

POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

MINUTES –JANUARY 15, 2019

DRAFT- TO BE APPROVED FEBRUARY 19, 2019

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

Staff Present: Monica Plecker, Planning Division Manager, Scott Walker, Transportation Coordinator, Planning & Community Services Department; Lora Mattox, Transportation Planner

Others Present: Denis Pitman, Board of County Commissioners;

Conference Call: Due to technical difficulties, there were no MDT participants.

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.

3. Minutes of October 30, 2018

Motion

Darell Tunnickliff made a motion and it was seconded by Mayor Bill Cole to approve the minutes of October 30, 2018. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

5. Old Business:

a. Motion/Recommendation to PCC. 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Plan, Amendment 2, (TIP), Scott Walker, Transportation Coordinator, presenting.

Scott Walker opened the agenda item and reviewed the project highlights and the adoption schedule for the 2017-2021 TIP.

Highlights:

- West Billings Interchange – Pinehills Interchange: Engineering (Re-Surface)
- Zoo Drive: Signal Upgrades and Striping – New Project
- 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
- South Frontage Road: Pavement Preservation – New Project
- Blue Creek Road: Pavement Preservation – New Project
- N. 27th Street R.R. Study – Cost Adjustment
- MET Transit Funds Added to the Program

Adoption Schedule

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| Planning Board | January 8 th |
| City Council | December 10 th |
| County Commission | December 13 th |
| PCC | January 15 th |

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Discussion

Chairman Ostlund called for questions and discussion. Mayor Cole asked when the next amendment is expected. Scott Walker explained that it is discriminatory in nature, and amendments are done as triggered by changes in project costs or the projects themselves. Mayor Cole commented on some criticism he has received from City Council members who would like to have earlier submittals due to the large amount of information. Scott Walker stated staff tries to schedule for City Council Work Sessions as soon as possible but it at times it is difficult to get on the agenda which truncates the document review timeframe set by MDT. Chairman Ostlund agreed that the document can be daunting and he suggested informing the Council of these cases.

Motion

A motion was made by Darell Tunnickliff and seconded by Mayor Bill Cole to approve the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Plan, Amendment 2 as presented by staff.

The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

6. New Business: 2019 Policy Coordinating Committee Officers

Motion

Commissioner Ostlund made a motion and Darell Tunnickliff seconded the motion to elect Mayor Bill Cole to serve as Chairman and Denis Pitman Vice Chairman of the Policy Coordinating Committee for the 2019 term.

The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Future Agenda Items: No items were announced.

ADJOURNMENT: 12:11 p.m.

DRAFT-To be approved by a motion on February 19, 2019

Tamara L. Deines, Planning Clerk