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MEMORANDUM

FROM: Jeremy Keene, PE , Director

TO: BUILD Project Team

DATE: February 4, 2022

SUBJECT: **Mary Jane Boulevard – Interim Design**

Based on the November 10, 2021, neighborhood meeting; consultation with the Captain John Mullan Neighborhood Council, City Council representatives and the Mayor; and review of best practices for public safety and engineering protocols, the City of Missoula Public Works & Mobility Department will proceed as follows for the existing portion of Mary Jane Boulevard between Melrose Place and Camden Street:

1. An interim design will be put in place on Mary Jane Boulevard following completion of the first phase of BUILD construction (2023). This will consist of conventional on-street bike lanes with no parking removal. This will allow for gradual change and the ability for residents to experience the addition of a bike lane without loss of parking while the area continues to develop.
2. The ultimate configuration of Mary Jane Boulevard will include a buffered bike lane or protected bikeway, which may require removal of parking on one side of the street, and will be implemented when the following thresholds are met:
 - a. The remainder of Mary Jane Blvd is complete (including sidewalks and bikeways)
 - b. Traffic volumes on Mary Jane Blvd exceed 3,000 vehicles per day
 - c. Funding is available to complete the improvements.
3. The BUILD team will revisit the design options when these thresholds are met, including the option to implement protected bikeways similar to the north and south portions of Mary Jane. This would not require removal of parking but may require a special improvement district (SID) to provide funding. Additional work may be required on Mary Jane Boulevard at that time, including implementing the roundabout planned for the Mary Jane Blvd/England Boulevard Intersection. As the project moves forward, residents and stakeholders will be informed and given an opportunity to provide additional input.