

City of Ketchum

August 2, 2021

Mayor Bradshaw and City Councilors City of Ketchum Ketchum, Idaho

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Recommendation to for the Mayor to sign Cooperative Agreement 20681.

Recommendation and Summary

Staff is recommending the Council approve the draft attached Cooperative Agreement 20681 and adopt the following motion:

"I move to authorize the Mayor to sign Cooperative Agreement 20681 with the Idaho Transportation Department."

The reasons for the recommendation are as follows:

- Idaho Transportation Department is providing \$24,244 in funding for reconstruction of 4 ADA Ramps on the State Highway system (SH-75).
- This supports vision of the City to provide safe, complete and comprehensive pedestrian circulation.
- The ramp locations currently are not on the City's or ITD's future project list.

Introduction and History

The Idaho Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Curb Ramp Program is a state-administered program that provides funding for projects to address curb ramps on the state highway system. The goal of the program is to provide accessible facilities for pedestrians with disabilities while allowing local jurisdiction flexibility in meeting the required standards. The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) is allocating \$500,000 of state funds annually for this program. Applicants can qualify for up to \$60,000 in state funding to construct new or alter existing curb ramps on the state highway system to meet the requirements of the ADA. Funds can only be used for construction purposes; design is provided without compensation.

The purpose of Idaho's American's With Disabilities Act (ADA) Pedestrian Curb Ramp Program is to ensure that projects improve safety and mobility that enables residents with disabilities full access to pedestrian facilities. The ADA Pedestrian Curb Ramp Program benefits Idaho by improving access to Idaho's transportation system, particularly to those whom mobility is limited.

Eligible applicants include local jurisdictions (cities, counties, highway districts) and tribal governments. Eligible projects are restricted to the construction of curb ramps. Project construction must be completed within 2 year from the execution of the Cooperative Agreement. If the criteria or other requirements of this application are not met, the application will be rejected. ITD staff has prepared a cooperative agreement for signature. This agreement outlines the responsibilities of both parties and must be approved by appropriate local official(s). Only eligible expenses performed after the execution of the Cooperative Agreement will be allowed.

<u>Analysis</u>

Staff reviewed ITD's Curb Ramp Inventory and selected eligible locations based on future City and ITD project locations. Staff selected four high priority ADA locations on Main Street (SH-75). In March of 2020 an application was submitted to ITD. Notification of award of the grant was received in 2021.

Financial Impact

At this time there is no financial impact resulting from approval of this Cooperative Agreement.

Attachments:

Draft ITD Cooperative Agreement 20681 ITD Ramp Location Map