Task Force Policy Recommendations

- Policy founded on safety and visual sightlines
- Low vegetation and horizontal sightline clearance
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Vegetation
- 2.5ft maximum height above traffic circle curb
- No prescribed plant list – performance-based criteria

Trees
- Keep existing and new ones allowed with City Forester approval
- Trees limbed up to 7’ within circle
- If trunk >20 inches City implements traffic calming measures

Regular Maintenance
- Volunteers continue to maintain via Adopt-a-Spot
- City maintains orphaned circles
Task Force Program Recommendations

Community Common Space Stewardship Program

- Modeled after Oakland’s successful “Adopt a Spot”
- Formalize partnership between City and community volunteers
- Traffic Circles are one component of coordinated program
- Saves the City substantial maintenance costs

Missoula Adopt-a-Circle Google Map
Task Force Policy Aligns with COB Policies & Goals

Plans
- **General Plan** – “Encourage use of landscaped traffic circles to calm traffic in residential areas.”
- **Bicycle Plan** – 42 new traffic circles
- **Pedestrian Master Plan**
- **Climate Action Plan** – carbon capture, urban heat island cooling
- **Vision Zero**

Goals
- **Environmental Sustainability** - biodiversity, stormwater capture
- **Social Equity** – green space and trees in underserved neighborhoods
- **Civic Pride** – Community building and resilience
Berkeley Precedent for Trees – Bicycle Plan

- Appendix F
- Tree in Design Specification
- “Broad canopy tree”
Social Equity / Environmental Justice
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Policy Recommendation Next Steps

- Update 2012 “Traffic Circle-Planting Policy” to reflect Task Force recommendations
- Develop plan to update all traffic circles with standard safety signage and markings
- Communicate new Policy to community volunteers
- City and Task Force host a community traffic circle work day
- City budgets for and implements “Adopt a Spot” program