

BOUNDARY AREA TRANSPORTATION TEAM

MEETINGS NOTES/MINUTES

June 22, 2016

Voting Members In Attendance: Clint Kimball-Boundary County, Tim English-City of Bonners Ferry, George Shutes-ITD.

Non-Voting Members in Attendance: Commissioner Walt Kirby- Chair, Renee Nelson- Secretary.

Others in Attendance: Dan Coonce-LHTAC, Don Davis-KTOI, Dianna Ellis- Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge, Kelsey Mackey-Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge, John Moss-Boundary County Planning and Zoning, Dennis Weed-Boundary Economic Development Council, Serena Carlson-Carlson Strategic Comm..

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

1. (MSU Kimball/Ellis) The Proposed Minutes from May 25, 2016 were approved as distributed.
2. New Business

Dan Coonce-LHTAC: Updated those present that the upcoming Safety-Fest is scheduled for February 2017 in Post Falls, Idaho. Many courses offered and it is free. The TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) applications have been reviewed, rated and will be discussing ratings to be programmed for next update.

3. Construction Information  
There were no utilities present.

4. Jurisdictional Updates

City of Bonners Ferry-Tim English explained the Augusta Street Project had begun. KG & T Septic & Excavation, Bonners Ferry, Idaho, was the awarded contractor.

Boundary County-Clint Kimball explained that the Ruby Creek Bridge #2 project is now proceeding to the process of selecting a Consultant for Project Design. Request for Information packets are being sent to Consulting Firms. Brushing and ditch work is in progress on Porthill Loop in preparation for chip sealing. ITD's Bridge Department has approved the work completed on the Myrtle Creek Bridge and has issued a letter to Boundary County allowing the weight limit signs to be removed from the bridge. George Shutes, ITD commented on the good job Road & Bridge did brushing and ditching on Deer Park Road.

ITD (Idaho Transportation Department) –George Shutes informed members that his crew would be brushing near Cedar Creek, Hwy 95 south of Deer Park Road, prep work for widening

jersey barrier. Bonners Ferry crew will be working with Sandpoint's crew-teaming up-to complete some projects. Beginning July 25<sup>th</sup> ITD will have a night shift when traffic is less to do and overlay pavement on Hwy 95 on the South Hill from Ash Street to Monroe Street. This is being done to assist the highway to last until the phased ITD project begins along the Highway 95.

Kootenai Tribe of Idaho-Don Davis mentioned the passing of Duane Saunders and the shock to the tribe. The annual update was sent to BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs). They will be working on the Safety Plan during the summer.

SPOT-was not present, however, mention was made that SPOT has now been to Moyie Springs.

Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge-Dianna Ellis, informed members that visitation is increasing steadily, and this increase is due in part from popularity of the Selkirk Loop. She introduced Kelsey Mackey who is with the Refuge as an intern from AmeriCorps for the summer.

ITD (Idaho Transportation Department) –Marvin Fenn was unable to attend, but sent updates for members. ITD has hired a Transportation Planner who will be available and work with the local jurisdictions. Members were informed that Idaho Forest Group has petitioned ITD to allow 129,000 pound trucks on Hwy 95 in Kootenai County, Bonner County and Boundary County. Discussion followed on procedures to review applications and jurisdictional input.

LHTAC-Dan Counce- informed members that upcoming LHTAC Workshops are being scheduled for October 11, 2016 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm in Sandpoint, and October 12, 2016 from 8:00 to 11:00 am in Coeur d'Alene. Application changes will be discussed, and hopefully some information presented by WFLD (Western Federal Lands).

BEDC-(Boundary Economic Development Council-Dennis Weed gave members an update as the new Director of BEDC. He explained there was a lot going on and he was getting up to speed.

5. Public Comment -Ken Blockhan, Jr was unable to attend, however, he presented Secretary Nelson with a list of questions and concerns to present to BATT members:

Q. In the area of Round Prairie the outside corner of the southbound lane has a roadway issue and wondered if a temporary fix would be done or if it is in a plan to fix this year?

A. George Shutes-ITD- answered that the project was postponed, however, he would look into temporary repairs.


Q. He expressed concern regarding an accident on Hwy 95 involving a Swift truck and broken glass. Why did ITD have it transported by 3 trucks instead of having the Solid Waste department bring a bin? He had notified Solid Waste of the accident.

A. George Shutes-ITD- explained it was not ITD that did the hauling, it was the wrecker and trucking company that coordinated and took care of all of the cleanup.

- Q. Regarding the potholes on Hwy 95 in the South Hill area, could signs for rough road and motorcycles use caution be installed? He had a safety concern about this.
- A. George Shutes-ITD-explained ITD used those type of signs when there is an abrupt lane edge. However, ITD is going to be doing an overlay, as discussed in the jurisdictional updates and also some dura patching in the area in question.
- Q. Comment from Ken Blockhan, Jr. that ITD did a good job on repairing the guardrail at Schoolhouse Rd and Hwy 95.
- Q. Questions regarding the slide area along Hwy 95 near Naples-the trees on the bank look like spears headed toward the roadway-What is the States focus on this part?
- A. George Shutes-ITD-it is in process to work on the area in question. It will be a cleaning project.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm. (MSU Kimball/English)

Respectfully Submitted,



Renee Nelson, BATT Secretary