

BOUNDARY AREA TRANSPORTATION TEAM

MEETING NOTES/MINUTES

April 24, 2019

Voting Members in Attendance: Clint Kimball-Boundary County; John Youngwirth-City of Bonners Ferry; David Sims-SPOT; Don Davis-Kootenai Tribe of Idaho; Bill Irwin, BCSD 101.

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

Others in Attendance: Susan Kiebert-LHTAC; Justin Shaw-HMH; Wally Cossairt-Boundary County Commissioner; Lisa Ailport-City of Bonners Ferry; Tony Butler-DEA; George Eskridge-Mobility; Matt Hall-HMH; John Moss-BC P&Z; Kristin Metke-NLI; Alex Hall-HMH; Jim Thompson-ITD Board Member District 1; Nancy Lewis-SPOT.

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 Kimball/Davis)** The proposed Minutes from the March 27, 2019 meeting were approved as distributed.
2. **New Business**

Susan Kiebert-LHTAC –reminded members that the 2019 Innovation Award application period was open for jurisdictions to submit an idea that provides a more cost effective method for road or bridge maintenance.

 - She also reminded members about the LHTAC Photo Contest for completed projects
 - Build Grant is opening for applications
 - A comment period is open for jurisdictions to note any change they would find helpful to applications
 - She introduced Kristin Metke, in engineering for Northern Lights

George Eskridge-Mobility presented Legislative updates to members:

- Session has adjourned
- SB 1063 did not pass, drop in revenue estimate is a concern
- HB 167 designated trucking route, \$5 for every permit for engineering study. 129,000 design local jurisdiction had paid for engineering study
- HB 292 single highway district-combine county and city-at weighs and means committee
- SB 116 provides for study-passed
- SB 1201 ISP funding from Transportation to General Fund, passed, phased out by 5 yrs

Susan Kiebert-LHTAC updated members on the LHTAC Board Tour. Tour will be in September and will be touring project areas. Currently working on schedule. Board members will be coming on tour and be able to visit with jurisdictions at a social or luncheon. More updates as plans finalize.

Ms. Kiebert then introduced new District 1 ITD Board Member, Jim Thompson, to those present. He presented a brief overview of his experience. Mr. Eskridge elaborated on this overview to inform members of the experience Mr. Thompson brings to all of us.

ITD member Bill Roberson was not able to be present, however, **Tony Butler, DEA** (David Evans & Associates) presented a US 95 update:

- Working on widening of road for next phase
- May 2nd paving and stripping
- construction to being on west side first
- May 6th starting at Madison, night work along with day time work
- May 3rd lane restriction of 11 feet beings
- Wednesdays, 3 - 6 move wide loads through

3. Construction Information – Brian Scrimsher-Avista updated members that Avista was done with the phase of US 95 project.

Kristin Metke, Northern Lights updated members that installing new services was keeping NLI busy.

4. Jurisdictional Updates

City of Bonners Ferry-John Youngwirth updated members he was working on a project on Deep Creek Loop at the Gold Course with Road & Bridge to install storm drains prior to the county's overlay project.

City of Bonners Ferry Administrator, Lisa Ailport then updated members on the Garden Lane extension project being in final plan phase.

- The city's FLAP application for Riverside Rd Improvement had been submitted and they were waiting for result.
- The new Gateway to Bonners Ferry sign is being installed and this is part of the Selkirk International Loop grant and should be done by May 1st.
- Pool remodel is in process and should open the 2nd week of June.
- Plans are for a splash pad if awarded.

Boundary County-Clint Kimball updated members busy with mud/slides/ and restoring roads.

- Kootenai Trail-Atkins Canyon project ready to start phase 2 and erosion control.
- Ruby Cr BR #2 waiting for ITD analysis after repair
- Ruby Cr BR #3 is being reviewed as it's structure is similar to #2 bridge
- Deep Creek Loop 20215 project from Lions Den Rd north to US 95 junction is proceeding through engineering.
- UP Railroad siding and dedication of new county road is scheduled for this year. Updating plans so that turning radius for 53' trailers is achieved out of driveways.
- Grinding and then chip seal on Meadow Creek/Moyie River Rd final 5 miles of gravel where grindings were placed will be done this year as part of the LRHIP award.
- Goodfellow Bros, contractor for US 95 project is allowing Road & Bridge some of the grindings from the project and these will be placed on the final lift to Mirror Lake Rd.
- ITD, Jerry Wilson, coordinated with Road & Bridge to obtain more sand from their Eileen pit to be used for traction sand again.

SPOT-David Sims updated members 3 new buses coming and 1 will be for Boundary County. Expanding territory to Three Mile Area and Paradise Valley Area. Hoping to expand even more next year.

Kootenai Tribe of Idaho-Don Davis mentioned a funding notice was received from the Federal government regarding safety funds available to the Tribe. Feasibility study for Twin Rivers Road will include county portion also. May through October is heavy traffic for the road with 20,000 trips per year.

BCSD101-Bill Irwin mentioned no new updates. School ends June 6th this year.

BEDC-Dennis Weed updated members he was working with Verizon to ensure service is good. Issues No further updates from jurisdictions were presented.

5. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm. (Youngwirth/Kimball).

Respectfully Submitted,

S/Renee Nelson

Renee Nelson, BATT Secretary