

Russell Street Citizens' Plan

"3-Plus for Russell Street"

Send questions, comments, and suggestions to info@russellstreet.org.

WORKING DRAFT PLAN:

Please distribute widely and make comments.

Background: The City of Missoula is planning to rebuild Russell Street in the next few years. Despite substantial public comment calling for a three-lane facility, the current plan calls for a massive five-lane roadway. The city's plan also requires acquiring and demolishing several houses and businesses. A coalition of groups is proposing a project with a more human scale that enhances the character of the corridor.

Guiding Principles: The citizens' plan works within the existing right-of-way (ROW). All segments include sidewalks, bike lanes, and two travel lanes. Space permitting, green boulevard strips, and center turn lanes are added.



Single Lane Roundabout at Russell & Wyoming Streets

Single Lane Roundabout at Russell & S. 3rd Streets

Section 1: W. Broadway Street to Wyoming Street

This section includes four travel lanes, with two in each direction. A federal earmark has already been secured by Senator Max Baucus to construct a four-lane bridge.

Specific lane widths for this section will require a 78-foot ROW:

7'	5'	7'	10'	10'	10'	10'	7'	5'	7'
Sidewalk	Boulevard	Bike Lane	Southbound Travel Lane	Southbound Travel Lane	Northbound Travel Lane	Northbound Travel Lane	Bike Lane	Boulevard	Sidewalk

Section 2: Wyoming Street to S. 3rd Street

This section includes two travel lanes with a center turn lane, bike lanes and sidewalks, and a green boulevard strip.

Specific lane widths for this section will require a 69-foot ROW:

7'	5'	7'	10'	11'	10'	7'	5'	7'
Sidewalk	Boulevard	Bike Lane	Southbound Travel Lane	Center Turn Lane	Northbound Travel Lane	Bike Lane	Boulevard	Sidewalk

Groups Supporting the Citizens' Plan as of August 8, 2008: Missoula Advocates for Sustainable Transportation, Associated Students of the University of Montana's Office of Transportation, Missoula Institute for Sustainable Transportation, Bike/Walk Alliance for Missoula, Montana Transit Information Systems, & growing! Add your group by emailing info@russellstreet.org.

Russell Street Citizens' Plan, South Section

Section 3: S. 3rd Street to S. 7th Street

This includes two travel lanes with a center turn lane, bike lanes and sidewalks, and a green boulevard strip. Room for limited parking could be available.

Specific lane widths for this section will require a 69-foot ROW:

7'	5'	7'	10'	11'	10'	7'	5'	7'
Sidewalk	Boulevard	Bike Lane	Southbound Travel Lane	Center Turn Lane	Northbound Travel Lane	Bike Lane	Boulevard	Sidewalk

Section 4: S. 7th Street to S. 11th Street

In this area, the roadway will include two travel lanes with bike lanes and sidewalks. Left turns would be restricted at 8th, 9th, and 10th Streets to improve traffic flow and increase capacity.

Specific lane widths for this section will require a 42-foot ROW:

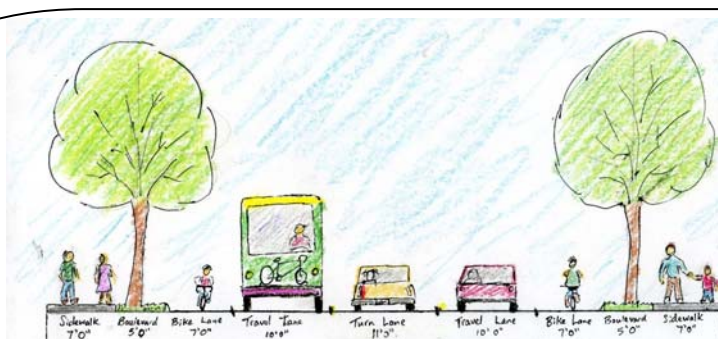
6'	5'	10'	10'	5'	6'
Sidewalk	Bike Lane	Southbound Travel Lane	Northbound Travel Lane	Bike Lane	Sidewalk

Section 5: S. 11th Street to Mount Avenue

This section will widen to include two travel lanes with a center turn lane, bike lanes and sidewalks. South of the railroad crossing, a green boulevard strip will be added as space becomes available.

Specific lane widths for this section will require a 59-foot ROW:

7'	7'	10'	11'	10'	7'	7'
Sidewalk	Bike Lane	Southbound Travel Lane	Center Turn Lane	Northbound Travel Lane	Bike Lane	Sidewalk



Sample cross-section of Russell Street at Longstaff Street.

