.
- Install anchor bolts in the "No Parking" sign at STA 21+93.
- Mike (Lockwood Water & Sewer) to check water valves project wide.
- Touch up slight bank sluffing at irrigation inlet near STA 18+50.
- *Touch up grading on the north side of the sidewalk and add a gravel section; STA 18+10 – 22+92. **Waiting for the County to confirm.***
- *DOWL/County to discuss meter pit at STA 3+30. **Waiting for the County to confirm.***

Please keep me in the loop on when you intend to complete some of this work so I can check in with the field crew.

Thanks,

Connie Nevarez, PE
Assistant Construction Project Manager

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January 30, 2026

Honorable Sean Duffy
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: FY2026 BUILD Grant: Exposition Drive (Main Street) and 1st Avenue North Project

Dear Secretary Duffy,

On behalf of **the Lockwood Pedestrian Safety District**, please consider this letter as written confirmation of our support of the Montana Department of Transportation's (MDT) Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant application for its **Exposition Drive (Main Street) and 1st Avenue North Project** (Project). Located in the City of Billings, Yellowstone County, Montana, the Project will enhance safety, improve bicycle and pedestrian connectivity, vehicle capacity, freight movement, and stormwater drainage through the following improvements:

Main Street and 1st Avenue North Intersection: Direct westbound right-turn lane on 1st Avenue North (US Route 87) through a signalized lane and into a new receiving lane on Main Street, extend southbound lane queue storage on Main Street, improve left-turning radii for trucks, remove eastbound right-turn slip lane on 1st Avenue North to bring motorists through a traffic signal, upgrade traffic signals to align with new design, and modify or add raised medians.

Additional Improvements: Improve intersection design at Main Street and 4th Avenue North, add or reconstruct sidewalks and buffers along Main Street and 1st Avenue North, and improve stormwater drainage system to eliminate ponding water in roadways.

In alignment with BUILD program requirements, the Project includes the following benefits:

- Protects motorists and non-motorists from safety risks through improved roadway and intersection design and the construction of wider sidewalks and buffer zones.
- Improves infrastructure sustainability to extreme storms by replacing existing stormwater drainage system with a new system intended to decrease stormwater ponding and flood duration.
- Improves the quality of life by tying sidewalks and buffers into the existing non-motorized routes.
- Improves mobility and community connectivity with the addition of extra travel lanes, increasing lane queue storage, and adding/upgrading sidewalks and buffer areas.
- Improves the area's economy by improving Project roads in a designated area of blight (East Billings Urban Renewal District), improving freight mobility, and creating good-paying jobs.
- Contributes to the state of good repair by modernizing existing infrastructure and reducing maintenance burdens.
- Engages residents and community-based organizations to ensure all stakeholders are meaningfully integrated throughout the lifecycle of the Project.
- Employs innovative project delivery by transitioning to Autodesk Civil 3D, a software that allows engineers to see designs in 3D rather than the traditional 2D.

On behalf of the community and the traveling public of Montana, I thank you for your consideration of this important project and look forward to its timely completion.

Sincerely,

Travis Smith, President
Lockwood Pedestrian Safety District