

Ed called meeting to order @ 11:30am

KRISTI DRAKE not here

Dec 6 meeting minutes

Zach 2nd,

Amber 1st

All in favor ... Unanimously

JANUARY 31, 2017 Meeting minutes

Ed -> 2nd page, the word "not" is "generally people do not come out ..." at end about public meeting for CIP.

Bike parking discussion → 6th paragraph, "however, their meeting time is at the same time as BPAC." To "its meeting time is at the same time as BPAC."

Jane moved to approve. Amber second.

All approved.

Jane → Future agenda item: How to provide better publicity and visibility of trails... observations. Informal, what is out there? Jane will lead...

Old Business:

Bike Parking → Kristi Drake is ill today. She will not be present.

Ed related that People for Bikes has agreed to move us forward in the next step in the process.

Jeff discussed that

Seeking \$5,000 of local funding; \$3,000 of funding is allocated.

Jane – how would? Who would? Jeff would prepare.

MOTION to advance to next stage on application → Jane

Amber, 2nd ...

Billings Associated of Realtors may want to

Downtown Billings Association (Business Improvement District) → quality of life committee

Put on grant as match ...

- Reconsider at this time

Facilities and parking ...

- May need to go to parking board.
- I will follow-up
- Jane to present to parking board

Committee to meet again

- Forward grant application to real estate
- To Amber

Motion to “move forward with full proposal for grant application.”

ALL IN FAVOR

Ed’s funding diagram ...

- Two different sources: CTEP funding sources
 - o Tally from MDT to add Billings and County
 - o Monies were allocated at different times than constructed, which make it difficult
 - o Can be difficult to know

Went back from 1992

CTEP was a huge, non-competitive, education

Replaced with Transportation Alternatives ..., much smaller pot of funding

There has been a drop off; this chart starts to get ... Billings / County combined

Billings through its Complete Streets programs ... even prior to Policy, they have been putting in Bike Lanes

Desired Bikeways ... based on different studies. The first five studies are a part of the Marathon Loop. These are items we want, but not funded. Very preliminary east-west 20 miles of Bicycle Boulevards ...

Jane → are they for bicycles only

Ed → there are a number of ways to create a “bicycle boulevard” network...

Priority connections ... (priority connections create) roughly \$8million over ten years. “This is Ed with a lot of assumptions.” It is ...

Physically constrained, Arterial

Gas tax, coal trust, private, resort tax (Montana Infrastructure Coalition)

- Prepared food, ...

- There are additional funding sources ...

Ed → Questions for BPAC:

- adjusting for inflation, verifying amounts ...
- Does this have value? –Ed
- Amber, “I would say so. Until you put numbers to things, you really can’t understand your needs.”
- Do these seem: Representing Lockwood → nothing there for Lockwood
 - How does this fit with Lockwood

Bikeway projects → easements in ditches, striping or better ...

- Get Lockwood connected to Billings with bikeways ...

Jane → Are you thinking about adding this to our annual report?

ANNUAL REPORT

To three entities → Planning Board, City Council and County Commissions

First year was BPAC, second year was “safety” and mentioned Federal funding has dropped off ...

- “Here are important things that every decision-maker in the community should know about.”
- Part is that it would light a fire or ...

Does it fit? It fits really well. Jane → a section at the end “envisioning” → here are projects that we would like to see place. It’s also specific. It will change and plans change. Where do we see the Committee guiding the process for the next ten years. These have priority and potential.

Amber ... we are not naïve that the funding is not there. We are trying to put it out there ... this is what we need for funding. Zach → overnight to flip a switch / ... may be dismissed out-of-hand if “aiming for the moon”.

Toss out ideas on funding alternatives → priorities

- Public / Private partnerships
- Promote partnering with hospitals and other sources of

Lockwood: “eventually it will have to be a solution” through Lockwood.

Future planning list → “Lockwood/Connector”

Proposal from Ed: Bike parking update, funding (big picture – where has it been, where would it be desirable), ... where does the funding come from ...? Land-use pays for it.

Ed said he is willing to take on the major burden ... Jane would be willing to look at with a fresh set of eyes.

Ed Ejournalled at 1:00pm