

# TOWN OF FAIRFIELD

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March 16, 2017

MT Department of Transportation  
Transportation Alternatives Program  
Dave Holien  
PO Box 201001  
Helena, MT 59620-1001

Dear Mr. Holien:

The Town of Fairfield is requesting \$265,201.00 from the MDT Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program for the construction and repair of sidewalks to increase safety, connectivity, and accessibility. Creating and promoting a safe, walkable and bikeable community is a high priority in Fairfield, and the Town is committed to developing a consistent sidewalk system throughout our community.

TA funding will enable us to construct new sidewalks and replace deteriorating sidewalks along important corridors in town, including Division Ln N, Central Ave West, 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, 5<sup>th</sup> Street N, 6<sup>th</sup> Street N, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave N between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> streets. Construction will include ADA complaint sidewalks and ramps, increasing accessibility throughout town. The goal of this project is to construct sidewalks to safely route children to the Fairfield School Campus (K-Grade 12), the community park, community library and swimming pool, as well as connect new residential development west of Park Way with downtown, the park and school campus. The lack of pedestrian facilities and inaccessibility of sections of existing facilities effectively acts as a barrier to walking and bicycling to and from key locations in town, and ultimately reduces the walkability and bikeability of the town.

Our project has extensive community support, and we are committed to providing a match of 13.42% of the total construction cost, including Indirect Costs once the MDT awards TA funding to our project.

We appreciate your consideration of the proposed project, and look forward to working with you to make Fairfield a safer and healthier community.

Sincerely,



Ward Fifield

Town of Fairfield, Mayor

# TOWN OF FAIRFIELD

## Montana Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program 2017-2018 TA Application

**March 2017**

Prepared by:



**Montana Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program  
 Traditional Transportation Alternative  
 2017 – 2018 TA Application  
 TOWN OF FAIRFIELD**

**1. Project Name**

Town of Fairfield Sidewalk Improvement Project

**2. Local Entity Sponsor (Sponsor) and Population**

Town of Fairfield, population under 5,000

**3. Project Contact (name, title, address, phone number(s), email)**

Ward Fifield  
 Town of Fairfield, Mayor  
 P.O. 8  
 Fairfield, MT 59436  
 Phone: (406) 467-2510  
 Email: ffild@3rivers.net

**4. Estimated Total Project Cost**

Task	Estimated Cost
Preliminary Engineering	\$59,500.00
Construction (+15% Contingency)	\$196,943.00
Construction Administration	\$29,541.00
Indirect Cost (Construction & Construction Admin)	\$24,846.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$310,830.00</b>

TA Match	\$269,117.00
Local Match 13.42%	\$41,713.00

**5. Project Eligibility**

TA Criteria

This proposal is to design and construct ADA-compliant concrete sidewalks for pedestrians, which is an eligible activity as outlined in the FAST Act. The Town proposes to construct and replace sections of sidewalk on Division Ln N, Central Ave, 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, 5<sup>th</sup> Street N, 6<sup>th</sup> Street S, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave N, as indicated on the project map in Appendix A. This project falls under the following three FAST ACT eligible activities: *Construction, planning, and design of on-road and off-road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized forms of transportation, including sidewalk and projects to achieve compliance with the ADA; Construction, planning, and design of infrastructure-related projects and systems that will provide safe routes for non-drivers, including children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities to access daily needs; and The Safe Routes to School program under §1404 of SAFETEA-LU.*

## TransPlanMT

The proposed project meets the Economic Development and Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Policies and Actions as identified in TransPlanMT.

### **Economic Development: Policy Goal C. Support state and local economic development initiatives to maximize new economic opportunities.**

- **Action C.3. Continue to coordinate with and provide support to local economic development initiatives.**

It is becoming increasingly clear that pedestrian friendly communities support local economic development by attracting tourists, businesses, seasonal and year-round residents. Evidence shows a strong correlation between walkable communities and economic development, and the proposed project will make Fairfield a more pedestrian friendly community, helping stimulate the local economy and advancing the Town's economic development goals.

### **Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation: Policy Goal A. Institutionalize bicycle and pedestrian modes.**

- **Action A.3. Assist other units of government to provide transportation facilities that encourage or consider use by bicyclists and pedestrians.**

The proposal is to construct sidewalks that will be used by pedestrians. The new sidewalks will improve safety, connectivity, and accessibility, all of which will encourage walking and advance Action A.3.

- **Action A.6. Encourage the implementation of bicycle and pedestrian projects in the vicinity of kindergarten through grade 8 schools through the Safe Routes to School Program.**

The proposed sidewalk project connects the Fairfield Schools (K-12) to surrounding neighborhoods and downtown, including the newly developed west side of Town, directly supporting the statewide Safe Routes to School Program and advancing Action A.6.

## Local Transportation Plan

Neither the Town of Fairfield nor Teton County have a Local Transportation Plan. However the proposed project will improve local transportation by providing safer routes to walk to the Town park, schools, and downtown area. Well-connected, accessible, multimodal networks are a foundation to a successful and safe transportation system.

## **6. Project Statement**

### *a. Project narrative/abstract*

This proposal is to construct and replace the following sections of sidewalk, within Town limits (Appendix A). The project is within Town Right-Of-Way (R/W) and no easement or purchase of R/W's are necessary for the project. All sidewalks will be 5 ft wide. Additionally, the Town currently has curb and gutters along streets, so no curb and gutter is proposed in this project.

1. *Division Ln N & Central Ave:* Construct new sidewalk on Division Ln N and Central Ave. Construction will include ADA curb ramps at each intersection, including at Park Way (HWY 89). An ADA landing will be constructed on the southwest and southeast side of Central Ave at the junction of Central Ave and Park Way (HWY 89). A crosswalk, with appropriate signage, will be placed across Park Way (HWY 89), connecting the two east and west sides of Town. The current

sidewalk on the north side of Central Ave will be removed, as it does not connect to any sidewalks. As indicated on the project map in Appendix A, this new section of sidewalk will connect Central Ave to existing sidewalks on Central Ave east of Park Way (HWY89). This section will provide a safe crossing over the railroad and provide connectivity from the west side of Town to downtown, the school, and park, which holds the municipal swimming pool.

2. *1<sup>st</sup> Ave N & 5<sup>th</sup> St N*: Construct new sidewalk on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave N on the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> St N, with an ADA landing on the north corner of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave N and 5<sup>th</sup> St N. The project will add ADA ramps on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave on the northeast, northwest, and southwest corners of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave and 6<sup>th</sup> St N, as well as ADA ramps on the northwest and southwest corners of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave and 7<sup>th</sup> St N. The proposed project will also replace a deteriorating, non-accessible section of sidewalk on 1<sup>st</sup> between 6<sup>th</sup> St N and 7<sup>th</sup> St N. This will create a connected, ADA compliant, safe network of sidewalk along 1<sup>st</sup> Ave from Park Way (HWY89) to 7<sup>th</sup> St N, where the Fairfield schools are located. This section will also replace deteriorating, non-accessible sidewalk with ADA compliant sidewalk and ADA landing on 5<sup>th</sup> St N, on the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave N. This section will connect to existing sidewalk on 5<sup>th</sup> St, providing safe access to 1<sup>st</sup> Ave N and the park and school.
3. *2<sup>nd</sup> Ave N*: Construct sections of new sidewalk on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave N between 6<sup>th</sup> St N and 7<sup>th</sup> St N, as well as ADA ramps on the northeast corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave N and 6<sup>th</sup> St N. This section will include a crosswalk and ADA ramp on 2<sup>nd</sup> Av N and 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. This will connect to the existing sidewalk on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave N, and provide an ADA compliant, safe network of sidewalk along 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave from Park Way (HWY 89) to 7<sup>th</sup> St N, and the school campus and park.
4. *6<sup>th</sup> St N*: Construct new sidewalk on 6<sup>th</sup> St N between Central Ave and 1<sup>st</sup> Ave N. This section will provide connectivity between downtown Fairfield, the park, and school.

The goal of this project is to construct sidewalks to safely route children to the Fairfield School Campus (K-Grade 12) and the community park and swimming pool, as well as connect new residential development west of Park Way (HWY89) with downtown, the park and the school campus. The lack of pedestrian facilities and inaccessibility of sections of existing facilities effectively acts as a barrier to walking to and from key locations in town, and ultimately reduces the walkability of the town. Making Fairfield a pedestrian friendly town will increase quality of life for current residents, promote an active and healthy life style, increase air quality, as well as attract seasonal and year-round residents, and businesses. There is a multitude of research on the economic, social, and environmental benefits of creating and encouraging the development of a pedestrian friendly community, including from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

#### b) *Project benefits*

As outlined below, the benefits of this project advance MDT's priorities including increased safety, accessibility, and connectivity.

#### **SAFETY:**

The lack of sidewalks in the residential area west of Park Way (HWY89) makes it unsafe for school children to walk to downtown, the school or the park. Additionally, the lack of sidewalk and the condition of the sidewalks north of Central Ave and the downtown area are unsafe for residents and children to safely move around Town and safely access the park and school. As indicated in the attached letters of

support, many parents and community members are concerned with children and pedestrian safety due to lack of sidewalks and inadequate safe crossing, particularly at Park Way (HWY 89)/

This project will increase safety for all residents and visitors to Fairfield. Specifically, the project will address safety concerns for school children living in new residential developments west of Park Way (HWY89) and school children living north of Central Ave and throughout town. The proposed improvements also directly addressed MDT's Safe Route to Schools goals.

- *New Residential Development West of Town:* There has been recent residential growth west of Park Way (HWY89). Younger families with children are moving into this new development as it is convenient and affordable. Currently, there is no safe route from the houses on Division Ln N to the downtown area, park, and school, and the Town is responsible for installing pedestrian infrastructure in Town. There is no sidewalk along Division LN N or Central Ave, including no safe crossing over the railroad tracks. Lack of pedestrian infrastructure is an impediment to school children in this neighborhood walking to school.
- *Residential areas North of downtown and throughout Town:* The construction of sidewalks and replacement of non-compliant sidewalk sections on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave N, 1<sup>st</sup> Ave 6th St N, and 5<sup>th</sup> St N will increase safety for school children walking from resident's north of Town to downtown, the park and swimming pool, and school campus. It will also provide a safe route of students coming from other parts of town to the park or school.

#### **ACCESSIBILITY:**

The proposed project will replace non-accessible sidewalk and construct new, accessible sidewalks. The design will comply with ADA Guidelines and meet PROWAG standards. The construction of the accessible sidewalks will greatly improve accessibility for residents who cannot or do not use a vehicle, advancing MDT's accessibility priority.

The lack of sidewalk and current condition of sections of sidewalk are a barrier for those with mobility challenges. Jody Maxwell, an active Fairfield resident confined to a wheelchair with Multiple Sclerosis, has difficulty traveling throughout town. In her letter of support, Ms. Maxwell writes:

Although I am limited in my mobility, I am active in the community. The proposed Fairfield sidewalk project will make life easier for me and other with similar issues. At this time, when I go to the school or downtown, there are areas I have to ride in the street because of lack of ADA cutouts.

This is just one example of how the Town's sidewalk condition or lack of sidewalks significantly limits a community members access to services. According to the American Community Survey, close to 14% of Fairfield's population has an ambulatory difficulty. The proposed project will increase accessibility throughout town by constructing ADA compliant sidewalks and replacing inaccessible sidewalks.

In addition, as indicated in a number of letters of support (Attachment B), there are many senior citizens who remain very active in the community including attending concerts and sporting events at the school. The condition of the sidewalk limits senior citizen's ability to participate in the community. The project furthers the goals of the Montana State Plan on Aging. The primary goal of the Plan is to enable older

Montanans to maintain an independent lifestyle, avoid unnecessary institutional care, and live in dignity. Accessible sidewalks are a major driver in an elderly person's ability to stay independent. Constructing ADA compliant sidewalks and curbs will allow all residents to safely move throughout Town and increase independence for elderly and those with limited mobility.

### **CONNECTIVITY:**

This project will increase connectivity from residential areas west of Park Way (HWY89) to the downtown business district, park, and school. The project will connect to the existing sidewalk on Central Ave east of Park Way (HWY89). In addition, construction of sidewalks and replacement of sections on the north side of town, as indicated on the attached project map, will increase connectivity between downtown, north side residential areas, the community park and pool, and the school campus. The improvements to all the proposed sections lead to existing, accessible sidewalks, and ultimately create connectivity throughout town, with a focus on connecting the downtown and neighborhoods to the school campus and community park.

The lack of and current condition of the sidewalks effectively acts as a barrier to walking in Town. The proposed project is critical to having a well-connected system of walking paths in Fairfield. Connectivity will have the following benefits to the community:

- Pedestrian connections to key locations in Fairfield, including the school campus, community park, and downtown, and will increase walking options.
- Well-connected transportation networks increase efficiency of routes and reduces the distances traveled to reach destinations, facilitating walking.
- Increased levels of connectivity are associated with higher levels of physical activity from transportation, resulting in a healthier and more welcoming community. Connected sidewalk networks promote a more active and healthy lifestyle as well as improve the aesthetic appearance of neighborhoods.

### *c) Project risk Analysis*

#### Budget

The Fairfield sidewalk improvement budget includes the costs for preliminary engineering (PE), construction administration (CA), and construction. Fifteen percent contingency is applied to construction, and PE and CA is a percentage of construction, including contingency to both PE and CA. The total estimated cost for the project is \$310,830.00. Costs were estimated by licensed engineers at Great West Engineering (See Appendix C).

#### Matching Funds

The Town has committed the 13.42% match of the total cost of the project, as indicated in Mayors letter in Appendix D The sidewalk improvement project will cost an estimated \$310,830.00 and will require a local match of \$41,713.00 (13.42%).

The cost estimate includes indirect cost (IDC) assessment at the 2017 rate of 10.97%, and the Town is prepared to pay the IDC on the required local match (Appendix D).

### Public Involvement

Creating and promoting a safe, walkable community and advancing connectivity is a high priority in Fairfield. Fairfield formed a committee to help develop potential projects, identify community needs, and review the Town's options prior to selecting a project.

On March 15, 2017, the City Council hosted a public meeting to take comment on the proposed project. (See Appendix D). There is significant community support for this project, as demonstrated at the public meeting and evidenced in the letters of support describing the need for the proposed improvements and community's enthusiasm for the project (Appendix B). This project will make Fairfield a safer place for all road users.

### MDT Coordination

Representatives of the Town of Fairfield and Great West Engineering have discussed the proposed project with MDT Great Falls District Projects Engineer, Christie McOmer. The sponsor is aware that a consulting engineer will be required for the project and that there are specific requirements associated with MDT and FHWA projects. The consulting engineer and Town will work closely with MDT to ensure all necessary requirements are met.

### Project Independence

This proposed project is a stand-alone project. The project will facilitate connectivity with other parts of Town without additional work. Once completed this project will independently connect Town neighborhoods with the Fairfield Schools, the community park, and downtown, while increasing student and pedestrian safety and accessibility. This project is part of the Town's overall effort to strengthen non-motorized infrastructure and promote a healthy and safe built environment. When finished, this project will increase safety, accessibility, and connection to important community facilities and will be effective on its own.

### Project Ownership and Maintenance

Maintenance may include sweeping, snow removal, crack sealing on surfacing, and other activities necessary for public use and safety. Maintenance will be provided by the Town of Fairfield.

### Right-Of-Way

No Right-of-Way (R/W) will be purchased and the project will be completed in Town R/W. The ownership of the R/W has been verified using Montana Cadastral, as shown on the project map in Appendix A, and confirmed with correspondence with Town personnel.

### Utilities

Visual inspection of the site and correspondence with Town staff did not identify conflicts with utilities and any utilities identified prior to the application have been included in the cost estimate to account for relocation or other impact on the utility. Based on conversations with Town staff and the consulting engineer's familiarity with the project area, no additional utilities are anticipated to be impacted by the installation of the sidewalks.

The consulting engineer hired for the project will conduct a formal utility survey during project design.

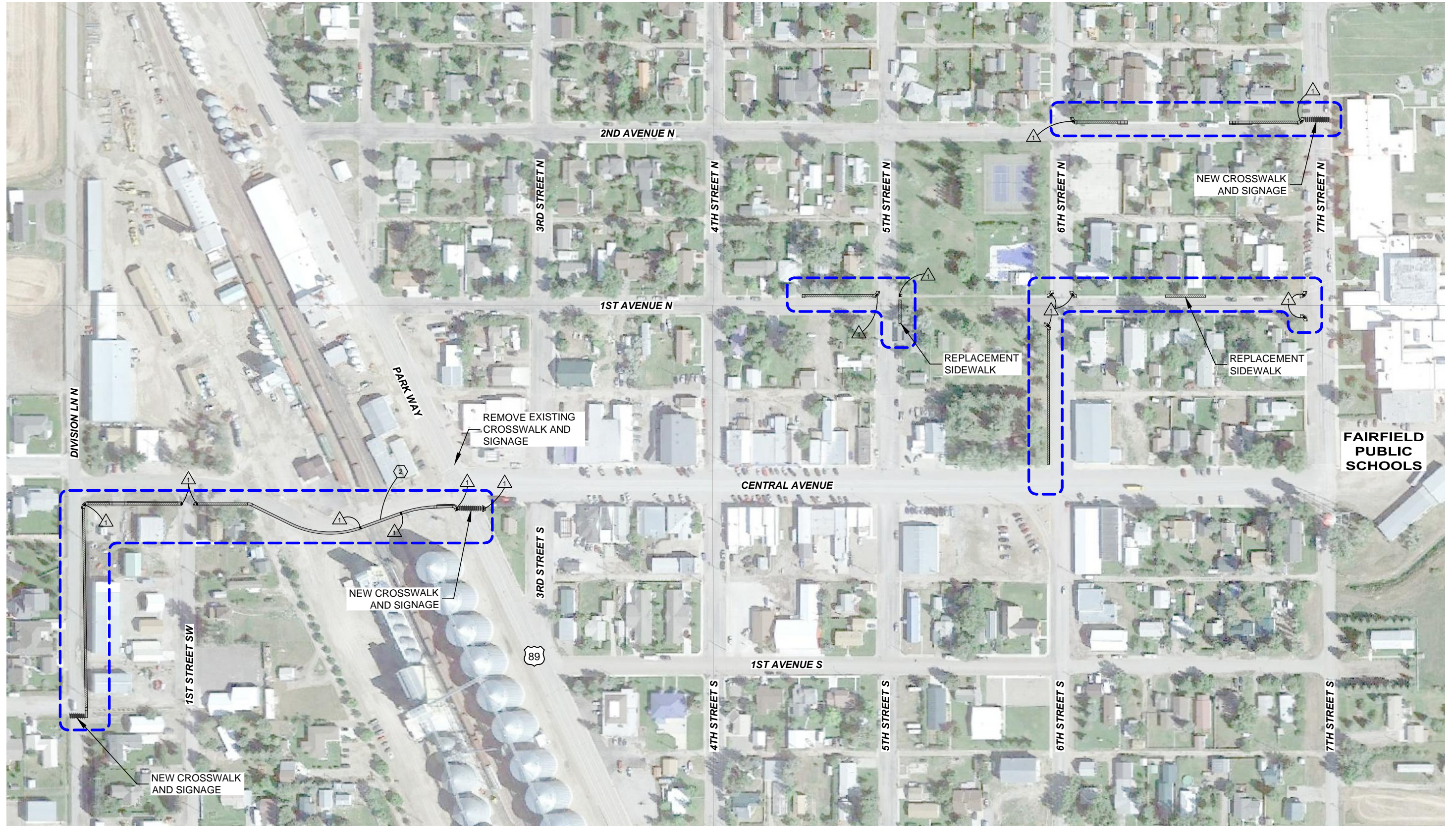









The sidewalks will be designed to avoid and have as minimal an impact as possible on utilities. Due to surveying and utility locates conducted prior to construction, it is unlikely that utilities will be discovered during construction. If it is determined utilities will be impacted, the Town and consulting engineer will contact the utility company to plan for appropriate action.

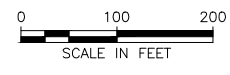
APPENDIX A

PROJECT MAP

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-  ADA CURB RAMP
-  RAILROAD TRACK CROSSING
-  STAND-UP CURB & GUTTER
-  4" SIDEWALK (5' WIDE)
-  LAY-DOWN CURB & GUTTER
-  6" SIDEWALK (5' WIDE)
-  PARCEL BOUNDARY



### PROPOSED PROJECT EXTENTS

TOWN OF FAIRFIELD  
2017-2018 TA APPLICATION

## APPENDIX B

### LETTERS OF SUPPORT

# FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## School District No. 21

High School  
467-2528

P.O. Box 399  
13 7th Street  
Fairfield, Montana 59436  
Fax (406) 467-2554

Elementary (K-8)  
467-2425

March 15, 2017

Dave Holien  
TA Program Manager  
Montana Department of Transportation  
PO Box 201001  
Helena, MT 59620-1001

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Great West

Dear Mr. Holien:

My letter comes to you from two capacities. First being a property owner with children and second as the Elementary School Principal in support of the Town's efforts to obtain grant money from the Montana Department of Transportation through the Transportation Alternatives Program.

As a property owner with children of my own I would find confidence in their safety if there were proper sidewalks with well marked crosswalks for their trek to school. Right now there are no sidewalks, so it seems a free for all when my kids and their friends are walking or riding their bikes across town.

As a Principal, our student's safety crossing a major highway to school everyday is of utmost importance. There are many students who would benefit from having a safe way to walk to school with proper crossings on the busy highway.

I am also in support of the upkeep and replacement of deteriorating sidewalks within our community as we have several folks who travel around town in their wheelchairs. One gal travels down to the school most days to volunteer her time helping our kiddos read. I know it has been hazardous to her at times without compliant ADA cutouts and poor sidewalk conditions.

We appreciate your consideration in funding our project to provide our children and residents with safe routes around our community.

Sincerely,



Courtney Bake

Property Owner

K-6 Principal, Fairfield Schools

# Fairfield Public Schools

Fairfield High School  
P.O. Box 399  
13 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Fairfield, MT 59436

Les Meyer, Superintendent  
Dustin Gordon, 7-12 Principal  
PH: 406-467-2528  
Fax: 406-467-2554



Fairfield Elementary/JH  
P.O. Box 399  
13 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Fairfield, MT 59436

Courtney Bake, K-6 Principal  
Mike Schmidt, Athletic Dir.  
PH: 406-467-2425  
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March 16, 2017

Dave Holien  
TA Program Manager  
Montana Department of Transportation  
PO Box 201001  
Helena, MT 59620-1001

Dear Mr. Holien;

As Superintendent of Fairfield Public Schools and on behalf of the Fairfield School District, I lend my support for the City of Fairfield to pursue the sidewalk project. It is an ambitious project yet at the same time it is long overdue. The Montana Department of Transportation would be well served to assist Fairfield in obtaining a grant for the sake of rural development and more importantly safety of students and community members.

We have students cross highway 89 either walking or riding bikes most of the school year and every day in the summer. A crosswalk is vital to the safety of our kiddos. Our elementary students take walking field trips to the local library; there is quite a stretch where there is no sidewalk, forcing elementary students into the street as they walk. The lack of cutouts for our elderly population is also concerning. We have one particular community member drive her wheel chair to school on a weekly basis to volunteer her time to read to students. I have also observed her driving her wheel chair in the street due to lack of sidewalk access. Concerts and basketball games are readily attended by our senior citizens. Parking is difficult at Fairfield Public Schools. Senior citizens walk to attend because it is so difficult to drive and park, again this is another reason why sidewalk safety is vital to the viability of our school and community.

Another challenge the city has is the quality of sidewalks. Sidewalks are deteriorating. Even if students are riding their bikes on sidewalks the possibility of an accident is there especially with our younger students. Skateboards will not be ridden on broken up sidewalks and they will certainly ride in the streets.

Please support the City of Fairfield in their quest to make our town safer and up to date. Please feel free to call if you should have any questions at (406) 467-2103. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Les Meyer'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'L' and 'M'.

Les Meyer  
Superintendent; Fairfield Public Schools

March 16, 2017

Dave Holien  
TA Program Manager  
Montana Department of Transportation  
P.O. Box 201001  
Helena, MT 59620-1001

Dear Mr. Holien

My husband and I are property owners in Fairfield. I have Multiple Sclerosis and, I'm confined to a wheel chair making it challenging to move about the town; *i.e.* getting on and off sidewalks.

Although I am limited in my mobility, I am active in the community. The proposed Fairfield sidewalk project will make life easier for me and others with similar issues. At this time, when I go to the school or downtown, there are areas I have to ride in the street because of lack of ADA cutouts.

Also, safety for our children and pedestrians is another concern of the community. We need a safe environment for them to get to and from school, the park, the pool, the library and downtown.

The proposed project is in areas of high pedestrian traffic and completion of the project with satisfy many community needs.

I appreciate your consideration in funding our project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jody Maxwell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "M".

Jody Maxwell  
PO Box 754  
Fairfield MT 59436

# UCC Church Fairfield/Power

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pemaxwell@3rivers.net

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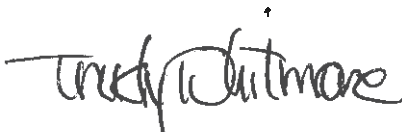
Dear Mr. Holien

The United Church of Christ supports the town of Fairfield's effort to obtain a Transportation Alternative Program grant.

The safety for our children and pedestrians is a primary concern of the community. The proposed project would provide construction of safe, ADA compliant sidewalks for our community, allowing access to get to areas such as school, the park, the pool, the library and downtown.

We appreciate your consideration in funding the project.

Sincerely,



Trudy Whitmore

United Church of Christ  
Council Moderator  
PO Box 548  
Fairfield MT 59436

*God is still speaking,*  
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**





March 19, 2017

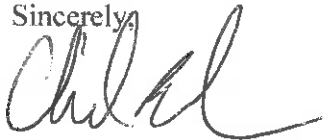
Dave Holien  
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Dear Mr. Holien

As a property owner in Fairfield, I support the Town's efforts to obtain a Transportation Alternatives Program grant from the Montana Department of Transportation. As a parent of 5, all still in school here in Fairfield, children and pedestrian's safety is a primary concern for this community and having safe sidewalks for them to get to and from school, the park and the downtown area is extremely important. The proposed project would provide this by constructing safe, ADA compliant sidewalks linking the areas listed above.

We appreciate your consideration in funding our project to provide our residents with safe routes around our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chad Becker", written over a horizontal line.

Chad Becker  
12 Jacobsen Court  
Fairfield, MT 59436

March 20, 2017

Dave Holien  
TA Program Manager  
Montana Department of Transportation  
P.O. Box 201001  
Helena, MT 59620-1001

Dear Mr. Holien

As a property owner in Fairfield, I support the Town's efforts to obtain a Transportation Alternatives Program grant from the Montana Department of Transportation. Our children and pedestrian's safety is a primary concern for our community and having safe sidewalks for them to get to and from school, the park and the downtown area is extremely important. The proposed project would provide this by constructing safe, ADA compliant sidewalks linking the areas listed above.

We have two teenagers who use the crossing at Highway 89 on a daily basis by driving, on foot, or as a bicyclist. Currently the cross walk is NOT well marked and as a pedestrian can be quite dangerous as pedestrians are crossing a highway.

We appreciate your consideration in funding our project to provide our residents with safe routes around our community.

Sincerely,

Rob & Tami Simmons

Tami Simmons

Rob Simmons

March 20, 2017

Dave Holien  
TA Program Manager  
Montana Department of Transportation  
P.O. Box 201001  
Helena, MT 59620-1001

Dear Mr. Holien,

My name is Chelsea Schilling and I am the administrator of Front Range Assisted Living in Fairfield, Montana. I am writing in support of Fairfield's goals to improve transportation conditions and provide transportation alternatives.

The program grant from the Montana Department of Transportation would mean increased safety, but increased accessibility by all citizens. The residents at our assisted living stay very involved in the community; several of them ride motorized scooters or walk down town when the weather permits and the places of the proposed walks are areas of high use. Adding and improving the sidewalks would ensure they weren't riding in the road and are able to ride or walk onto the sidewalk with ADA cutouts. Improved sidewalks would also decrease future falls by providing replacement of the walks that have deteriorated over time. This is especially important for our residents, as well as children who ride bikes and spend a lot of time going to and from town events. In addition to the improved sidewalks, crosswalks on Hwy 89 would ensure safety of our residents crossing. We have one young resident with learning disabilities that rides her bike around Fairfield daily for exercise and she comes to mind when I think of the safety adding crosswalks would provide.

Our main goal is to keep our residents linked to the community that they love. Thank you for your consideration in funding this project, Fairfield would be very appreciative to use the program grant to improve our community!

Sincerely,



Chelsea Schilling  
Front Range Assisted Living Administrator

# Greenfields IRRIGATION DISTRICT

March 21, 2017

Dave Holien  
TA Program Manager  
Montana Department of Transportation  
PO Box 2001001  
Helena, MT 59620-1001

RE: 2017-2018 TA Application  
Town of Fairfield

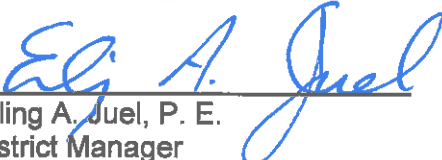
Dear Mr. Holien,

Greenfields Irrigation District (GID), based in Fairfield, heartedly supports the Town's efforts to obtain a Transportation Alternatives Program grant from the Montana Department of Transportation in order to improve local sidewalks.

Our children and other pedestrian's safety is a primary concern for our community and having safe ADA compliant sidewalks for them to get to and from school, the park, to church and our downtown area is extremely important. The proposed sidewalk in front of our office is a high pedestrian and motor vehicle traffic area and there is no sidewalk there now. Therefore, the whole street is the walkway making this a huge safety concern. A sidewalk tends to cause pedestrians to use it rather than meander on the roadway. This is a concern especially for small children and mothers pushing baby strollers.

GID appreciates your consideration in funding the Town's project to provide our residents with safe routes around our community.

Respectfully,  
Greenfields Irrigation District

  
Erling A. Juel, P. E.  
District Manager

March 20, 2017

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TA Program Manager  
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Helena, MT 59620-1001

Dear Mr. Holien

As a property owner in Fairfield, I support the Town's efforts to obtain a Transportation Alternatives Program grant from the Montana Department of Transportation. My family lives west of the highway that runs through our town. There are many children who also live in our cul de sac where we are. There are virtually no sidewalks on our half of town, and our children must cross the highway in order to get to and from the school, park, and pool. There are sidewalks on the east side, but they are in poor repair. They are uneven with cracks and in some cases they are missing. Our kids are forced to ride or walk on the street for a smoother trip which is unsafe. I have also noticed many elderly community members struggle getting to and from on the uneven sidewalks and some have even tripped and been injured.

Our children and pedestrian's safety is a primary concern for our community and having safe sidewalks for them to get to and from school, the park and the downtown area is extremely important. The proposed project would provide this by constructing safe, ADA compliant sidewalks linking the areas listed above.

We appreciate your consideration in funding our project to provide our residents with safe routes around our community.

Sincerely,



Jen Barnett

3/24/17

Dave Holien

TA Program Manager

Montana Department of Transportation

P. O. Box 201001

Helena MT 59601

Dear Mr. Holien:

I have been a local resident for most of my life and am a proud property owner in Fairfield. I am in complete support of the current project involving sidewalks in the community. I understand it will not be possible without the support of a Transportation Alternatives Program grant from the MT Department of Transportation.

The proposed path of the sidewalk improvement project will increase the safety of children and the elderly as they move by foot and bike around our community. The path strategically includes areas like the school, pool, park and downtown area. We are also in need of some ADA compliant curbing and access which will be part of this plan. There are several scooter bound residents that need this amenity.

The new sidewalk will also replace deteriorated pathways that are in need of repair and currently considered to be dangerous. The route selected is high traffic and includes a very important crossing over the busy Highway 89 which slices the community in two.

Thank you, again, for consideration in funding a portion of this much needed community project and thus providing our residents with safe routes around the community and a better quality of life in rural Montana.

In appreciation

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Wm. Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Michael Wm. Johnson (Mike)

# APPENDIX C

## COST ESTIMATE



**OPINION OF PROBABLE COST**

PROJECT	DATE
<b>TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, 2017-2018 TA APPLICATION</b>	<b>3/20/2017</b>

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
1	Mobilization	1	LS	\$17,200.00	\$17,200
2	Unclassified Excavation and Embankment	1	LS	\$25,700.00	\$25,700
3	4" Concrete Sidewalk	840	SY	\$60.00	\$50,400
4	6" Concrete Sidewalk @ Drive/Alley Approach	323	SY	\$80.00	\$25,840
5	Standard Curb and Gutter	250	LF	\$30.00	\$7,500
6	Laydown Curb and Gutter	209	LF	\$35.00	\$7,315
7	ADA Detectable Warning Device	15	EA	\$475.00	\$7,125
8	ADA Curb Ramp	15	EA	\$750.00	\$11,250
9	Site Restoration	1	LS	\$6,000.00	\$6,000
10	Crosswalk Striping	3	EA	\$500.00	\$1,500
11	Crosswalk Signs	6	EA	\$300.00	\$1,800
12	Existing Crosswalk and Signage Removal	1	LS	\$700.00	\$700
13	Retaining Wall	64	LF	\$30.00	\$1,920
14	Railroad Crossings	1	EA	\$3,500.00	\$3,500
15	Fire Hydrant Relocation	1	EA	\$3,500.00	\$3,500
<b>CONSTRUCTION SUBTOTAL</b>					<b>\$171,255</b>
CONTINGENCY				15%	\$25,688
<b>CONSTRUCTION TOTAL</b>					<b>\$196,943</b>
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING					\$59,500
CONSTRUCTION ADMIN.				15%	\$29,541
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>					<b>\$285,985</b>
INDIRECT COST (IDC) - CONST.				10.97%	\$21,605
INDIRECT COST (IDC) - CONST. ADMIN.				10.97%	\$3,241
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>					<b>\$310,830</b>
<b>TA MATCH</b>					<b>\$269,117</b>
<b>LOCAL MATCH</b>				13.42%	<b>\$41,713</b>

This Opinion of Probable Cost is the opinion of the engineer of the probable construction cost, and is supplied as a guide only. Since the engineer has no control over the costs of labor and materials or over competitive bidding and market conditions, the engineer does not guarantee the accuracy of such opinion as compared to contractor's bids or actual costs to the owner. Estimate is calculated in 2017 dollars.

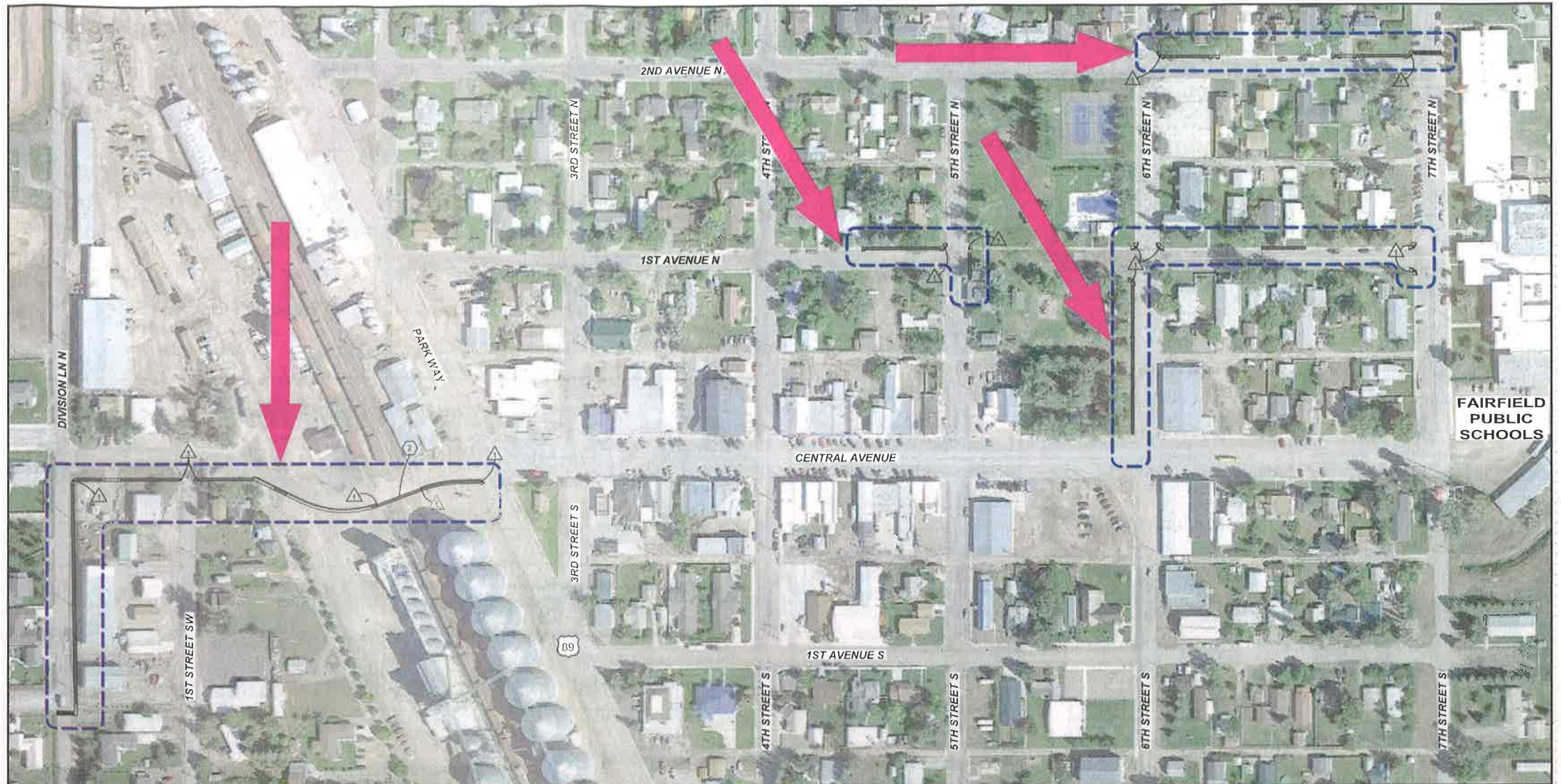


## APPENDIX D

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

# Proposed Sidewalk Improvements To Fairfield

## Public meeting set for March 15



The Town of Fairfield will conduct an informational meeting on Wednesday, March 15 at 6:30 pm at town hall to discuss a Montana Department of Transportation grant application the town plans to file. If approved, the grant will provide \$265,201 toward sidewalk additions and improvements in Fairfield. The four areas slated for attention are outlined in blue dotted lines in the aerial map above.

We've added magenta arrows to make the areas easier to locate on the map. The town will provide 13.42 per cent of the total project cost of \$306,308, which comes to \$41,107.

The town portion will be paid through the creation of a capital improvement fund, and money will be transferred from the town general fund and would not require any additional fees or taxes,

according to Fairfield Mayor Ward Fifield.

The sidewalks constructed will be six feet wide with curbs and gutters. Cutouts to allow handicap access will be included, according to Mayor Fifield.

The public is invited to attend the meeting on the 15th to present their comments or questions.

# TOWN OF FAIRFIELD

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March 16, 2017

MT Department of Transportation  
Transportation Alternatives Program  
Dave Holien  
PO Box 201001  
Helena, MT 59620-1001

Dear Mr. Holien:

The Town of Fairfield is requesting \$265,201.00 from the MDT Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program for the construction and repair of sidewalks to increase safety, connectivity, and accessibility. Creating and promoting a safe, walkable and bikeable community is a high priority in Fairfield, and the Town is committed to developing a consistent sidewalk system throughout our community.

TA funding will enable us to construct new sidewalks and replace deteriorating sidewalks along important corridors in town, including Division Ln N, Central Ave West, 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, 5<sup>th</sup> Street N, 6<sup>th</sup> Street N, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave N between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> streets. Construction will include ADA complaint sidewalks and ramps, increasing accessibility throughout town. The goal of this project is to construct sidewalks to safely route children to the Fairfield School Campus (K-Grade 12), the community park, community library and swimming pool, as well as connect new residential development west of Park Way with downtown, the park and school campus. The lack of pedestrian facilities and inaccessibility of sections of existing facilities effectively acts as a barrier to walking and bicycling to and from key locations in town, and ultimately reduces the walkability and bikeability of the town.

Our project has extensive community support, and we are committed to providing a match of 13.42% of the total construction cost, including Indirect Costs once the MDT awards TA funding to our project.

We appreciate your consideration of the proposed project, and look forward to working with you to make Fairfield a safer and healthier community.

Sincerely,



Ward Fifield

Town of Fairfield, Mayor