

BOUNDARY AREA TRANSPORTATION TEAM

MEETING NOTES/MINUTES

October 24, 2018

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

Non-Voting Members in Attendance: Susan Kiebert-Acting Chair; Renee Nelson, Secretary.

Others in Attendance: Lisa Ailport-City of Bonners Ferry; Mike Meier-BC Emergency Management Director; George Eskridge; Marty Martinez; Gary Kunzeman; Carol Kunzeman-SPOT; David Suhr-DEA; Shawn Metts-HMH.

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Susan Kiebert at 1:35 pm at the Bonners Ferry Visitor Center.

Chair Kiebert asked for introductions and all present did so. David Sims updated members that he is the new SPOT Director and will be the SPOT designee voting member. Carol Kunzeman announced to members that she would be stepping down as the SPOT Board Chair and there would be a board election in the future to replace her. Secretary Nelson also passed on the members that Chairman Kirby was on vacation in California and was unable to attend, and also that Representative Dixon had asked her to pass on his regrets at being unable to attend due to being in Boise for a committee today. Chair Kiebert proceeded with the meeting.

1. **(MSU Nelson/Kimball)** The proposed Minutes from September 26, 2018 joint BATT/BCATT meeting were approved as distributed.
2. **New Business**

Susan Kiebert-LHTAC discussed current workshops LHTAC is putting on for available funding. She also verified that each jurisdiction present was aware of the applications that they are eligible to submit. Secretary Nelson mentioned this list had been sent out with the BATT notice. Discussion followed regarding support letters for any Local Rural Highway Investment Program applications as these applications are due on November 20, 2018, prior to the next BATT meeting. There was unanimous support from all members present, and a motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to provide support letters for any LRHIP application. The City of Moyie Springs is planning to submit a Transportation Plan application, as they currently do not have their own and the City of Bonners Ferry is considering a sign application. Jurisdictions will provide overview information to Secretary Nelson and she will send to members for support approval.

Bill Roberson-ITD updated members on the following:

- Scenic Byways are going away. Signs they currently have will be installed and then they are determining how signs will be funded as replacements are needed.
- Ida Shields for Railroad Crossings will end in December. There will be a press release sent out with information. He discussed what "passive crossings" are- those with no gates or lights. Discussion then followed regarding retro

reflectivity for signs as required by the Federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Devices (MUTCD).

- Who will be responsible for the stop sign at crossings that will be installed on the same post as the cross buck? ITD is awaiting a decision on this. Blue placards at crossings identify the railroad crossing number.
- The advanced warning sign of a railroad crossing will remain the local jurisdiction's responsibility.
- US 95 MP498 (Naples)-the speed limit through this area is being reviewed and a determination is forthcoming.
- Elmira Turn bay-repair to pavement only to smooth the transition.
- Railroad Crossings Projects upcoming: FY19 is the District Two Road crossing.
- Seal coat on SH 1 - more than likely in FY19.

The update was then deferred to **David Suhr, DEA** (David Evans and Associates) to present an update on the Alderson Lane-US 95 project.

- Stripping of sidewalk and installation of railing is now in process. Luminaire repair on east side.
- Alderson Ln to Madison-utility trench construction continues thru winter as long as weather permits.

Bill Roberson continued updating members:

- Regarding the Labrosse Hill St to Alderson Lane project:
 - Approaches being reviewed-multi-approaches, location to intersections.
 - Trying to consolidate approaches-shared approaches
- Regarding ITD's meeting with the City of Moyie Springs and the 129K concerns;
 - ITD can't artificially lower the speed limit-based on speed study data
 - Looking at sign with flashing beacon-reasonable cost, sensor in roadway
 - Coordination between LHTAC, ITD and the City of Moyie springs for possible signage

Discussion followed with **John Nelson, City of Moyie Springs** regarding the site distance concern, and the actual weight versus the weight the test truck actually had on.

Susan Kiebert-BCATT informed members that in lieu of BCATT's December meeting they were planning on a Legislative Update and invited BATT to join them for this update. She will provide an update at the November BATT meeting for members.

3. **Construction Information** – No utilities were present. Discussion followed regarding input received at the latest One Call meeting regarding correct procedure to mark a locate area. ITD is not on the 811 call list and anything in the ITD right of way, jurisdiction needs to contact the ITD Traffic Officer for the intersection involved to receive locate information.

4. **Jurisdictional Updates**

City of Bonners Ferry –John Youngwirth shared the City is finishing up projects.

City of Moyie Springs-John Nelson shared the City is working on regular maintenance.

Boundary County-Clint Kimball shared Deep Creek Loop MP 1.1 ERF repair was done and the roadway was open. Kootenai Trail-Atkins Canyon FEMA project had kick-off meeting, moving forward. District Two Rd-Fry Creek FEMA repair is being completed today.

Partnering with NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) to replace 3 culverts for Fleming Creek on District Five Road. Making traction sand in cooperation with ITD.

SPOT-David Sims shared that SPOT is taking over transportation to Schweitzer-a bus run on Saturday from Bonners Ferry to Schweitzer. New bus coming in the spring for providing service to doctors, North Idaho College, etc. Since the Boundary County Restorium has its own bus now, SPOT has lost that ridership. SPOT is in need of bus drivers.

Kootenai Tribe of Idaho-Don Davis shared that the Chiqui Road project off the end of Frontier Village Road came in under budget-included retaining wall and road. The bid for the Lil Bear project will be rebid this winter. Project is located at the village and will be constructed FY19 in the summer.

No further updates from jurisdictions were presented.

5. **Public Comment** – there was no public comment.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

S/Renee Nelson

Renee Nelson, BATT Secretary