

BOUNDARY AREA TRANSPORTATION TEAM

MEETING NOTES/MINUTES

January 25, 2017

Voting Members in Attendance: Clint Kimball-Boundary County; John Youngwirth-City of Bonners Ferry; John Nelson-City of Moyie Springs; Don Davis-Kootenai Tribe of Idaho; William Roberson-ITD; Carol Kunzeman-SPOT.

Non-Voting Members in Attendance: Commissioner Walt Kirby, Chair; Renee Nelson, Secretary; Dennis Weed-BEDC; John Moss-BC Planning & Zoning.

Others in Attendance: Susan Kiebert-LHTAC; Dan Coonce-LHTAC; David Sims-City of Bonners Ferry; Lisa Ailport-City of Bonners Ferry; Ken Blockhan, Jr.-BC Public Library Chairman; Patrick Conro-HMH Engineering; Eric Olson-HMH Engineering; George Eskridge-Mobility.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Walt Kirby at 1:55 pm at the Bonners Ferry Visitor Center.

1. **(MSU Kimball/Nelson) The proposed Minutes from November 30, 2016 were approved as distributed.**

2. **New Business**

Renee Nelson-Introduced Voting Members for 2017. Then Secretary Nelson asked for any nominations for Non-Voting Members. Voting Members added Dennis Weed, Boundary County Economic Development; John Moss, Boundary County Planning and Zoning; and Dianna Ellis, Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge Manager as Non-Voting Members.

Dan Coonce-LHTAC updated members on the FLAP proposal applications now available for jurisdictions. The Federal Lands Access Program is administered by Federal Highway Administration and is a Tri Agency program-FHWA, LHTAC and ITD. Applications are due March 31, 2017. Applications will be reviewed in May; Field visits will be in June; the Program Decision Committee will review and then in August will make final decisions. Applicants should get in touch with Dan Coonce. Boundary County and the City of Bonners Ferry are both planning on turning in applications for corridor projects along Riverside. Chairman Kirby asked if BATT Members would like to offer letter of support for the projects. Members were unanimous in their support. (MSU Nelson/Youngwirth).

Bill Roberson-ITD informed members that the Round Prairie project bid opened on 1-24-2017. Interstate was the apparent low bidder. It is scheduled to go to construction in 2017. The US 95 project starting at Echo Drive-MP 515, had to purchase

Right of Way for guardrail and is on track for bidding and construction is scheduled for FY 2018. The Elmira Turn bay is scheduled for FY18 and could possibly move up to be a 2017 project. Highway Safety Improvement Program introduction could add potential projects statewide. Mc Arthur Lake project came into discussion and is being looked at for scope of work and benefit/cost ratio. The demo with a 129K truck at the Chilco Mill was completed and Lakes Highway District has accepted the routes around the mill for 129K trucks. Laclede to Riley Creek Rd has local approval and is headed to a meeting on Tuesday. There will be public hearings.

David Sims/Carol Kunzeman-SPOT updated members there are changes and updates to the SPOT Board. There is a Memorandum of Agreement in place with Boundary County. David Sims will be replaced as a Board Member and is now a District 1 Representative. Discussion followed regarding contacting senior citizens for ridership. There is a pilot program for routes between Sandpoint and Bonners Ferry: 3 trips per day starting on March 1, 2017.

Clint Kimball-Boundary County informed members that the repairs to the Naples Bridge from damage on December 9, 2016 from an over height logging truck have been completed on January 20, 2017. The repairs were performed by C. E. Kramer Crane & Contracting as the low bidder.

John Nelson-City of Moyie Springs discussed the demo of a 129,000# truck in Moyie. The demo went well, a little tight at the corner by the Post Office entrance and the acceleration rates of 12-15 seconds at Roosevelt and Hwy 2 were of some concern. The City of Moyie Springs Council will have a Public Hearing on February 8, 2017 at City hall. The Council is considering asking for 45 MPH speed limit beginning at a spot east of the Moyie Bridge and west of North Division Street intersection to help with this concern. Bill Roberson-ITD, mentioned the addition of advanced warning signs and lights east of the bridge might be a benefit.

Susan Kiebert-LHTAC reminded members of the Safety Fest to be held in Post Falls. She also congratulated the City of Bonners Ferry for 3 new Road Masters: John Youngwirth, Scooter Drake and Tim English; and 1 new Road Scholar: Eddie Invernon.

Dan Coonce-LHTAC updated members that the LHSIP (Local Highway Safety Improvement Program) applications were currently being reviewed and ranked.

3. **Construction Information** – There were no utilities present.

4. **Jurisdictional Updates**

Kootenai Tribe of Idaho –Don Davis informed members that the long range

transportation plan and strategic safety plan for the Kootenai Tribe was completed and he would like to have some time on the next Agenda to update members with this information contained in the plans.

No further updates other than those previously discussed by jurisdictions were presented.

5. **Public Comment** –

Ken Blockhan, Jr. had various topics to discuss with members. First he thanked George and his Crew for keeping US 95 at the far north clear and safe during snowstorms. Other topics included frost heaves along Hwy 95 between MP 532-533; future plans for slide south of Mountain Meadows Rd; guardrail heights; US 95 projects. Bill Roberson-ITD, will get information for concerns. Discussion followed regarding the vision for BATT and also ITD in regards to transportation improvements. Ken Blockhan, Jr. presented Secretary Nelson with a printed version of his topics and she will email to Bill Roberson for his reference.

George Eskridge presented updates from the 3rd week of the legislative session in Idaho. Senate Bill HB312 which was funded for 2 years and provided some revenue to Road Departments for maintenance work will end June 30, 2017 if not renewed. The Garvey Program is being revisited and may possibly have room left for funding transportation projects. Updates on other topics followed including other bills being considered that do not affect transportation.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm. (MSU Youngwirth/Nelson)

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Renee Nelson

Renee Nelson, BATT Secretary