



Billings Technical Advisory Committee Approved Meeting Minutes—October 20, 2016

1. Call the meeting to order: Scott Walker called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Miller Building first floor conference room, 2825 3rd Avenue North, Billings, Montana.

Members Present:

Scott Walker, Transportation Planning Coordinator; Wyeth Friday, Interim Director, Planning & Community Services; Vern Heisler, Deputy Public Works Director; Terry Smith, City Traffic Engineer, Public Works-Engineering Division; Stan Jonutis, MDT-Billings

Others Present: Lora Mattox, Transportation Planner; Tammy Deines, Planning Clerk

Conference Call: Carol Strizich, MDT Statewide and Urban Planning

2. Public Comment: Scott Walker opened the public comment portion of the meeting and asked if there was anyone wishing to make a comment at this time. There was no public comment.

3. Minutes of August 4, 2016

The approval of the August 4, 2016 meeting minutes is delayed until the next scheduled meeting.

4. New Business:

4a Motion/Recommendation. Billings Community Transportation Safety Plan. Lora Mattox, Transportation Planner, presenting.

Ms. Mattox opened this agenda item and said this item was initiated last year in consideration of obtaining safety funds from MDT to look at a local Community Transportation Safety Plan.

Local Transportation Safety Plan

- Community led with MDT support
- Determine transportation safety issues in Billings using a data-driven approach
- Transportation safety from the 4E's approach:
 - Education
 - Enforcement
 - Engineering
 - Emergency Medical Services

Billings CTSP History-Applied/Received MDT assistance in 2015

Dowl Engineering selected as Consulting team, under MDT contract
Transportation Safety Advisory Committee developed
Crash data reviewed/Emphasis Areas Developed
Community Safety Summit – May
Review/Adoption

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Vision Statement and Emphasis Areas

Vision: “The Billings community will achieve zero fatalities and serious injuries through a culture of safety for all travelers.”

Emphasis Areas

Speed and Inattentive Driving
Unrestrained Occupants
Impaired Driving

Billings CTSP Review Schedule

TAC – October 20th
Planning Board Review – October 25th
Planning Board Action – November 9th
City Council Work Session – November 7th
City Council Meeting – November 28th
Commissioner Review – November 21st
Commission Action – November 29th
PCC – December 20th

Discussion

Wyeth Friday commented there may some good connections with the medical community that may help with the emphasis areas. Vern Heisler said he feels this is a good project and the Safety Summit went well. He noted the increase in highway deaths. Lora Mattox commented on the potential for a primary seat belt law through the legislature. Discussion followed on cell phone use while driving and means of enforcement. Scott Walker said the law enforcement agencies are in involved with moving this document forward. Carol Strizich said while other communities have worked toward safety measures Billings is the only community that has Adopted “Vision 0”.

Motion

Terry Smith made a motion and Vern Heisler seconded the motion to move to recommend to the governing bodies approval of the Billings Community Transportation Safety Plan as presented by staff. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

5. Other Business

Future Agenda Items

1. Community Transportation Survey updates
2. Incorporation of survey information in the Transportation Model and the 2017-18 Transportation Plan Update

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Adjournment: 10:31 a.m.

APPROVED BY A MOTION ON APRIL 6, 2017

