

BOUNDARY AREA TRANSPORTATION TEAM

MEETING NOTES/MINUTES

November 28, 2018

Voting Members in Attendance: Clint Kimball-Boundary County; John Nelson-City of Moyie Springs; John Youngwirth-City of Bonners Ferry; David Sims-SPOT; William Roberson-ITD.

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

Others in Attendance: George Shutes, ITD; Lisa Ailport-City of Bonners Ferry; Marty Martinez; David Suhr-DEA; Stephen Howlett; Riannon Zender, JUB; Bill Irwin, BCSD101.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kirby at 1:30 pm at the Bonners Ferry Visitor Center.

Chairman Kirby asked for introductions and all present did so. Chairman Kirby proceeded with the meeting.

1. **(MSU Nelson/Youngwirth)** The proposed Minutes from October 24, 2018 meeting were approved as distributed.

2. **New Business**

Susan Kiebert-LHTAC—Secretary Nelson informed members that Ms. Kiebert had an unexpected meeting and was unable to attend. Ms. Kiebert asked that Secretary Nelson pass on to members that a Legislative update meeting will take place in December with time, date and place to be determined. Secretary Nelson also related to members that Don Davis, KTOI was unable to attend, and Representative Dixon had also emailed his regrets that he would be out of town and unable to attend.

Bill Roberson-ITD updated members on the following:

- Bonners Ferry Maintenance Crew is in winter operations.
- MP 498 repair is scheduled for construction in FY2019.
- Elmira turn bay illumination is now up.
- ITD is looking at the intersection at West Elmira regarding safety/left turning traffic-fatalities/signage improvements per a request from Representative Dixon.
- US 95 Labrosse Hill to Alderson Ln project has been moved to FY22 due to Right of Way acquisition problems.
- Various Railroad Crossing projects are upcoming and railroad signage changes.
 - Signage change regarding cross bucks, same sign post and a reflective strip
 - Ida Shields will be gone by 12-31-2018.
 - Receiving some information from BNSF
 - UPRR has some huge personnel changes and are awaiting information from them
- ITD District 1 has a new Traffic Engineer, Nathan Herbst. Ben Ward has moved to materials with District 1.
 - Nathan Herbst will continue working with City of Moyie Springs regarding Roosevelt Rd/US 2 intersection-flashing beacon/signage. LHTAC/ITD/City of Moyie Springs are working to find a solution.

- Bonners Ferry ITD Maintenance George Shutes and crew will be brushing near this intersection on the SE quadrant next week.

David Suhr-DEA (David Evans and Associates) updated members:

- US 95 project is working on a common utility trench and plans to be done by end of December.
- Walking path on the west side of US 95 had been temporarily paved through a change order with ITD
- The new sidewalk is now open. City of Bonners Ferry will be maintaining the sidewalk.

Renee Nelson, BATT Secretary asked members to discuss any funding applications being submitted that members would like support letters from BATT for.

- Riannon Zender, JUB, presented members with the City of Bonners Ferry's "Garden Lane Extension" Children Pedestrian Safety project being submitted. This will be for a painted crosswalk and signage as the Eisenhower Street/US 95 intersection for pedestrians and bicyclists. There is coordination regarding the project already in process with ITD. They have received support from ITD, the Boundary County School District, and Boundary Economic Development Council and are asking BATT members for support also. BATT will provide a support letter. (MSU-Nelson/Kimball).
- Ms. Zender then presented the information for the City of Bonners Ferry's Surface Transportation Program Rural "Kaniksu Street-Chinook Street" project application. This project would work to accommodate all modes of transportation-bicyclists, pedestrians and vehicles at the hospital intersections as this is a challenge. Secretary Nelson reminded members that the STP Rural applications need to be ranked along with providing a support letter. She asked if any other jurisdictions were submitting STP Rural applications, and as none were, Chairman Kirby asked for a motion to be made. A motion was made, seconded and unanimous (Nelson/Kimball) to rank the City's application 1 of 1 and to provide a letter of support.
- Clint Kimball, Boundary County, presented members with an overview of the "Naples Elementary School Children Pedestrian Safety Improvements project" being proposed. Improvements to sidewalks, signage, crosswalks and parking areas is being proposed to make safer conditions for children in conjunction with logging trucks, school busses and local traffic.
- He continued with the Local Strategic Initiatives Program "Tobe Way-Plato Drive Improvement Project" being proposed. This would be a paved all season road along with a designated pedestrian/bicycle path and crosswalks/flashing beacon signage. This would help the safety of the pedestrians and bicyclists going to and from Yoder's, the Log Inn, the new RV Park with cabins and the local residences. This area is growing and the impact on all modes of transportation need to see some safety measures put in place. BATT will provide support letters for both projects. (MSU-Youngwirth/Nelson).
Secretary Nelson stated she would contact each jurisdiction regarding the support letters.

3. **Construction Information** – No utilities were present.

4. **Jurisdictional Updates**

City of Bonners Ferry –John Youngwirth shared the City is working on winter preparations.

No further updates from jurisdictions were presented.

5. **Public Comment** –

- **Marty Martinez** asked about the repair at Naples slide. ITD's Bill Roberson explained the repair at the slide area is US 95, MP 498 repair, would be next year, starting when conditions allow. The bid has been awarded to Contractor-N. A. Degerstrom, Inc.
Discussion followed by Marty Martinez and members regarding the upcoming County Schoolhouse Rd project and the US 95/Schoolhouse intersection for safety improvements. The ITD and County Railroad Crossing project was also discussed.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm. (Youngwirth/Nelson).

Respectfully Submitted,

S/Renee Nelson

Renee Nelson, BATT Secretary