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**BROOKS STREET COMMERCIAL SIDEWALK PROJECT
GROUNDBREAKING & ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

**Tuesday, July 12
Baskin Robbins, 1880 Brooks St.**

The Missoula Redevelopment Agency (MRA) will celebrate the start of the second phase of the Brooks Street Commercial Sidewalk Project with an ice cream social sponsored by the Missoula Midtown Association (MMA) on Tuesday, July 12, at 5:30 p.m. Missoula Mayor John Engen, the Missoula Midtown Association and the Missoula Redevelopment Agency will formally thank property owners for their exceptional cooperation in the dedication of easements for this project. Project design engineers from WGM Group and contractors from Knife River will be on hand to answer questions.

The Brooks Street Commercial Sidewalk Project is part of a multi-year effort by the MRA to complete missing links in the sidewalk network throughout Urban Renewal District III (Midtown). This phase of the project includes curb, sidewalk, trees and landscaping on Brooks and adjacent streets. By the end of the year, MRA will have invested more than \$3 million of curb and sidewalk infrastructure in URD III, and will continue to work on remaining sidewalk gaps in the district. The sidewalk project is 100 percent funded by Urban Renewal District Funds, without assessments to adjacent property owners.

This project will further the goal of revitalizing the area and promoting Midtown as a place to invest, shop, work, play and live by:

- Creating safer and more direct sidewalk routes to schools, businesses, and parks;
- Improving accessibility to businesses and removing obstacles;
- Enhancing land aesthetics;
- Contributing to increased property values; and
- Reducing pollution and congestion.