

Public Comments Received Fleshman Creek Pedestrian Bridge Connector at Moja Dog Park (10/22/21-12/15/21)

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| 9/21/2021 | Nikki Kennedy - Livingston | *Phone call* Can the breadth of the PER be a bit more expansive and include a section on the potential for a footbridge across Fleshman Creek (at the Moja Dog Park back side) which would reach across to the 20' city of Livingston right of way/trail easement)? This would provide additional connectivity to Lewis Street and then up to O Street and then to the other highway bridge. |
| 9/24/2021 | James Milner - Livingston | For purposes of consideral all connections in the dog park area, can information be included during planning for a smaller bridge at the back side of the dog park trail loop? There is a trail that has been informally used by a group of us that leads to nowhere off Lewis St near P. Thank you for your work on making it possible for more outdoor walking activities. |
| 9/28/2021 | Sarah Stands - Livingston | Very excited to hear the potential to expand the PER, and I'll make sure to attend the discussion. I recently walked through there to assess the potential and it's a no brainer. |
| 10/5/2021 | Courtney Lawellin on behalf of City of Livingston | I am just checking on a question we received. Is the County looking to install/reinstall a bridge on Fleshman Creek? If so where? |
| 10/5/2021 | Lisa Lowy on behalf of City of Livingston | Where is the county looking to put a bridge over Fleshman Creek? Just curious..... |
| 10/5/2021 | Shannon Holmes on behalf of City of Livingston | On another topic, I read in the paper about a pedestrian bridge over Fleshman Creek. Can you give me an update on that as no one from the City has been notified about such project? |
| 10/12/2021 | Mathieu Menard on behalf of City of Livingston | Would it be possible to just give us a heads up on items like this? We are working on a Trails and Active Transportation Plan and as a bridge over Fleshman has the potential to require construction of a trail in a City easement, and substantially increase the use of an existing City trail it is something that could impact that plan. I know the bridge and the PER are a County project, but as it is relying almost entirely on existing City infrastructure and can impact both planning and public works projects it would be great we could be notified of changes to the PER or project scope (before we read about them in the paper). |
| 10/13/2021 | Ann Fuller - Livingston | There is a proposal for a bridge over Fleshman creek from Lewis street to Mayors Landing on the easement across from Q street . Many people in the neighborhood are opposed to this idea as it will bring many problems to the area. First problem about bridge construction is that it will pass over the widest part of the creek and a wetland area. Beavers have built dams and made the creek wider. Killing the beavers is not an option. Second, there would be the chopping down of trees and shrubs to clear a route made of asphalt. Killing plants and trees is not an option as they have rights too. Third problem would be that people would be tempted to walk thru my woods that are in a conservation agreement with PCEC, a sanctuary for wildlife, people and dogs not allowed. Fourth problem is parking. Parking would become an issue for residents if the street became clogged with cars. Lewis street from M st. to Q st. is an avenue where families stroll all day, especially in the evening with their dogs and kids on bikes. More traffic would make this event more dangerous. Fifth consideration. Is there a need for a bridge at this location when so many people bike up O street to access the bike trail that runs parallel to Park st., cross the Yellowstone bridge to emerge at Myers river trail and the trail that leads to the hospital. Sixth comment. Perhaps the city should relocate funds for a new swimming pool,or another RR crossing. By refusing to recognize that the Earth is alive, we enable the destruction of our planet and our city. There are close to 8000 people in this town, and my prediction is that only about a 100 would use this bridge. Thanks for your consideration, Ann Fuller |
| 10/14/2021 | Herman Braaten - Livingston | My name is Herman Braaten, I live at 1506 E. Lewis St. I am writing to strongly oppose the walking bridge on "O" Street ally. I don't wat a bunch of people casing my property out, or have to clean up after them or their pets, the pedestrian traffic has already increased 100 times to when I bought my property in 2002. You are headed for a catastrophe if you try to build this path. My kids floated fleshman creek when they wree yonger, if put up a bridge someone will at risk of drowning by getting hung-up on this impediment. Because of the new subdivision there already is to much traffic as it is! Don't make another MISTAKE!!! |
| 11/1/2021 | Herman Braaten - Livingston | Not in favor of a bridge and concerns included: no sidewalks or drainage/gutters on the east end of Lewis; mail delivery when parked vehicles block mailboxes; parking issues on Lewis; dog feces and no cleanup by walkers of dogs which happens right now at his place and he has to clean it all up; congestion of dog walkers; theft from people casing his property; issues with bird migration and other wildlife with a bridge in the way; animals are way more important than humans and their consideration should be first; the quadrupling of traffic to the area once a bridge is in; the only people that will gain anything from the project will be the people that build the bridge; better potential for a bridge at M Street and Clark; the project has potential for a lawsuit if it moves forward. |
| 11/1/2021 | Cara McNeely - Livingston | Concerns about the well house (decommissioned). Support of a potential bridge as it will provide a more defined place that would keep trail users in one defined area (whereas now, with no fencing or signage they may run onto other private properties); connectivity of trail systems is something to be sought after; provides positive health benefits for all types of users; allows people to get to Moja dog park without needing a vehicle; wonders if there is some history to the easement - as it is a public trail access so might have been established with trail use in mind; might balance traffic issues at Mayor's Landing during the busy summer months; parking would likely still take place at Mayor's landing. |
| 11/1/2021 | Ann Fuller - Livingston | Not in favor of a bridge and concerns included: cutting down mature trees, shrubs, saplings for trail development to bridge; concerns that her conservation servitude she is developing with PCEC to keep a wildlife sanctuary on her property will be disregarded; wetland expansion because of beavers; beavers will be killed when the bridge is built and/or trail dsvelopment occurs; too much destruction of the environment; not environmentally ok for people to walk on her property; parking issues; people not honoring property owners who abut the easement; wildlife habitat. Stated that the M and Clark Street area would be a better place for a bridge and that the City should negotiate with the Girl Scouts, that there is no need to cross a bridge to get to Moja Dog Park since you can access from View Vista Street; and, that she isn't interested in having her property fenced in order to keep people and dogs off her property (for wildlife freedom). |
| 11/1/2021 | Josh Reynolds - Livingston | In favor of the potential bridge placement, stating even though trail development does have impacts, the impacts are generally low and there is clearly strong demand for trails. Also discussed the history of the existing easement and why it was established. In his role as chairman of PC Fairgrounds and Park Board, he feels thoughts on parking and signage are out of scope for this PER but could be discussed with the city since they are in control of future trail development on either side of the bridge. |

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| 11/1/2021 | Sarah Stands - Livingston | In favor of the potential bridge placement, stating that losing the small (illegal) bridge at M and Clark Streets left a lot of people not using the Moja Dog Park area and trails because some do not have access to a vehicle; feasibility of the proposed bridge location is best because of the established easement; Mayor's Landing area is not as popular because of connectivity issues; if not using a vehicle (and walking more), environmental concerns usually are less; in her role as part of the City of Livingston Active Transportation Committee, the area in question is in the top ten priorities for trail connections. |
| 11/4/2021 | Merry Nelson Smith - Livingston | I think the bridge is a great idea! Keep up the good work! |
| 11/5/2021 | Lindie Gibson - Livingston | *Phone call message* Calling to give support of bridge and thinks it is an awesome idea whichever one is more cost-effective (sounds like the fabricated steel according to the article). Please do it. We love Livingston - in spite of the wind - we love getting out and going for walks especially everyone that has a dog. Thank you so much for all that you do. |
| 11/6/2021 | Kimball Leighton - Livingston | I'm in favor of installing the Fleshman Creek footbridge at the Q Street easement. I've walked generations of dogs daily there in the past 30 years, and it's the only off-leash place to get out of the wind in the winter. Please note that trout from the Yellowstone River spawn at the proposed footbridge site. So I request that the spawning area for 50 feet downstream of the proposed crossing be maintained, or replaced with pea-sized gravel. |
| 11/9/2021 | Sean Murphy - Emigrant, MT | I would like to voice my support for this project. I have read the engineering report and I am very familiar with the area where the bridge will be constructed. The bridge will connect public trails in Livingston and Mayor's Landing and the dog park, which will make it easier for folks to access both of those areas. The Fleshman Creek Bridge Project will be a great community asset for Livingston and Park County! |
| 11/16/2021 | Lenore Haws - Livingston | *Phone call* - Is opposed to both pedestrian bridges; has not seen anyone using trails in the area and it's a waste of money when the funds could be spent on other priorities. |
| 11/17/2021 | Dennis Downing - Livingston | *Phone call* - Opposed to the pedestrian bridge and feels it is unnecessary and frivolous. |
| 11/17/2021 | Mary Beebe - Livingston | As a long-time dog walker and hiker in the Livingston area, I support the proposal to install a walking bridge across the Yellowstone River at Mayor's Landing. The bridge would provide a walking/biking connectivity to city property on both sides of the river. It will also provide a non-automotive alternative connection between services and businesses now separated by the Yellowstone River. The Fleshman Creek alternative would also enhance non automotive transportation from East Side neighborhoods and recreational options of Mayor's Landing and (if the walking bridge is installed across the Yellowstone) a connection between those neighborhoods and the east side of the river. Thank you! |
| 11/17/2021 | Steve Kleinberg - Livingston | Yes, I want a bridge! I believe it makes a lot of sense to expand our trail system, improve connectivity. In addition, it's an opportunity to connect southeast residents to our open space assets which will benefit our whole community's health and well being. |
| 11/17/2021 | MichaelAnne Beighley - Livingston | Hello! I would like to voice my support for this project. I do think we'll see growth much like Bozeman has experienced and getting ahead of that by expanding and connecting our current trail system should be of paramount concern. Other than encouraging others to voice their support, please let me know if there is anything else this resident can do to help get this done for our community! |
| 11/17/2021 | Shannon Willoughby - Livingston | I am writing today in full support of the Fleshman creek bridge to Mayor's landing. This foot bridge will be widely used by people in my neighborhood, and would be much appreciated. The second (steel) alternative seems like the best option for construction. Please let me know how I can help support this project moving forward. |
| 11/17/2021 | Erica Lighthiser - Livingston | Please count this as an expression of my support for pedestrian bridges on the east end of town over the Yellowstone River and Fleshman Creek. Mayor's Landing/Moja Dog Park is a fantastic community resource, but it is currently a dead end park. We often visit this area with our children and dogs and use the boat launch in the summer months. Having bridges to cross the Yellowstone and Fleshman Creek could <i>greatly</i> enhance the connectivity of this park to east Livingston neighborhoods and other nearby public trails and land including Myers River View, the Alpenglow trail network, BLM, State, County and Forest Service. The opportunities for a variety of looped routes would greatly increase enjoyment of this area for people of all modes of activity. Mayor's Landing is currently not a very accessible or equitable park. There is only one road access on View Vista, which lacks sidewalks, separated paths or even a bike lane. We observe a lot of park visitors driving to Mayor's Landing, likely because of the distance or safety concerns. More vehicles in the already busy boat launch site exacerbates safety concerns. Neighbors on East Lewis, despite being just a few hundred feet from this community space and the river, must travel nearly 2 miles to visit it. This excludes most people unless they have access to a vehicle. East Livingston severely lacks public spaces, with G Street Park being more than 1 mile from some of our residents' homes. A bridge connecting east side residents to this park over Fleshman Creek would greatly enhance the equitability of access. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. |
| 11/17/2021 | Dr. Alison Shannon-Lier, PT - Livingston | Thank you Kristen for the work you have done so far on this project. I wish to send my support for this project as a physically active citizen and healthcare provider of this community as well as a mother of a 10 yr old who is just getting old enough to get around town a little on his own. Creating a bridge across Fleshman and the Yellowstone would provide excellent connectivity of our trails and parks in town and provide easy access to those neighbors of Fleshman creek to wonderful open space while staying away from roads and busy traffic on the Vet Bridge. It also provides another safe access point for older kids to get to and from park space again safely away from traffic. As we saw with the COVID pandemic, our outdoor trails and parks were used regularly and more often as indoor social activities were discouraged, anything to improve access for improved community safety, accessibility and improved health and wellness is so needed and I will actively support it. Thank you again for your effort and have a wonderful day. |
| 11/17/2021 | Megan Randall - Livingston | Hello! I'm sending this note to voice my support for the proposed bridge connecting Mayor's Landing to Myer's River trail and the bridge connecting the dog park to E Lewis St. My favorite year-round activity for staying active and healthy is running on roads and trails around Livingston. I would love if our roads and trails were better connected and if more of our community had access to them! I believe that these proposed bridges will benefit our community's health and well being. I hope that Livingston can make this happen! Thank you! |
| 11/17/2021 | Dale Sexton - Livingston | Just a word of support toward the proposed bridge at Mayor's Landing. What a great asset this would be for our community. The access this bridge would facilitate along with the health benefits for a broad cross section of our community would be immeasurable. Thank you for considering my comments. |
| 11/17/2021 | Leeta & Tom Shands - Livingston | I am so excited to hear that our community could have wonderful trails for walking and biking. These are exactly what we need! The proposed bridges would answer these dreams for healthy outdoor activities for our citizens, connecting the community with each other. Thanks for your time. |
| 11/17/2021 | Brad & McKenzie Burgtorf - Livingston | I'm a Livingston resident of over 4 years. I came here from the Midwest to raise my family in the mountains. The trails around town are important to us and our two boys. I wanted to express our support for foot bridges across Yellowstone and Fleshman Creek to improve trail access. Please include us in the support group and let us know how we can help! |

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| 11/18/2021 | Michal DeChellis - Livingston | I've heard that it would be helpful to have some public comments on the bridge - Not sure exactly what format comments should take, but here is something - let me know if I can support it differently. I'm in favor of the creation of this bridge. We have incredible parks at Mayor's Landing and at Myer's park and it would be INCREDIBLE to have these connected to expand the space that we can access all at one time. I also think that this would be a wonderful commute for folks going to and from LHC. With potential development in that area of town, more connectivity safely by foot and by bicycle seems very important. |
| 11/18/2021 | Molly O'Neill - Livingston | I hope you are having a great day and enjoying the new office space! I wanted to provide a comment about the proposed bridge over Flishman creek. I would love to expand the trail system and believe a small bridge in the area would be valuable in connecting the trails. I believe there used to be a bridge at the proposed location? Is that correct? I am, however, concerned about the proposed size and cost and would like more information. A sketch of the bridge would also be valuable to understand the size and location of the bridge. |
| 11/18/2021 | Savannah Barnes - Livingston | I wholeheartedly look forward to having those new bridges in place. :) |
| 11/18/2021 | Liz Allen - Livingston | I'd like to emphatically support a foot bridge to the off leash dog area at Mayor's Landing. I don't know if it's appropriate here but I'd also heartfully support some kind of beautification of the dog area. I hardly go there because of the debris from the old dump. A few friends have had their dogs rip their pads on the broken glass shards. It would elevate the caliber of the off leash park if there was an upgrade in the future. |
| 11/18/2021 | Josh Taitebaum - Livingston | I just wanted to reach out to convey my support for the bridges! I live about a block away from the proposed site of the Flishman Creek Bridge, and I see this as an enormous opportunity to enhance the quality of life in our town. It will connect several corridors, create loop opportunities of varying length, regain access to the dog park for residents of SE Livingston, improve our appeal to tourists, and promote the health of our community. I've witnessed the effect that the O Street Connector and Meyer River trails have had not only on my neighbors here on this side of town, but also on the town as a whole, by becoming well used recreational destinations in their own right. As you move through this development process, I'd love to be kept in the loop and am happy to help in any capacity I can. |
| 11/18/2021 | Jenny Jo Allen - Livingston | I'm not up to speed on the bridge discussion, so my comments may be useless. I hope that we're talking about a walking bridge (I support) and not a bridge for automobiles (I vehemently oppose). Before any new development happens in that area, I hope we can improve the area as it exists now. There is so much broken glass and metal scraps littering mayor's landing and the dog park that I can not use that takeout in fear that my little ones' feet will be shredded. One of my dogs almost lost her toe to the debris years ago, and it cost hundreds of dollars, many trips to the vet, and reduced her mobility forever. If we have a walking bridge in that location, there will most likely be a need to increase the parking capacity on both sides of the river. I'm sure you've already had an impact study on this type of development, so please excuse me for not being informed of what those impacts discussed were. Thank you for your time and effort to improve our community! |
| 11/18/2021 | Ivy Burford - Livingston | Park County Commissioners: I'm writing to support the proposed footbridge at Mayor's Landing. The entire community of Livingston would benefit from such a wonderful amenity- promoting health, well being, and outdoor activities while also creating a vital active transportation corridor. This direct connection to Meyer's River Trail and the hospital complex will open a new recreation and transportation to the residents of Livingston. It's important the bridge is constructed to accommodate pedestrians, wheel chairs, strollers, and bicycles. Studies have also shown that extensive trail networks promote and increase tourism, attracting visitors into the city and our downtown area. In addition, there is a lot of interest in future recreational opportunities in the "Mayor's Flat/bench" area, including a potential trail network. We have an opportunity to provide access to future recreational trails, existing walking and interpretive trails, and a health complex connected directly to the park and trail corridor through the heart of Livingston. Suddenly, we're starting to see a river trail system that Livingston can be proud of! Drawing inspiration from communities like Fernie BC, Jackson Hole, and Thompson Falls, MT, we too can create a natural amenity for all residents now and in the future. I believe that Livingston needs more river trails, additional in-town river access, and additional active transportation alternatives, and these needs will only become more acute as our community expands. Park County, please support the footbridge! |
| 11/19/2021 | Howard Williams - Livingston | Access to proximal public land for recreation purposes is a very important issue in Livingston. I suspect improved access to public land will have a positive economic impact and I am certain it will have a positive impact on the quality of life for Livingston residents. Please support the Mayor's Landing bridge project. |
| 11/19/2021 | Emily Raymond - Livingston | I am writing in favor of the walking bridge. It is a great way to connect walking paths in our community and increase accessibility to exercise! This would add great value to Livingston! |
| 11/19/2021 | Robin Barker - Livingston | Hello! I'd just like to add some words of support for the proposed bridges across the Yellowstone and Flishman creek. A pedestrian bridge over the Yellowstone at Mayor's Landing would be a huge asset to pedestrians, cyclists and emergency vehicles. From a personal standpoint, it is incredibly attractive in that it would connect the Myers river view trail, and provide a valuable link to future trails that we hope to see in the flats adjacent to the freeway. Any opportunities that we can support in order to promote active, healthy lifestyles and promote the use of bikes over vehicles benefit our entire community! I would love to see a bike lane on the bridge if it comes to fruition, as I believe that the transportation benefits of biking are of equal value to the health benefits of encouraging people to walk. I'm excited for this opportunity and hope to ride across it (them) someday soon! |
| 11/19/2021 | Ann Gannon - Livingston | I like the idea of bridges for the purposes of connecting different parts of town. I walk many days along the river and would love to be able to cross over. Thank you. |
| 11/21/2021 | Bjorn Anderson - Livingston | As a Livingston resident I support the idea of pursuing the Mayor's Landing footbridge. This would be a huge benefit to our community and an important part of creating a more extensive trail system in our community. As our community grows I strongly believe that trails and green spaces will be an important part of maintaining a healthy community. |
| 11/19/2021 | Andrew Mitchell - Livingston | I'd like to submit my support for bridges dedicated to active transportation (bike/pedestrian) across the Yellowstone River and Flishman's Creek in the Mayor's Landing area. If one or both are designed to carry emergency services traffic on a rare occasion that's fine, however I hope they are not designed to carry routine vehicle traffic with active transportation as an aside. Thank you. |
| 11/22/2021 | Katie Smith - Livingston | Hope your week is off to a good start. I'm reaching out because a friend reached out to let me know about the proposed Mayor's Landing Bridges across the Yellowstone and Flishman's Creek. I'm not sure if it's too late, but I support these as vital connections for our trail system. They have important implications for the connectivity of our community, our ability to get outside safely, and receiving the many physical and mental health benefits of getting outside. Please let me know how I can support this effort. I'm happy to attend meetings, write letters, make phone calls, or anything else that might be helpful. Thanks for your work and commitment to our community! |

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| 12/8/2021 | Chris & Posi Beaudin - Livingston | I am definitely in favor of building both of these walking bridges for Livingston! There seems to be more and more young families moving to town, more people getting out and recreating around town, which is awesome to see! The Q street bridge connects those East side neighborhoods with the dog park, without them having to drive around to the other side, making that a good environmental move. I would also love to see the bigger bridge built across the Yellowstone, connecting Mayer's landing with the "Hospital " park (?) Bozeman has a remarkable trail system throughout the city, as we know, which I believe is a huge draw for families and or businesses to locate there. So, building bridges is also good for the economic growth of Livingston! 😊 Thanks for the work you're doing to improve our great little community's well-being! |
| 12/8/2021 | Mike Healy - Livingston | Just wanted to let you know that I greatly support the proposed bridge over the Yellowstone as well as the one at freshman's creek. I will use both of these in many recreational (dog related) activities. |
| 12/10/2021 | Jon Whiting - Livingston | I am against the proposed bridges. These will create a liability for the city as well as future maintenance expenses. It is a total waste of time, effort and money. |
| 12/11/2021 | KJ Schretenthaler - Livingston | I am writing in support of building the Yellowstone Bridge at Mayor's Landing and the Fleshman Creek bridge on the east side of Livingston. Both would enhance exercise and recreational opportunities for our community members and the Fleshman Creek bridge would improve safety for children walking or biking to school. Thank you for your consideration! |
| 12/13/2021 | Joe Kmetz - Livingston | I am writing to express my support for obtaining funding for and constructing a bridge over Fleshman Creek to be used by bicyclists and pedestrian traffic. This would greatly enhance the needed trail system for our community. I would also like to stress the importance for incorporating bicycle usage in the design of the crossing. |
| 12/13/2021 | Matt Ridgeway - Livingston | Our household is all IN FAVOR of the proposed bridges. Looking forward to seeing this move forward!! |
| 12/13/2021 | Wendi Urie - Livingston | I am writing to lend support for the proposed Yellowstone River and Fleshman Creek bridges proposal. As a Livingston resident I utilize Mayor's Landing, Meyers River Trail, the Old Boulder Road and the BLM land extensively. They form central routes for exercising myself and our dog. The new bridge proposals would open even more opportunities walking, running or biking. I am especially in favor of a single span bridge over the Yellowstone River to reduce safety hazards to boaters on the river. Thank you for working to create for Park County an exceptional trail system. |
| 12/14/2021 | Albert Pendergrass - Livingston | I am writing to voice my support for both of the pedestrian bridge project under consideration. While I think both are important, if funding is only available for one or the other, I believe the bridge over the Yellowstone is of higher value to the community. |
| 12/14/2021 | Marty Malone - Pray | Via text to Commissioner Berg: It appears the Commission intends on building a bike bridge over the river while the county roads receive no attention. |
| 12/14/2021 | Jo Newhall - Livingston | I am writing in support of the pedestrian bridges you are working on. I believe the more trails our community has the healthier we as a community will be! I will always support more trails here! Thank you for all your work! |
| 12/15/2021 | Jessica Haas - Livingston | I would like to extend my support as a citizen of Livingston, Montana for the Yellowstone River and Fleshman Creek pedestrian bridges. Increasing the opportunities for human power transportation is crucial for the health and well being of our community. Being able to safely and efficiently access the current Meyer's river trails from downtown Livingston will be a great benefit to children and citizens who may feel uncomfortable biking or walking with the heavy and fast moving traffic along hwy 89. This will also provide an opportunity to walk and bike further without having to be subjected to exhaust fumes along the busier road as well, as well as providing the opportunity for more children to walk to school. These pedestrian/biking bridges fit in well with the possibility of expanding biking and walking trails up onto Meyer's bench. Providing access to the Meyer's bench and river trail areas from downtown will help alleviate increases in traffic and parking needs on the south side of the river, an area that already is increasingly seeing pedestrian and bike usage. Thank you for your time and consideration. |