

CITY OF BILLINGS

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“THE MAGIC CITY: A DIVERSE, WELCOMING COMMUNITY WHERE PEOPLE PROSPER AND BUSINESS SUCCEEDS.”

WORK SESSION AGENDA

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

April 1, 2019

5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Cole

- 1. Legislative Update**
- Public Comment

- 2. Fire - Long Range Master Plan (LRMP)**
- Public Comment

- 3. Lockwood Water and Sewer District**
- Public Comment

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

PUBLIC COMMENT on “NON-AGENDA ITEMS”. **Speaker Sign-in required.** *(Restricted to ONLY items not on this printed agenda. Comments are limited to 3 minutes. Please sign the roster at the cart located at the back of the Council chambers or at the podium.)*

ADJOURN:

Note:

- This meeting is an “informal” meeting of the City Council. The content of the Agenda is subject to change at the meeting.
- In the event there is a Closed Executive Session at the end of a Work Session, the sole purpose is to discuss litigation strategy. The other parties to the case(s) discussed are not public bodies or associations as described in Section 2-3-203(1) and (2), MCA. The meeting is closed, as allowed by Section 2-3-203(4)(a), MCA, “to discuss a strategy to be followed with respect to litigation when an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the litigating position” of the City of Billings.

Council Work Session

2.

Meeting Date: 04/01/2019

TITLE: Fire Department Long-Range Master Plan

Department: Fire

Presentation: Yes

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT

Fire Chief Bill Rash will provide an overview of the Billings Fire Department Long-Range Master Plan along with a recommendation based upon this document.

RECOMMENDATION

No action is required on this item, however at a subsequent Regular Business meeting, Council will be asked to approve the plan and a course of action.

Council Work Session

3.

Meeting Date: 04/01/2019

TITLE: Lockwood Water and Sewer District

Department: City Hall Administration

Presentation: Yes

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT

Dianne Lehm from Big Sky Economic Development will have a presentation on the Lockwood Targeted Economic Development District (TEDD) and the the enhancement and extension of water, sewer, and storm drainage systems throughout the industrial park area.by the Lockwood Sewer and Water District.

RECOMMENDATION

No council action will be required.

Attachments

Lockwood TEDD

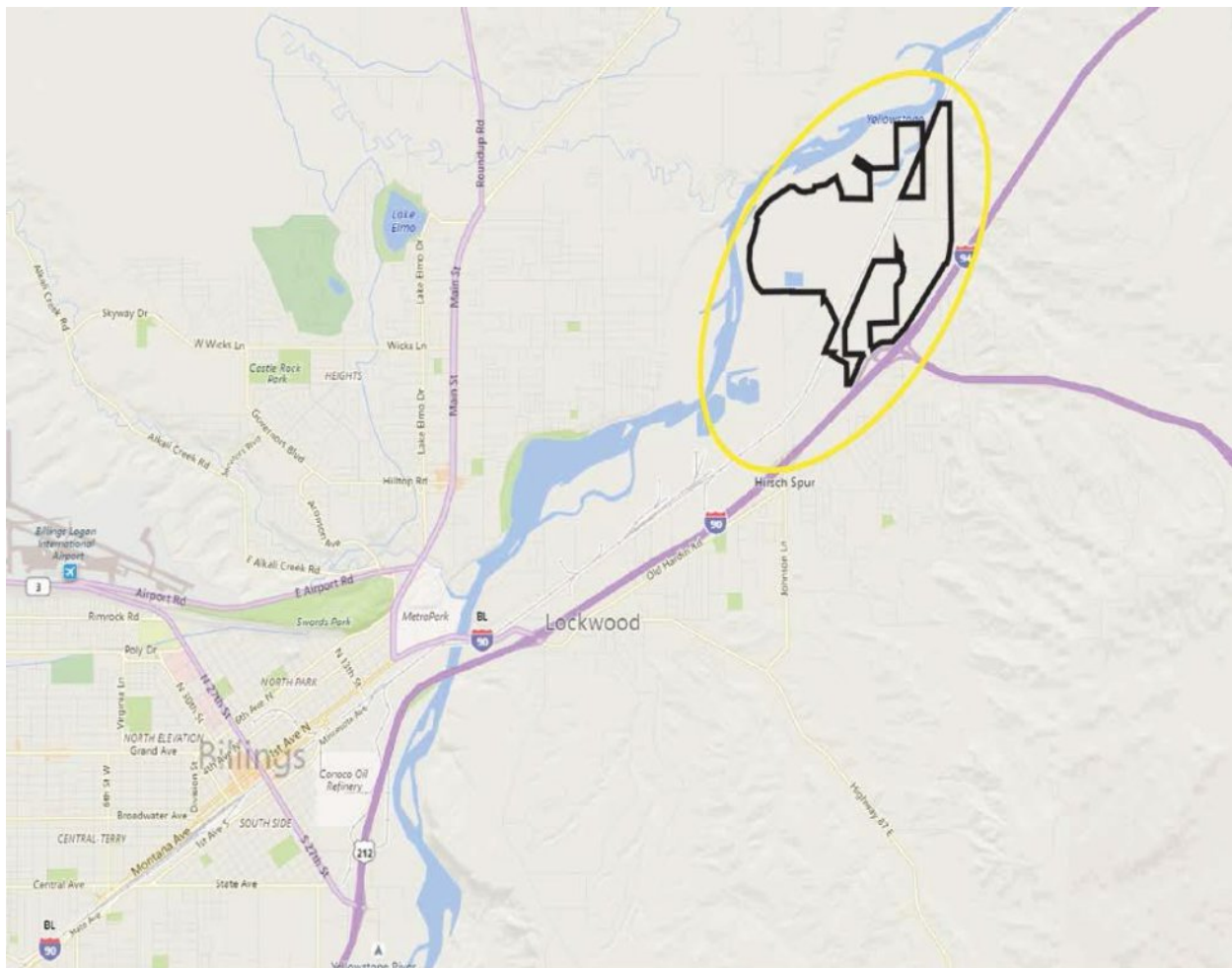
Memo to Chris Kukulski, Billings City Administrator

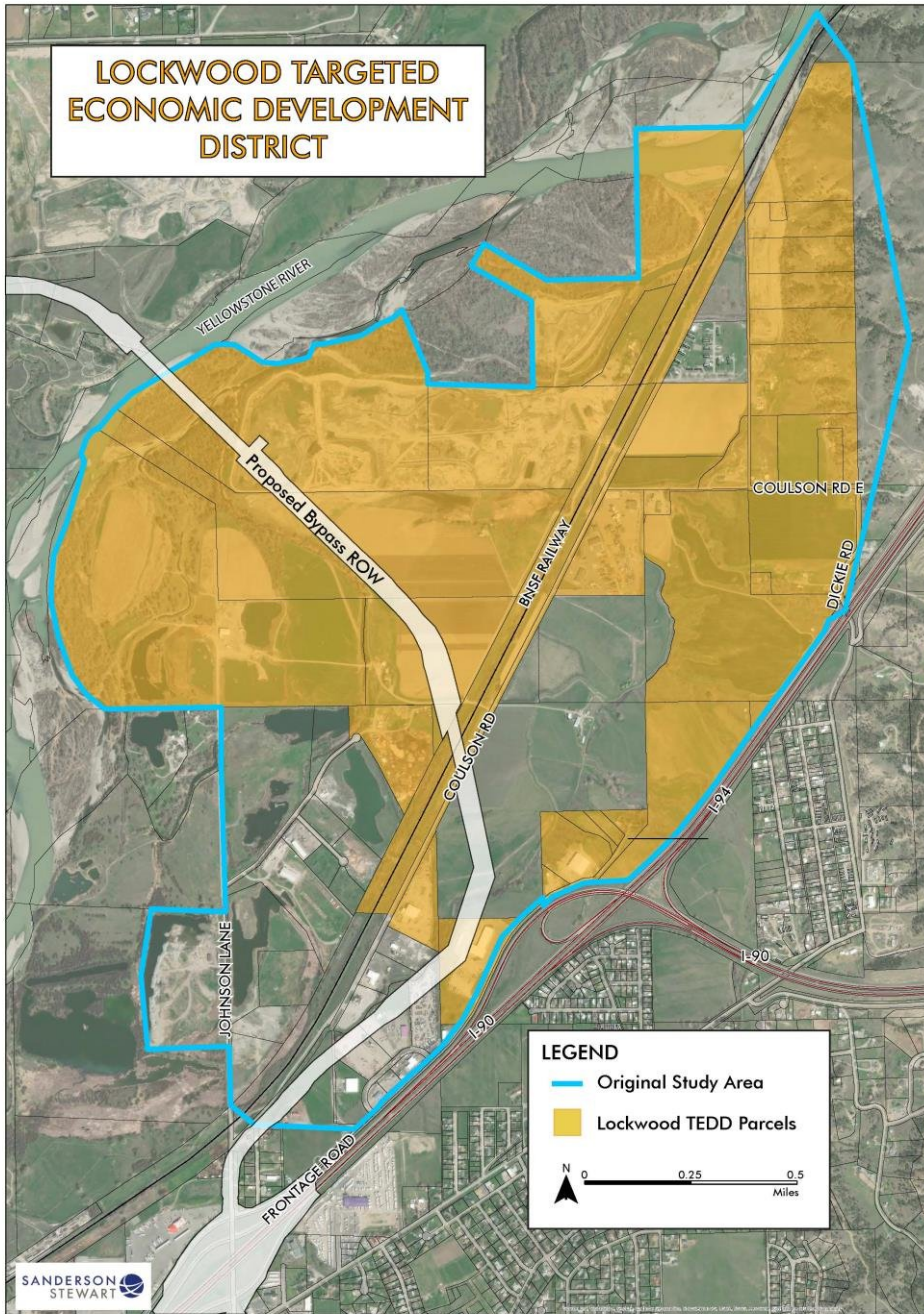
RE: Lockwood Targeted Economic Development District/Lockwood Water and Sewer District

The Lockwood Targeted Economic Development District (TEDD) was created in 2016 by Yellowstone County to develop planned, ready-to-go industrial space that supports secondary, value-adding industries. The need for such space in this area was indicated by the 2014 Industrial Park Feasibility Study. That study noted that demand for industrial space is strong and projected to grow through 2030. It looked at sites in Laurel, Billings, and Lockwood. The Lockwood site was identified as the preferred location based on access to rail, interstate, and the airport, as well as the interest of the local landowners in the development.

Following creation of the TEDD, a Strategic Plan and an Infrastructure Master Plan were developed. In 2018, the TEDD was expanded to include additional properties. It currently encompasses 1194 acres in the area between the Yellowstone River and the Interstate north of Lockwood. Because of floodplain and topography issues, only approximately 468 of those acres are developable.

The map below indicates the location of the TEDD relative to Billings:





This map provides a closer representation of the TEDD properties as well as the proposed position Billings Bypass.

The development of the Lockwood TEDD cannot move forward without the provision of sufficient sewer service to the area. Lockwood Water and Sewer District (LWSD) currently has an agreement with the City of Billings for the treatment of its wastewater. The district boundaries do not currently include the TEDD area. We are asking the City Council to allow LWSD to move forward with the process to explore expanding its boundaries to include the TEDD study area within its agreement with the City of Billings.

Given the tremendous benefits that planned space for clustered industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, and transportation services can lend to the City of Billings and Yellowstone County, we encourage the City's consideration of extending these services to the TEDD within the context of the current partnership between the City of Billings and the Lockwood Water and Sewer District.

Among the many benefits that may be realized from the strategic planning and management of the Lockwood TEDD are:

- Key infrastructure investment to provide planned, ready-to-go industrial space,
- Remain regionally competitive for expanding and new industry,
- An increased tax base,
- Increased employment opportunities,
- Cost efficiencies gained by planned growth,
- Development of infrastructure to support further long-term investments in the area.

We seek the City's partnership in realizing this tremendous economic development opportunity.