

# POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

MINUTES –JULY 18, 2017

APPROVED BY A MOTION SEPTEMBER 12, 2017

**Members Present:** (Chairman), Commissioner John Ostlund, Board of County Commissioners; Councilman Larry Brewster, Billings City Council, Ward 2; Stefan Streeter, MDT District Office; Planning Board President Darell Tunnickliff, Yellowstone County Planning Board, Ward IV.

**Staff Present:** Scott Walker, Transportation Planner, Planning & Community Services Department; Wyeth Friday, Director, Planning & Community Services Dept.; Lora Mattox, Transportation Planner; Mike Black, Yellowstone County Public Works Dept.

**Conference Call Participants:** Katie Potts, MDT Planning; Kenn Winnegar, MDT Planning; Carol Strizich, MDT Planning; Alan Woodmansey, FHWA

**Others Present:** Becky Bey, KLJ Engineering, Denis Pitman, Board of County Commissioners; Gary Neville, MDT; Evelyn Pyburn, Big Sky Business Journal

**1. Call to Order:** Commissioner Ostlund called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m., Board of County Commissioners Board Room, Yellowstone County Courthouse and welcomed everyone in attendance.

**2. Communication from the Audience:** There was none.

### **3. Minutes of June 20, 2017**

#### **Motion**

**Larry Brewster made a motion and it was seconded by Darrell Tunnickliff to approve the minutes of June 20, 2017. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.**

### **4. Old Business:**

- a. Motion. Separated Pedestrian Walkway on the Northeast Bypass:** Scott Walker, Transportation Planning Coordinator, opened this item with the background on the request by PCC at the June meeting. Due to the ongoing discussion about including a separated pedestrian walkway with the bridge construction project over the Yellowstone River as part of the Billings Bypass project, PCC has asked that this portion of the project be brought back to the governing bodies for public discussion and action. The Planning Board, Board of County Commissioners and the City Council discussed and acted favorably to include the separated pedestrian walkway and the cost associated with the Billings Bypass project. This concurrence will assist MDT on clarification and the desire of the governing bodies to include this addition to the bridge project. Stefan Streeter stated that since the EIS didn't include the separated walkway it was important to allow the decision to include a public process. The estimate is \$3.8 million for the construction, does not include indirect costs or inflation. Commission Ostlund agrees that the public process was important to clarify the project. Stefan Streeter motions: PCC concurs with the additional costs

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associated with the inclusion of a separated pedestrian walkway as part of the bridge construction portion of the Billings Bypass project and that the funds be included in the committed \$25 million or more by the MPO, seconded by Darrell Tunnickliff. **The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.**

**5. New Business** – There was no new business.

### **6. Other Business**

#### **6a. Gary Neville Retirement**

Stefan Streeter took a moment to acknowledge Gary Neville for his service, Gary is retiring August 18<sup>th</sup> and this will be his last PCC meeting. Stefan invited Gary up to say a few words. Gary stated that it has been a good ride and he will miss many things. Gary has been attending PCC meetings for the last 10 years but he is looking forward to retirement. Thanked everyone.

#### **Future Agenda Items:**

**Staff is currently preparing the 2018 Unified Planning Work Program and will spend August reviewing it with the governing bodies for action. Next meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2017.**

**Adjournment: 12:12 p.m.**

**Approved by a motion on September 12, 2017**

