

## BOUNDARY AREA TRANSPORTATION TEAM

### MEETING NOTES/MINUTES

January 24, 2018

**Voting Members in Attendance:** Clint Kimball-Boundary County; Lisa Ailport-City of Bonners Ferry; John Nelson-City of Moyie Springs; Megan Sausser for William Roberson-ITD; Don Davis-Kootenai Tribe of Idaho; Carol Kunzeman-SPOT.

**Non-Voting Members in Attendance:** Commissioner Walt Kirby, Chair; Renee Nelson, Secretary; Dennis Weed, BEDC.

**Others in Attendance:** Susan Kiebert-LHTAC; Dan Coonce-LHTAC; David Sims-City of Bonners Ferry; Ben Ward-ITD; Brian Scrimsher-Avista; Jen Lanaville-NLI; George Eskridge; Marty Martinez.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Walt Kirby at 1:40 pm at the Bonners Ferry Visitor Center.

Chairman Kirby asked all present to introduce themselves and then Chairman Kirby proceeded with the meeting.

1. **(MSU Nelson/Kimball/)** The proposed Minutes from September 27, 2017 joint meeting were approved.

2. **New Business**

**George Eskridge-Mobility** explained to members the Surplus Eliminator Funds and dispersement of funds. Percentages allotted for ITD (50%) and LHTAC (remaining 50% split at 60 ITD and 40 LHTAC) was discussed. LHTAC received 151 applications for these funds and the fact that the Surplus Eliminator Funds is not enough for the applications.

**Dan Coonce-LHTAC** continued the discussion regarding Strategic Initiatives Applications-80 applications=\$56 million in funding needs. Posting of ranking will be available on the LHTAC website. The Child Pedestrian Safety Program had 71 applications=\$12 million in funding needs with only \$800,000 being available. He went on to explain application process and reapplying or revising applications for the next cycle. Any jurisdiction not ranking for funding this time can ask for a debrief of the application for future reference. HE stated there is little money but lots of need.

He also informed members that Odo Grande's last day with LHTAC is February 2, 2018, as he is moving onto to pursue other opportunities. His position will be posted to be filled and in the interim Megan Kautz will be acting Resident Engineer.

He briefly mentioned the Sign Retro reflectivity Kits available from LHTAC.

**Susan Kiebert-LHTAC** updated all members that the safety study regarding the 129,000 Rule done for the City of Moyie Springs is now available and the results will be going to the City. The SafetytFest-Northwest being held in Post Falls, February 21-23, 2018 and is available for registration. All classes are free. She presented a brochure regarding this for those interested.

**Renee Nelson-BATT** Secretary then discussed 2018 Designee appointments. City of Moyie Springs, Boundary County, Kootenai Tribe of Idaho, City of Bonners Ferry designees and alternates remained the same. ITD will be completing their form, as will SPOT.

Members then discussed possible additional non-voting members. Brian Scrimsher-Avista; Jen Lanaville-NLI; and Serena Carlson, BNSF were all suggested to become non-voting members. Members agreed unanimously with this. Secretary Nelson also informed members that Dianna Ellis with the Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge had asked to step down from being a non-voting member due to conflicts and so she will update the By-Laws to reflect all of this.

**Lisa Ailport-City of Bonners Ferry** updated members that JUB Engineers is working on their Transportation Plan. Phase 3 of the bike/ped plan was awarded to the City on January 15, 2018 by the National Association of Realtors for bike/pedestrian plans. She also explained the public involvement that JUB will be conducting-interviews and surveys- starting on the website Monday. The survey takes 5 to 10 minutes and asks 12 questions. There will be an online comment section where a road can be picked and leave a comment. An Open House/public involvement is forthcoming. She then informed members of the Community Builders Technical Assistance Grant for a corridor study on Hwy 95 on the south hill they city is applying for. She mentioned if there was community support a letter would be appreciated. BATT Members voiced support of the project and a motion was made/seconded and unanimously approved (MSU Kimball/Nelson) to provide a support letter for this grant application. Secretary Nelson said a letter would be prepared for the City. Commissioner Kirby said he would take this information to the Commission Board also.

**3. Construction Information –**

**Brian Scrimsher with Avista** was present. He discussed the Hwy 95 Project regarding main lines that need moved or changed. Phase 1 requires Phase 2 work prior to be completed prior to Phase 1. Contact information was made available.

**Jen Lanaville with NLI** was present. She mentioned that NLI was watching the Black Mountain Slide, trying to be prepared.

**4. Jurisdictional Updates**

**Boundary County-Clint Kimball** updated members on projects for 2018. The county will be constructing the new Caribou Creek Bridge and the new Snow Creek Bridge. Hopefully the Kootenai Trail-Atkins Canyon slide repair will be completed. Continued work on Meadow Creek-Moyie River Road prior to chip sealing in 2019/2020.

**Kootenai Tribe of Idaho-Don Davis** mentioned continued work on the Tribe's road system. Improvements to Black Mountain, Little Bear, continuation of Frontier Village Rd off the end portion of the county road. Data collection on the entire road system is still in process.

**City of Bonners Ferry** – informed members that Kris Larson will be retiring as City Clerk in March.

**BEDC-Dennis Weed** – updated members on the 30 year lease agreement for bike/walking trails off of Kootenai Trail Road that was signed. It covers 1200-1300 acres. He also mentioned the possibility of 600 acres to lease from the Idaho Department of Lands is in the works.

**City of Moyie Springs-John Nelson**-commented he was plowing snow.

**SPOT-Carol Kunzeman** informed all administration changes were coming. Marion Johnson is retiring and possibly Cliff Warren. Ridership is still up, especially with trips to Bonner County 2 times a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**ITD-Ben Ward** updated all the Alderson Ln to Kootenai River Bridge Phase is going to bid late February 2018, construction in 2018 & 2019. Discussion followed regarding bid requirements and the time frame to complete the work.

**ITD-George Shutes** was unable to make the meeting due to the storm. However, he gave the following update to Secretary Nelson to present: ITD would like to inform members that ITD has installed an LED flashing light at the 35 MPH sign at Naples slide MP 498 on the south bound lane and will be installing a LED flashing at the 35 MPH in the north bound lane when the storm subsides. The flashing beacons they had prior to the LED lights did not reflect enough and these LED lights are an improvement.

**Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge-Dianna Ellis** was not able to make the meeting but emailed Secretary Nelson that things were continuing at the Refuge though they were shut down on Monday. All buildings and rest rooms were closed to the public. Visitors were still allowed to use the trails and auto tour route. She is catching up on projects.

No further updates from jurisdictions were presented.

5. **Public Comment** – no public comment.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*S/Renee Nelson*

Renee Nelson, BATT Secretary