

**Billings Technical Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes—DECEMBER 14, 2017**

1. Call the meeting to order: Scott Walker called the meeting to order at 10:34 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, Director, Planning & Community Services Dept; Vern Heisler, Deputy Public Works Director; Debi Meling, City Engineer; Public Works-Engineering Division; Erin Claunch, City Traffic Engineer, Tim Miller, Director, YC Public Works Dept.; Debra Hagel, Transit Planner, MET; Rod Nelson, MDT-Billings

Others Present: Lora Mattox, Transportation Planner

Conference Call: Katy Potts, MDT; Kenn Winegar, MDT; Carol Strizich, MDT

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 July 27 2017

Motion

Tim Miller made a motion and it was seconded by Debra Hagel to approve the minutes of July 27, 2017 as submitted. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

4. Old Business: There was no Old Business.

4. New Business:

4a Presentation. Motion/Recommendation 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program, (TIP), Scott Walker, Transportation Coordinator, presenting.

Scott Walker opened this agenda item and reviewed the Amendment #1 Highlights below.

2017-2018 TIP Amendment #1 Highlights

Interstate Maintenance Funding:

- West Billings Interchange – Pinehills Interchange: Moved to June 2018 letting
 - Previously in 2021

National Highway System Funding:

- *27th St. – 1st Ave S. to Airport: Moved to May 2019 letting
 - Previously in 2018
- Main St – Billings: Moved to February 2020 letting
 - Previously in 2018

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- *Billings Bypass –
 - Yellowstone River Bridge: Moved to May 2020 letting
 - Previously outside of 5-year program
 - PE Amendment has not been processed

National Highway Freight Program Funding:

- I-90 Yellowstone River Bridge: New funding source added to the project, \$32.8 million between the years 2021 & 2022

Bridge Program Funding:

- 2012 Scour Mitigation: Moved to November 2018 letting
 - Previously in 2021
- *I-90 Yellowstone River Bridges: no change to year; \$10,000,000 moved out of Bridge into Freight Program

Discussion/Comment

The amendment will change the way this project is funded. Funds will be moved into the freight funding source as it pertains to the bridge. In response to question by Wyeth Friday, Scott Walker stated all of the bridge project funding category will be changed to “freight” since I-90 is a freight corridor.

Highway Safety Improvement Program Funding:

- Billings Horizontal Curve Warning: Moved to March 2018 letting
 - Previously in 2019
- **Discussion/Comment**
Specific sites will be identified in the future.
- Roundabout King & 56th: Moved to February 2019 letting
 - Previously in 2017
- New Safety Projects:
 - UPN 9384 Frontage Road & Wise Lane Intersection – Installation of ITS intersection warning system on both roads warning vehicles on Frontage Road and vehicles on Wise Lane that a conflicting vehicle is present to mitigate intersection related crashes.
 - UPN 9420 Billings Area Safety Improvements – the following are within the MPO Planning boundary:
 - King Ave. E – Shoulder rumble strips on all curves and replace existing curve signing RP 1.7-2.1
 - Yellowstone River Rd – Replace existing chevrons with standard size chevrons at RP 3.6
 - Lake Elmo Drive – Install standard delineation through curve at RP 2.4

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- South Frontage Road (West of Sugar Ave) – Replace one directional large arrow with curve warning signs, speed advisory plaques & chevrons at RP 2.0
- Garden Ave – Corridor wide signing upgrade RP 0.0-1.4.
- Nahmis Ave – Install delineation through entire corridor
- Story Road – Replace/relocate curve warning signs with speed advisory plaques at RP 0.2
- UPN 9423 Billings District Safety Improvements – the following are within the MPO Planning boundary
 - Johnson Lane – Install panel delineation through curve at RP 1.2
 - Old Highway 312 – Install panel delineation through the entire cluster segment from RP 2.3-3.1
- UPN 9421 I-90 W King Ave Lighting – Install roadway lighting from top of the King Ave W Interchange bridge to the east and tie into S. Billings Blvd existing lighting (RP 445.9-446.4), install panel delineation on the median side between the two interchanges (RP 445.6-447.3)

Urban Pavement Preservation Funding:

- New Projects, 2019 letting at the earliest:
 - UPN 9501 South Frontage Road
 - UPN 9502 Shiloh Road
 - UPN 9503 Blue Creek Road
 - UPN 9504 Billings Boulevard
 - UPN 9505 King Ave E
 - UPN 9506 Hardin Road
 - UPN 9509 Grand – 24th to Zimmerman

*Denotes project with more than one funding source

Discussion

Per request of Wyeth Friday, clarification was given on the Garden Avenue Signage project. The King Avenue East Urban Preservation sidewalk project will be a build-out from Orchard to Jackson Street. The ROW Main Street Billings project will be added to the project list and the document. Rod Nelson gave an updated on the MDT project from Rockvale to Laurel, which is outside of the MPO area. The amendment will mover the Airport Road and Main Street PE project from the study recommendations to the design phase. Rod Nelson stated Right-of-way will have to be purchased for the Main Street Program Right-of-Way phasing project. This project will do pavement preservation and upgrade the corners to ADA standards. This amendment will be vetted through the governing bodies and heard by PCC in January 2018.

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Motion

Tim Miller made a motion and Debi Meling seconded the motion to move to approve the 2017-2021 TIP Amendment #1 as presented by staff. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Other Business:

Scott Walker stated this committee will meet after the first of the year to review project updates and the Transportation Plan update.

Adjournment: 11:00 a.m.

APPROVED BY A MOTION: JULY 19, 2018

