

POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

MINUTES –MAY 17, 2016

APPROVED BY A MOTION JULY 19, 2016



Members Present: Councilman Larry Brewster, Ward 2; Commissioner Bill Kennedy, Board of County Commissioners; Darell Tunncliff, President, City/County Planning Board; Stefan Streeter, MDT District Office.

Staff Present: Commissioner John Ostlund; Candi Millar, Director, Planning & Community Services Department; Scott Walker, Transportation Planner, Planning & Community Services Department; Wyeth Friday, Lora Mattox, Transportation Planner; Planning Division Manager, Tammy Deines, Planning Clerk; Vern Heisler, Deputy Public Works Director; Tim Miller, Director, Yellowstone County Public Works Department.; Mike Black, Yellowstone County, Public Works Department

Conference Call Participants: Kenn Winegar, MDT Planning; Alan Woodmansey, FHWA

Others Present: Gary Neville, MDT; Tom Zurbuchen; Dennis Ulvestad, Evelyn Pyburn, Yellowstone County News; Mike Ferguson, Billings Gazette; Tonya Modershzki, KULR 8; Oscar Heinrich; Patrick Klugman; Andy Daleiden, Kittleson and Associates

1. Call to Order: Commissioner Reno called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m., Board of County Commissioners Board Room, Yellowstone County Courthouse

Commissioner Kennedy called the meeting to order in the Board of County Commissioners Board Room, welcomed everyone in attendance, and led the pledge to the American Flag.

2. Communication from the Audience

Commissioner Kennedy asked for communication from the audience. There was none.

3. Minutes of April 19, 2016- Councilman Brewster made a motion and Darryl Tunncliff seconded the motion to approve the April 19, 2016 meeting minutes as submitted. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

4. Old Business:

a. Motion/Approval 2015-2019 TIP Amendment III. Scott Walker, Transportation Coordinator Presenting.

INTRODUCTION

Federal regulations require that Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) review and update their Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP) periodically. Due to additional projects being added to the current 2015- 2019 TIP, the Billings MPO requires an amendment. This amendment will be called the 2015- 2019 TIP Amendment III. The

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projects that have been amended include a number of safety and overlay projects throughout our MPO area and the 1st Avenue North project. These projects are programmed into the MDT project funding and are not funded through local allocations.



Highlights of 2015-2019 TIP Amendment III

Listed below is an overview of the minor changes for the following projects:

- 4199 Billings Bypass – Five Mile Road
 - CN costs increased
- 6040: Zimmerman Trail
 - o RW moved from 2016 to 2017
 - o CN moved from 2017 to 2018
- 7972: I-90 Yellowstone River Billings
 - o PE increase
- 8036: Downtown State Signals
 - o RW added in 2016
 - o IC added in 2016
 - o CN decrease
- 8052: Roundabout King & 56th
 - o IC increase
- 8611: SF 129 – Roundabout Central & 56th
 - o PE increase
 - o IC moved from 2016 to 2017
 - o CN increase

New Projects:

- 9082: 1st Ave South – ADA (BLGS)
 - o All phase in 2016 for \$1,830,700
 - o Funded with Statewide CMAQ
 - o ADA Compliance funding bucket was reduced in 2016 since a project was nominated

Discussion

Discussion was held regarding the Billings ByPass construction cost increases and time frames. Right-of-way acquisition and construction has been moved back a year. Stefan Streeter explained MDT is waiting for design and right-of-way acquisitions.

There was question on the 27th –Street Signalization Project. Stefan Streeter said there are no changes to this projects and the right-of way issues will be addressed.

MOTION

Darryl Tunnicliff made a motion and it was seconded by Councilman Brewster to approve the 2015-2019 Amendment III as presented by staff. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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5. New Business:

5a. Presentation. Discussion. Airport Road & Main Street Intersection Study.

Wade Salyards, PE, MDT Project Manager; Andy Daleiden, PE, Consultant Project Manager, Kittelson & Associates, Inc.

Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) is kicking off a transportation study for the Airport Road and Main Street intersection. This study will investigate transportation alternatives to improve operations and safety for all users in the study area. This project consists of two phases: Phase 1 is the transportation study to identify the proposed project for design and construction. Phase 2 would include design and construction of the project.

The Airport Road and Main Street intersection is located roughly two miles northeast of downtown Billings, just north of MetraPark. The intersection's location is a critical junction for commuter, regional, and freight trips along the Airport Road and Main Street corridors. Designated as principal arterials, the two corridors connect recreation, residential neighborhoods (Heights West and East), low density commercial, and light industrial uses with downtown Billings and Interstate 90.



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Alternatives:

Alternative 1-No Build

Alternative 3B-Signalized Southwest Quadrant

Alternative 5B-Partial Displaces Left Turn (Southwest Quadrant)

Website: <http://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/blgairportmain/>

Public meetings will be held on May 18 and in June to gather feedback from the public and from the stakeholders. The final report will be developed in June and July. Staff will bring forward and update to this Committee in the early fall.

Discussion

Per request of Darryl Tunnicliff, Andy Daleiden explained the safety performance measures for double left and triple left turns. Darryl Tunnicliff asked about the impacts on this intersection when the Johnson Lane and new bridge is constructed. Andy Daleiden said the Billings Bypass Project traffic volumes and projected levels of service have been considered. Traffic volumes will be higher if the project is not moved forward. Stefan Streeter further clarified and said studies have shown this intersection will have issues with or without the Bypass projects. This study considers mitigation of this intersection in advance.

6. **OTHER BUSINESS**-There is no other business.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Approved by a motion on July 19, 2016.

