

POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

MINUTES –OCTOBER 30, 2018

TO BE APPROVED BY A MOTION NOVEMBER 20, 2018

Members Present: Chairman John Ostlund, Board of County Commissioners; Bill Cole, Mayor, City of Billings; Stefan Streeter, Director, MDT District Office; President Darell Tunnickliff, Yellowstone County Planning Board

Staff Present: Scott Walker, Transportation Planner, Planning & Community Services Department; Lora Mattox, Transportation Planner

Others Present: Denis Pitman, Board of County Commissioners; Tim Miller, Yellowstone County Public Works; Kurtis Schnieber, MDT-Billings; Alan Woodmansey, FHWA; Tobin Novasio, Lockwood Schools; Pat White; Lyle Gabrian, Rimrock Neighborhoods Task Force; Rod Nelson, MDT

Conference Call: Katie Potts, MDT Planning, Kenn Wineger, MDT Planning

1. Call to Order: Commissioner Ostlund called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m., Board of County Commissioners Board Room, 316 N 26 St, Room 310, Stillwater Building, and welcomed everyone in attendance.

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. The Rimrock Neighborhoods Task Force submitted a letter regarding the task forces comments on the 2018 Long Range Transportation Plan. Chairman Ostlund recommends that the project for the feasibility/alignment study for a Molt Road connection start with the local governments. Stefan Streeter states that at this time, MDT does not have funds to commit to such a project and that the Environmental Analysis would be required during the identification of alignment possibilities. Bill Cole states that this will need to be an internal discussion with staff on how to proceed as well as to review community priorities.

3. Minutes of September 11, 2018

Motion

Darell Tunnickliff made a motion and it was seconded by Bill Cole to approve the minutes of September 11, 2018. Correction recommended by Katie Potts for the correction of Ryan Hammon's last name spelling. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

5. New Business:

a. Motion. 2018 Transportation Plan Update Scott Walker, Transportation Planner, presenting.

Transportation Coordinator Scott Walker opened this agenda item with some background on the process of the development of the plan. He named the participants of the oversight

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committee and introduced Andy Daleiden of Kittelson & Associates as the primary consultant.

Andy provided an overview of the Transportation Plan with an overview of the presentation below.

What is a long range transportation plan, (LRTP): The plan outlines the long range vision for the transportation system and identifies transportation improvements for a 20-year period, (2040).

Why-federally required to update it? Metropolitan areas with populations over 50,000 are federally required to update their LRTP every 4 years. Updating helps Billings define its vision for the planning effort for future projects. Identifies financial aspects and potential revenue stream for projects.

Who is Involved?: Includes Federal Highway Administration; MDT; MPO- City of Billings and Yellowstone County, MET, Lockwood, Resource Agencies and the Public, Consultant DOWL, Consultant Kittelson & Associates

Elements: 14 Chapters. Introduction, Public & Interagency Involvement; Goals, Objectives, Performance Measure, Targets; Existing and Future land use, Description of Multimodal Transportation System; Safety and Security; Project Programming and conformity.

Public and Interagency Involvement: website: www.billingslrtp.com; Steering Committee; Resource agencies; Youth engagement; Open houses and online survey, Media coordination and social media, E-mail updates

Study area: Urban area, Lockwood, elements of Yellowstone County

LRTP Goals: Safety; Functional Integrity and Efficiency; Prioritized Improvements; Environment; Public Transit; Economic Vitality

Land Use-Population Growth (2-17-2040): West end growth anticipated

Land Use-Employment Growth, (2017-2040). Identified growth in Lockwood, largely due to the TEDD

Functional Classification Map for MPO-similar to 2014 LRTP with a few refinements

Draft Project List-Types/Categories

→**Committed Projects**-Transportation Improvement Program, (TIP); Capital Improvement Plan, (CIP); Years 2018-2028. Fiscal Constraint of LRTP

→**Recommended Projects:** not programmed; Upcoming projects for the TIP and CIP. Years 2029-2040. Fiscal Constraint of LRTP

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→**Illustrative Projects:** Visionary; Not expected to occur within 2040 horizon
33 roadway; 30 intersection. (Programmed) Includes several annual programs, \$343 million.

Draft Project List—Roadway and Intersection Projects

120 Total Projects Identified: 58 Roadway, 62 Intersection projects. Committed Projects: 33 Roadway; 30 Intersection; Includes several annual programs (\$343 million)

Draft Project List/Congestion Management Projects: 28 total projects. Committed projects: 8 Congestion Management (\$13 million)

Draft Project List/Pedestrian Bicycle, &* Multi-use Trail Projects: Pedestrian: 49 total projects; Bicycle Lane Projects: 54 total projects; Bicycle Boulevard Projects: 65 total projects

Draft Project List/Multi-Use Trail Projects: 272 Total Projects: 49-Pedestrian, 54-Bicycle Lane; 65 Bicycle Boulevard, 108 Multi-use trail.

→**Committed Projects:** 8 Pedestrian, 2 Bike Lane, 9 Multi-use trail (\$19 million)

Draft Projects and Strategies-Other Modes: Transit, Truck, Rail

Revenue & Project Cost Analysis-Fiscal Constraint. Estimated Revenue-\$900 M; Estimated C+R Projects-\$800M. Difference: \$100M Remaining

Discussion

Bill Cole asked how the future funding allocations were identified? Andy states that they looked at historic amounts as well as project funding to determine the projected revenue. Darell Tunnicliff asked that when the bypass is completed that this will open up the urban funds for future projects? Andy states that yes, and that during the update of the next LRTP, a more in-depth discussion on projects and community priorities will need to happen. Stefan Streeter states that the Billings MDT District has made the Billings Bypass the priority project, so other projects have been delayed. The Billings District is made up of 12 counties and priority areas can fluctuate based on conditions, use, etc. Bill Cole asks what the estimate is for completion of the Billings Bypass? Stefan Streeter states that the construction is being done in phases and the hope is that the project will be complete in 6-7 years. Darell Tunnicliff thanks Stefan and MDT for the continued collaboration.

Motion

A motion was made by Bill Cole and seconded by Darell Tunnicliff to approve the 2018 Long Range Transportation Plan Update as presented by staff. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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Future Agenda Items: No items were announced.

ADJOURNMENT: 12:47 pm

DRAFT- To be approved by a motion on January 15, 2019