

BOUNDARY AREA TRANSPORTATION TEAM

MEETING NOTES/MINUTES

February 28, 2018

Voting Members in Attendance: Clint Kimball-Boundary County; John Youngwirth-City of Bonners Ferry; William Roberson-ITD; Carol Kunzeman-SPOT.

Non-Voting Members in Attendance: Commissioner Walt Kirby, Chair; Renee Nelson, Secretary; Dennis Weed, BEDC; Jen Lanaville-NLI; Serena Carlson-BNSF.

Others in Attendance: Susan Kiebert-LHTAC; Damon Allen-ITD; George Shutes-ITD; David Sims-City of Bonners Ferry; Lisa Ailport-City of Bonners Ferry; Mike Meier-BC Emergency Management Director; George Eskridge; Marty Martinez; Shawn Metts-HMH; Jesse Herndon-HMH; David Suhr-DEA; Tony Butler-DEA.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Walt Kirby at 1:30 pm at the National Guard Armory Conference Room.

Chairman Kirby asked for introductions from those present. All present introduced themselves and then Chairman Kirby proceeded with the meeting.

1. **(MSU Kimball/Kunzeman)** The proposed Minutes from January 24, 2018 were approved as distributed.

2. **New Business**

Susan Kiebert-LHTAC reminded members that ERF Round 5 (Emergency Relief Funding) application deadline is February 28, 2018. LHTAC 2018 project application rankings should be available in about a week. Applicants should be receiving letters shortly. There are T2 classes available in Coeur d'Alene this spring. Strategic Initiatives/Surplus Eliminator legislation has passed so those funds will now be available for distribution to those jurisdictions who were successful in submitting applications. If a jurisdiction applied and did not receive award, they can request a debrief from LHTAC to determine resubmission of the existing application or submit a new application based on suggestions from the debriefing. There were many more applications received than available funding.

George Eskridge presented updates on the following legislative bills:

HB496 which moves the supervision of the ITD Director from the ITD Board to the Governor.

SB 1283 which bans the use of electronic devices (cell Phones) while driving.

HB 389 which creates one speed for all vehicles on Idaho Roads, eliminating the lower limits for trucks.

HB 471 which prohibits any vehicle from travelling below the posted speed in the left lane on an access controlled Roadway;

HB599 which lessens driving without a license classification from a misdemeanor to an infraction.

(MSU Youngwirth/Kunzeman) BATT will write a letter to our area legislators stating our opposition to HB496.

Damon Allen-ITD updated all on the US 95 Stage 1 & 2. Apparent low bidder was Goodfellow, Inc. 5 bids were submitted and all below engineer's estimate. Dave Suhr and Tony Butler with DEA will provide the CE & I. **Bill Roberson-ITD** continued update. Project will be in 2 phases. No start date yet, Pre-construction meeting prior to start. He continued with updates for the spring 2018: Echo Dr Project a mill and overlay with Wood's Crushing and Hauling as the Contractor. Seal coat projects for 2018 from the end of MP 515 north to MP 521 at the jct with SH 1. MP 498 slide area repair is still in process. They have a template and are looking at solutions. Right of Way acquisition is needed. At Roosevelt and Blume Hill, widening, turn bays and lights are scheduled for FY23. Damon Allen informed members that District 1 will be getting the stripper machine back. District 1 will have to perform some stripping in District 6, Salmon area, and then be able to care for District 1. He gave a short update of 129,000 concerns for City of Moyie Springs. Discussion followed regarding concerns.

3. **Construction Information** – Brian with Avista was not present.

Jen Lanaville-NLI said no new projects at present. They are watching Black Mountain slide area with concern. Mike Meier, Emergency Management Director informed all that they had flown a drone over the area and it is stable above the Cabinet Mountain Water System. All present felt that was a good news.

4. **Jurisdictional Updates**

City of Bonners Ferry – Lisa Ailport informed members that the City is working with JUB on the City's Transportation Plan. The on-line survey is still open and is located on the City's website. The Technical Advisory Committee working on the plan has their first meeting scheduled for March 21, 2018 and a public involvement meeting is scheduled for late April. She thanked BATT for the support letter for the City's Community Builders Technical Assistance Grant and the City's application has been submitted and all are hoping it ranks well. They will receive notice in March. The City's Transportation Plan is scheduled to be completed in Fall of 2018. Damon Allen mentioned that the Transportation Study will help regarding the light at Alderson Lane.

ITD-George Shutes informed members they will be adding temporary stripping to the MP 498 slide area.

Boundary County-Clint Kimball updated members with project for 2018. Deep Creek Loop MP 1.1 slide area looks like it will be able to be repaired this year, as different funding source is being pursued. JUB has been selected to begin design on the LHSIP Crossport/Cow Creek Guardrail project. Boundary County Road & Bridge crew will be installing new bridges at Snow Creek and Caribou Creek on Lions Den Road. FEMA damage sites are still being completed and approval for repairs to Kootenai Trail-Atkins Canyon is hopefully almost done. Shawn Metts, HMM, is beginning design for the Deep Creek Loop overlay project (Lions Den Road north to US 95). Load limits are in effect on most county roads.

Serena Carlson-BNSF informed members that BNSF is planning a double track across Pend O'Reille. The Public Comment is open. She then explained lead agencies involved and the permitting process BNSF is going through. They are planning on a mid May Public Meeting.

Don Davis-KTOI was not able to be present, however, he provided Secretary Nelson with an update. Kootenai Tribe of Idaho is moving ahead for design and construction of Little Bear Road and Three Moon Drive at the Tribal village and improvements to the first three hundred feet of Chiqui Road, located at the end of Frontier Village Road) this summer.

Mike Meier-Emergency Management Director informed members that any business or jurisdiction located along US 95 that does not have a Shelter Plan in place can obtain a template from him for this. He presented to all what the plan covers.

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

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

S/Renee Nelson

Renee Nelson, BATT Secretary