

POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

MINUTES –FEBRUARY 20, 2018

DRAFT-TO BE APPROVED BY A MOTION APRIL 17, 2018

Members Present: (Chairman), Commissioner John Ostlund, Board of County Commissioners; Mayor Bill Cole, City of Billings; 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 Department, Lora Mattox, Transportation Planner; Tammy Deines, Planning Clerk

Others Present: Becky Bey, KLJ

Conference Call: Carol Strizich, MDT Planning; Kenn Winegar, MDT Planning

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.

Motion

A motion was made by Mayor Cole and seconded by Mayor Cole to appoint Commissioner John Ostlund to serve as the PCC Chairman for the 2018 term. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

2. Communication from the Audience: Comments on items not on the agenda and requests to add items to future agendas. Comments on items on the nonpublic agenda items. There was none.

3. Election of 2018 Officers: Traditionally, this position is rotated annually between a City and a County representative. Mayor Cole asked to defer the Chairman's position for this year to Commissioner John Ostlund.

Per Commissioner Ostlund's request, Transportation Coordinator Scott Walker gave a brief synopsis of the Transportation Planning process related to the MPO. All transit or transportation related projects are reviewed by the governing bodies and finalized at PCC. Projects are initiated at the Transportation Advisory Committee and vetted through the City/County Planning Board, City Council and the Board of County Commissioners. PCC makes the final recommendation. Meetings are scheduled for the third Tuesday each month, depending on agenda items.

4. Minutes of November 19, 2017 (The December 19 2017 and January 16, 2018 meetings were cancelled).

Motion

Darell Tunnickliff made a motion and it was seconded by Stefan Streeter to approve the minutes of November 19, 2017. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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5. Old Business:

a. Motion. 2017-2021 TIP Amendment #1, Scott Walker, Transportation Coordinator.

Scott Walker opened this agenda item and gave an overview of the updates in this document.

Interstate Maintenance Funding:

I-90 Resurface - West Billings Interchange to Pinehills (Lockwood) Interchange:

Moved to June 2018 letting previously in 2021

National Highway System Funding:

- 27th St. – 1st Ave S. to Airport: Moved from 2018 letting to May 2019
- Main St: Moved from 2018 Letting to February 2020 Letting
- Billings Bypass – Yellowstone River Bridge: Moved to May 2020 letting (Previously outside of 5-year program)

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

Highway Safety Improvement Program Funding:

- Billings Horizontal Curve Warning: Moved to March 2018 letting previously in 2019
- Roundabout King & 56th: Moved to February 2019 letting previously in 2017

New Safety Projects:

- 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.
- King Ave. E – Shoulder rumble strips on all curves and replace existing curve signing
- Yellowstone River Rd – Replace existing chevrons with standard size chevrons
- Lake Elmo Drive – Install standard delineation through curve
- South Frontage Road (West of Sugar Ave) – Replace one directional large arrow with curve warning signs, speed advisory plaques & chevrons
- Garden Ave – Corridor wide signing upgrade
- Nahmis Ave – Install delineation through entire corridor
- Story Road – Replace/relocate curve warning signs with speed advisory plaques

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Billings District Safety Improvements:

- 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
- 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, install panel delineation on the median side between the two interchanges

Urban Pavement Preservation Funding:

2019 letting at the earliest:

- South Frontage Road
- Shiloh Road
- Blue Creek Road
- Billings Boulevard
- King Ave E
- Hardin Road
- Grand – 24th to Zimmerman

Discussion

Per request of Commissioner Ostlund, Stefan Streeter explained the proposed updates to the Interstate structure in the Yellowstone River Bridge project, which will be three lanes to Lockwood, and built to a 100-year status. In response to a question by Mayor Cole, he stated the Preservation Projects listed are mostly mill and overlay projects.

Motion

Mayor Cole made a motion and it was seconded by Darell Tunnicliff to forward a recommendation of approval of the 2017-2021 TIP Amendment #1 as presented by staff. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

6. New Business

6a. Motion. Adoption of the MDT Safety Targets, Scott Walker, Transportation Coordinator, presenting.

Scott Walker explained that as a part of the Safety Plan, staff has identified safety targets they would like to achieve. The rates in the table below are goals in the Performance Measures. He said the MPO’s adoption of these goals will make Billings a safer place to travel.

National Performance Measure	2018 Target 5-Year Average
Number of Fatalities	192.6
Fatality Rate per 100 million VMT	1.527
Number of Serious Injuries	925.2
Serious Injury Rate per 100 million VMT	7.338
Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities & Serious Injuries	72.5

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Stefan Streeter made a motion and it was seconded by Mayor Cole to adopt the 2018 MDT Safety Targets as presented by staff. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

5a. Announcement: The next PCC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, 2018.

Future Agenda Items: March 20, 2018

--Presentation/Discussion: MDT projects

--Discussion topic: West end Roundabout projects and ROW acquisition

Adjournment: 12:22 p.m.

DRAFT-To be approved by a motion on March 20, 2018