



**Billings Technical Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes—DECEMBER 6, 2018-APPROVED**

**1. Call the meeting to order:** Scott Walker called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. in the Miller Building sixth floor conference room, 2825 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North, Billings, Montana.

**Members Present:**

Scott Walker, Transportation Planning Coordinator; Wyeth Friday, Director, Planning & Community Services; Debi Meling, City Engineer; PW Engineering; Erin Claunch, City Traffic Engineer, PW Engineering; Tim Miller, Director, YC Public Works Dept.; Debra Hagel, Transit Planner, MET; Mike Black, YC Public Works Department; Kurtis Schnieber, MDT

**Others Present:** Lora Mattox, Transportation Planner; Elyse Monat, Bike and Pedestrian Planner; Kurtis Schnieber, MDT

**Conference Call:** Katy Potts, MDT Planning; Carol Strizich, MDT Planning; Kenn Winegar, MDT 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 October 4, 2018**

**Motion**

**Tim Miller made a motion and it was seconded by Debra Hagel to approve the minutes of October 4, 2018 as submitted. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.**

**4. Old Business:** There was no Old Business.

**4. New Business:**

**4a Motion/Recommendation to the Governing Bodies. 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Plan, (TIP), Amendment 2.** Scott Walker, Transportation Coordinator, presenting. Scott Walker opened the agenda item with a brief introduction. He pointed out to the Committee that this is the second amendment of the 2011-2021 TIP and continued with an overview of the project update highlights below.

**Highlights:**

- **West Billings Interchange – Pinehills Interchange:** Engineering (Re-Surface)
- **Zoo Drive: Signal Upgrades and Striping** – New Project to improve traffic operations and safety along the Zoo Drive corridor in Billings. Work will include intersection improvements, striping modifications, signal upgrades, median work and/or any other operational modifications necessary to improve traffic flows and

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safety in the area. Anticipated Let Date = December of 2020. Estimate PE Phase End Date = December of 2022.

- **Billings Bypass: Five Mile Road** - Construction Cost Update
- **I-90 Yellowstone River Bridges:** Update Construction Cost
- **Laurel Road Signals: Update Signals and add ADA Ramps** – New Project
- **Lockwood Interchange Study** – New Project. Other (OT) phase study to evaluate interchange improvement options on I-90 at the Lockwood Interchange in Billings. This evaluation will consider traffic patterns (current and future), ramp functionality, operational issues on I-90 (and connecting routes), proposed Interstate modifications (additional lanes, etc.), intersection improvement options, safety considerations, bridge construction options, environmental issues, right-of-way, utilities, geometrics and/or any other factors necessary to determine a preferred improvement alternative at this location. The end result of the study will be a project recommendation (outlining the preferred alternative and costs associated with this alternative).
- **South Frontage Road: Pavement Preservation** – New Project (Mullowney Lane to Wise Lane).
- **Blue Creek Road:** Pavement Preservation – New Project. Interstate Bridge to 3-mile section to Robindale Road. Construction letting-Spring of 2019. This project was identified in the Blue Creek Transportation Plan.
- **N. 27<sup>th</sup> Street R.R. Study** – Cost Adjustment. Scott Walker noted the previous placeholder for this study in the original TIP was \$300,000 and the new allocation is for \$1.2 million. It is his understanding that only will the previous studies be considered but this will include some of the newer technologies and innovations. The consultants are HDR, Kittelson, DOWL, Land Design and Etho Science. Lora Mattox said this study came out of the Statewide Crossing study. Katie Potts added that the difference is the benefit of being in an OT phase allows engineering details, and should a feasible solution come forward, a lot of the preliminary studies will be done. Scott Walker said the MDT Scope of Services for this project is comprehensive.
- **MET Transit Funds Added to the 5339 Program-** Debra Hagel explained that MET was awarded a grant and a transfer of about \$195,000 has to be included into this document for approval.

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**Adoption Schedule:**

- Planning Board                      January 8<sup>th</sup>
- City Council                            December 10<sup>th</sup>
- County Commission                December 13<sup>th</sup>
- PCC                                        January 15<sup>th</sup>

**Motion**

**Debra Hagel made a motion and Tim Miller seconded the motion to forward a recommendation of approval of the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Plan, (TIP), Amendment 2 as presented by staff.**

**The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.**

**5. Other Business:**

- a. **Long Range Transportation Plan:** Lora Mattox stated this plan is posted online on the City of Billings website. Hard copies will be available January 2019.
- b. **Functional Class Map:** Staff received 15 hard copies and additional copies may be printed in house.

**ADJOURNMENT: 11:15 a.m.**

**Approved a motion, February 10, 2019**

