



Billings Technical Advisory Committee
10:30 AM
DRAFT Meeting Minutes—OCTOBER 14, 2021

1. Call the meeting to order:

Transportation Coordinator Scott Walker called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. in the Miller Building 1st Floor Conference Room, 2825 3rd Ave North

Committee Members			
Scott Walker, Transportation Coord., Chairman, T.A.C.	x	Wyeth Friday, Director, Planning and Community Services	-
Tim Miller, Director YC Public Works Dept.	x	Mike Black, Civil Engineer, YC Public Works Dept.	x
Debi Meling, City Engineer City of Billings Engineering		Mac Fogelsong City of Billings Engineering	x
Rusty Logan, Manager, MET Transit	x	Clark Snyder, Environmental Health RiverStone Health	-
Katie Potts Urban Planning Section, MDT	x	Carol Strizich, Supervisor Urban Planning Section, MDT	
Parker Osterloh Urban Planning Section, MDT	x	Alan Woodmansey, Federal Highways	
Kurtis Schnieber, MDT	x	Ryan Hammon, FHWA	
Zach Kirkemo, MDT	x		

Others Participating

Tammy Deines, Planning Clerk, Dakota Martonen, PW Engineering

2. Public Comment: Public comment will be taken only during the Public Comment periods as indicated on the agenda. Comments may be sent to Board via email before 1:00 PM on Thursday, July 22, 2021. All emails received prior to this time will be read into the record 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 July 22, 2021

Motion

Tim Miller made a motion and it was seconded by Rusty Logan to approve the minutes of July 11, 2021 as submitted. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

4. Old Business:

4a. Approval of the Agenda

Motion

It was moved and seconded to approve the October 14, 2021 meeting agenda. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

4b. Motion/Recommendation. DRAFT 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Plan, (TIP), Scott Walker, Transportation Planner, presenting.

Scott opened this agenda item with an introduction to the Draft 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Plan, (TIP), and followed with the summary below. The complete document has changes listed in “red”.

BACKGROUND

Federal regulations require that Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) review and update their Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) periodically. Given timing and funding adjustments with several transportation projects, the current Billings 2020-24 TIP must be amended to maintain compliance with State and Federal requirements. The TIP is a short-range program of highway and transit projects in the Billings MPO area and is prepared by City-County Planning Division staff in cooperation with state and local agencies. The purpose of the TIP is to provide the mechanism for scheduling federal funds for surface transportation projects, indicate regional priorities, and demonstrate a short range transportation vision for the area. A secondary purpose of the TIP is to provide information about other transportation projects in the urbanized area that are exempt from the TIP approval process, such as projects that do not utilize federal funds. This TIP amendment is being presented to the Planning Board for review due to timing and cost updates to several projects. Staff has attached to this report a quick reference indicating what new projects are included.

Projects Modified Due to Change in Funding/ Scope: (Multiple Funding)

Billings Bypass

- Updated Right of Way Cost
- Five Mile Road - Cost Savings
- Yellowstone River Bridge – Updated Cost
- Johnson Lane Interchange – Updated Cost and Moved to FY 23
- Railroad Overpass – Moved to FY 22

Discussion

Wyeth Friday noted a cost increase to construction for an embankment and asked what is anticipated. Katie Potts said her understanding is that a frontage road is being built for construction activities and there was misinformation regarding the dewatering plan so material was needed so the road would not be underwater.

I-90 Yellowstone River Bridges

- Bridge PE Cost Update

Discussion

Mike Black asked for the project scheduling for completion. Zach Taylor said based on the Pre-con meeting this is to be a 2 year project. Wyeth Friday concurred and said the project is projected to finish in FY-2023.

Lockwood Interchange-Project Added – All Phases

Projects Modified due to change in Funding/Scope (NH)

(These are near-term projects with projected completion dates next summer through 2022).

- **27th St, 1st Ave S. to Airport – Updated Cost**
- **Underpass Ave. - Updated Construction Cost**
- **Main Street - Cost Savings**
- **Airport Road & Main Street – Updated Cost**
- **Montana Ave. Crosswalks – Project Added**

Discussion

Wyeth Friday commented on changes to the Montana Avenue crosswalk project. Mac Fogelsong said the bigger vision is the striping, parking and lane reductions. Zach Kirkemo said there have been discussions in the past due to the study but his assumption is that the listed project is one and the same. Parker Osterloh said this project is funded under NH for sidewalk improvement and ADA compliance with PE in 2020 and CN outside of the timeframe at this point. Katie Potts said it will include ADA work and new pedestrian crossing signals. She offered to follow-up to see when the PFR review is scheduled. Scott Walker said the governing bodies may have questions going forward.

- **Steffes Road, R.R. Crossing – Updated Cost**
- **King & 56th, Roundabout – Updated Cost**
- **Central & 56th, Roundabout – Updated Cost**
- **Hillcrest, Right Turn Lane – Updated Cost**
- **Frontage Road/Wise Lane Intersection – Updated Cost**
- **I-90/King Avenue, Lighting – Updated Cost**
- **Rimrock Road/62nd Roundabout – Updated Cost**
- **Zoo Drive Improvements – Updated Cost**
- **Grand Avenue, 24th to Zimmerman – Updated Cost**
- **Scour Mitigation, Various Bridges – Updated Cost**
- **Bike/Ped Path, Rose Park – Project Added**
- **MET Transit – Tire Contract & Cares Act Transfer**

*Costs have been updated based on project listings and updates beginning in January timeframe.

2020-2024 TIP Review Schedule

Review Body	Date
Technical Advisory Committee	Thursday, October 14 1:30 p.m.
Planning Board Discussion	Tuesday, October 26
Planning Board Action	Tuesday, November 9
City Council Work Session	Monday, 10/18
City Council Meeting	Monday, 10/25
Commissioners Discussion	Monday, 10/18
Commission Action	Tuesday, 10/19
Policy Coordinating Committee	Tuesday, 11/16

Motion

Mike Black made a motion and it was seconded by Tim Miller and seconded by Mike Black to recommend approval of the DRAFT 2022 Unified Planning Work Program, (UPWP), as presented by staff with the additional language for the MET tire program.

Discussion

Scott Walker called for discussion. There was no further discussion. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

6. Other Business

6a. Updates. Discussion. MET Transit, Rusty Logan, Transit Manager

Rusty Logan said the Transit Asset Management Plan will be brought forward to TAC during a January 2022 meeting, along with performance updates on the Transit Safety Plan. The Request for Proposal for the Transit Development Plan closes tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:02 AM

DRAFT-TO BE APPROVED BY A MOTION DURING THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING--Tamara L. Deines, Planning Clerk