



AGENDA REPORT

City Council Meeting

TODAY'S DATE: March 25, 2026

MEETING DATE: April 1, 2026

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Rachel McKinley, Project Manager

SUBJECT: Project Update: Division Avenue Corridor Improvement Project - Phase 2

BACKGROUND:

On January 3, 2018, the City Council authorized the staff to apply for a grant to conduct a Road Safety Audit (RSA) along Division Avenue. The RSA identified opportunities for improvements in safety for all road users of Division Avenue from Hwy 2 to Spruce Street.

On February 3, 2021, City Council accepted (Resolution No. 21-0007) the Division Avenue Road Safety Audit. The report supplemented and informed the Multimodal Transportation Master Plan (MTMP), adopted on May 6, 2021 (Resolution No. 21-022). The 2021 MTMP classified Division Avenue as a Pedestrian Priority route. The Plan's Capital Improvement priorities include improvements to resolve the safety concerns identified in the RSA. Appendix A, Figures 18 and 19 (attached), provided a concept of Division Avenue that is intended to improve pedestrian (primarily children) and bicycle access to schools, community destinations, and neighborhoods.

On December 14, 2021, the City Council authorized the staff to apply for a Children Pedestrian Safety (CPS) grant to improve the eastern side of the Division Avenue, approximately between Highway 2 and Superior Street.

In August 2023, the Division Avenue Corridor Improvement Phase 1 project was completed with awarded CPS grant funds and City general funds. Improvements revitalized the east side of Division Avenue, from Superior Street to approximately Highway 2. The travel lanes on Division Avenue were shifted to the west, removing the center turning lane (from Michigan Street to Super Street) and dedicating a bike lane on the eastern side. The wider frontage was reconstructed with new sidewalk, ADA ramps, planter strip, curb & gutter, and driveway approaches. See attached before/after photos and the Phase 1 project link below for more details.

On November 15, 2023, the City Council (Resolution No. 23-088) authorized the staff to apply for a CPS grant to improve the eastern side of the Division Avenue, between Superior Street and Pine Street (See attached Phase 2 Project Map). The City was awarded \$250,000 with a committed match of \$50,000 – City General Fund for Phase 2. On February 19, 2025, the City Council (Resolution No. 25-009) authorized signing and entering into the LHTAC / Local Agreement - 2024 Local Children Pedestrian Safety (CPS) Program.

DESCRIPTION:

State-Funded: Children Pedestrian Safety (CPS) Program

On March 31, 2023, Governor Little signed Senate Bill 1189, a landmark funding bill for local transportation in Idaho. The bill is part of the Governor's "Leading Idaho" plan. The bill provides \$10 million for CPS program. Funds up to \$2M in projects, with a maximum award of \$250k per project.

Eligible projects must be related to maintenance, and address safety and mobility, for children (projects near schools score best). The Children Pedestrian Safety Program projects must be considered maintenance as stated in the 2015 Legislative Session House Bill 312.

The OSG is intended to address planning needs to address sanitary sewer overflows and municipal stormwater improvements for small (communities with a population under 10,000) or disadvantaged communities. These grants cover 50% of eligible costs. Grant recipients providing the other half.

Projects must follow all applicable program requirements and state initiatives design, procurement, and documentation requirements for the grantee to remain eligible for reimbursement.

Project deadline was December 13, 2024, but was extended to August 31, 2026. No match required, but City General Fund will be used for Survey & Design.

Division Avenue Corridor Improvement Phase 2

The Division Avenue Corridor Improvement Phase 2 project is picking up where Phase 1 left off at Superior Street and continuing the following improvements to Pine Street:

- 6ft wide sidewalk
- 5 to 6 ft wide planter strip (snow storage)
- Curb & gutter
- ADA-compliant curb ramps
- Narrowing width of existing driveways
- Plant street trees

This project design was reviewed by Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee on July 10, 2025 and project update was provided on February 12, 2026.

Final PS&E and design (attached) was completed on March 25, 2026. Advertising for Construction Bid over the next 2 weeks, with Bidding Opening scheduled for April 21, 2026 and Anticipated City Council Award on May 6, 2026. The project will be bid in accordance with Idaho Code 67-2805 A.

Construction is anticipated to take place while school is out of session and be completed by the end of July 2026.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: No Action, Update Only

ACTION: No Action Requested

WILL THERE BE ANY FINANCIAL IMPACT? Yes **HAS THIS ITEM BEEN BUDGETED?** Yes

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2021 MTMP Appendix A, Figures 18 and 19 – Division Ave Design Concepts
2. Before/after photos from Phase 1
3. Phase 2 Project Map
4. Division Avenue Corridor Improvement Phase 2 – Design Plan Set

LINKS:

- Division Avenue Corridor Improvement Project - Phase 1:
[https://cleargov.com/idaho/bonner/city/sandpoint/projects/8393/division-avenue-corridor-improvement-project--phase-1-\(complete\)](https://cleargov.com/idaho/bonner/city/sandpoint/projects/8393/division-avenue-corridor-improvement-project--phase-1-(complete))
- Division Avenue Corridor Improvement Project - Phase 2:
<https://cleargov.com/idaho/bonner/city/sandpoint/projects/19799/division-avenue-corridor-improvement-project--phase-2>