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Date: April 24th, 2024
To: The Helena City Commission
From: The Helena Citizens' Council
Title: Recommendation Regarding HCC Priorities

Greetings Mayor and Helena City Commissioners:

The Helena Citizens Council (HCC) currently comprised of 24 individuals representing seven neighborhood districts and a broad swath of the Helena community. At its April 24, 2024, meeting, the HCC approved sending its priorities to the Commission for consideration for funding during the FY2025 budget process. HCC's priorities are:

Majority ranked as High priority:

- Safe Routes to School**
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Crosswalk and Signs**
- Housing** – affordability/availability/short-term rentals, etc.
- Sustainability** – Waste Reduction, Water Conservation, Clean Energy/Efficiency, etc.
- Land Use** – Zoning, Subdivisions, Growth Policy, etc.

Majority ranked as Medium priority:

- Fire Safety Awareness**
- Roads** – Repairs, Maintenance, Winter Maintenance
- Public Transportation** – bus, train
- Trees – Urban Forestry**
- Welcome to Helena** – signage, way-finding

The HCC believes these priorities align well with the Commission's strategic goals: Improve Neighborhood Livability, Promote Healthy and Sustainable Growth; and Promote Safe Community as well as the new strategic goals the Commission is considering adopting i.e., Improved City Services, Infrastructure and Sustainable Growth. We appreciate the Commission's consideration of the HCC's priorities.

After discussion, this recommendation passed with a unanimous vote for the priorities.

Helena Citizens' Council Members

Ben Kuiper, HCC Chair