



Kalispell debates transportation fees

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The discussion over the much debated proposed transportation impact fees is continuing in Kalispell.

The city wants to generate \$17 million in impact fees to help pay for road construction costs, but many are concerned the rates are so high they will deter businesses from coming to Kalispell.

A Wal-Mart lawyer who attended a meeting held earlier this week said road impact fees will play a big part on whether or not another Wal-Mart builds in Kalispell.



Reporting from KAJ in Kalispell

Earlier this year, an attorney for developers of the large Glacier Town Center estimated his clients would have to pay between \$6 million and \$12 million in road fees.

"The rates that are presented are totally counterproductive in the benefit of getting people to build in the city of Kalispell" said Kalispell City Councilman Bob Hafferman.

The Impact Fee Committee is conducting a study on how the impact fees would affect business in Kalispell, and will work with the Montana Department of Transportation to find what the fees should be.



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