

## BOUNDARY AREA TRANSPORTATION TEAM

### MEETING NOTES/MINUTES

February 27, 2019

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

**Non-Voting Members in Attendance:** Walt Kirby, Chairman; Renee Nelson, Secretary; Serena Carlson-BNSF.

**Others in Attendance:** Susan Kiebert-LHTAC; Stephen Howlett; Matt Hall-HMH; Bill Irwin, BCSD101; Wally Cossairt-Boundary County Commissioner; Lisa Ailport-City of Bonners Ferry; Dennis Weed-BEDC; Shawn Metts-HMH; Marty Martinez; George Eskridge.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kirby at 1:35 pm at the Bonners Ferry Visitor Center.

Chairman Kirby asked for introductions and all present did so. Chairman Kirby proceeded with the meeting.

Chairman Kirby introduced Lisa Ailport, City of Bonners Ferry Administrator to present a brief overview of the City's proposed Federal Lands Access Application and updates, as she had a previous appointment and could not remain for the meeting.

Ms. Ailport presented the proposed Riverside Road Improvements Project from the City's portion on Riverside to meet the County's project on Riverside, being a corridor project to address the safety needs of all modes of transportation including pedestrians and bicyclists headed to the Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge. She wanted to give members time to consider the project as the City would like to ask for a letter of support from BATT members at the next meeting in March. Applications are due to Federal Lands on April 5, 2019. Ms. Ailport then presented a projects update:

- They are awaiting results on the City's application for a LRHIP application (Local Rural Highway Investment Program) for Garden Ln Extension to Fry Street.
- They have received grant monies for a skimmer system at the city pool and monies from the High 5 Grant and the steering committee is look at a possible splash pad by the pool.
- The City's Transportation Plan is out for public comment.

1. **(MSU Youngwirth/Nelson)** The proposed Minutes from January 23, 2019 meeting were approved as distributed.

2. **New Business**

**Susan Kiebert-LHTAC**—updated members regarding the Local Strategic Initiatives Program application results. Boundary County's Tobe Way-Plato Drive will be funded and should be receiving a letter explaining the process.

- Children Pedestrian Safety applications: \$2 million available- Boundary County Naples School ranked 15/65 just missing funding. City of Bonners Ferry 's Eisenhower RRFB (Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon) was not funded.
- Safety Study discussion meeting between ITD, LHTAC, City of Moyie Springs regarding Roosevelt St and the 129,000 route forthcoming.
- There is a T2 class on 3-14-19 in Sandpoint on Winter Maintenance.

- LHTAC Innovation Idea Award submission is open and deadline is by May 10, 2019. She suggested Boundary County be thinking of the bridges they installed at Snow Creek and Caribou Creek as an idea. It is being discussed statewide as very innovative.
- A notice has been sent to all jurisdictions regarding a CASE Equipment grant of \$25,000
- LRHIP applications results should be known by March 9, 2019-City of Bonners Ferry Garden Ln Extension to Fry St; City of Moyie Springs Transportation Plan, Boundary County Transportation Plan Update.

She then presented George Eskridge to provide a Legislature Update:

- SB 1126 Strategic Initiatives Programs funding expires in July 2019. Would be extended for 5 years with the same type of split between ITD and local jurisdictions that exists now
- HB77 cell phone usage
- HB105 Specialty plates-pet friendly with proceeds going to the Idaho Humane Society
- HB154 revises sales tax revenue distribution formula to counties/cities
- HB127 would do away with Comprehensive Plan-Land Use Planning

**Bill Roberson-ITD** provided an update on the US 95 Labrosse to Alderson Ln-Final Design in July 2019. Construction in 2023 if funding is available.

- George Shutes-Bonners Ferry Maintenance will be dura patching on pavement in the interim.
- Illumination at the Elmira Turnbay is now functioning at the BNSF crossing
- FY19 construction for the MP 498 slide area on US 95-Naples-weather permitting will start in the spring
- March 2019-Alderson to Madison, Ph 2 -onsite meeting with utilities
- Avista-Frontier-Alderson to El Paso-working on underground lines
- Utility relocate/removal-Frontier overhead lines
- Discussion of Garvee funds for District 1-FY19 begin US 95/UPRR Bridge at US 95 and SH 53.

**Renee Nelson, BATT Secretary** discussed with members the By-Law amendment proposal to add the Boundary County School District to voting member status. All members present were in favor of this amendment. Secretary Nelson said she would add this to the agenda for the March 27th meeting and reminded members that this amendment must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote and encouraged members to attend the March 27, 2019 meeting. She also said she would add to the agenda discussion/motion regarding support letters for any Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) applications that are requesting a support letter.

**3. Construction Information** – No utilities were present due to construction projects currently in progress.

**4. Jurisdictional Updates**

**Boundary County-Clint Kimball** updated members that Boundary County was very pleased to be awarded the Local Strategic Initiatives Project "Tobe Way and Plato Dr Improvement Project."

- Ruby Creek Bridge #2 is in final design by DEA for replacement and he will be meeting with them to review the plans on Thursday.
- Ruby Creek Bridge #1 Repairs Bid will open on March 11, 2019.
- Crew is snow plowing, winging back and widening roads.

**KTOI-Don Davis** is working on road plans. Located at the end of Frontier Village Rd, a new Tribal road-Chiqui Rd-is now completed.

**City of Moyie Springs-John Nelson** updated he is plowing snow.

**BCSD101-Bill Irwin** informed members there is a School District levy coming up on March 12, 2019. He also updated members that the applicants were being narrowed down for the new School District Superintendent position.

**SPOT-Nancy Lewis, SPOT Chairman**, updated members that the Schweitzer bus was up and running and was receiving good reviews. It is a full size coach so allows skis, etc. to be carried along with passengers. Runs from bottom to top and then reverse and into Sandpoint. SPOT has received an ITD grant for photo badges for drivers and t-shirts that will identify the driver as a SPOT bus driver.

**BNSF-Serena Carlson** informed members there will be a Public Meeting on March 13, 2019 regarding the 2nd rail line across Pend Oreille. Meeting will be at the Ponderay Event Center from 8am to 10am and 6pm to 8pm for any of those interested in the project. The US Coast Guard will be administering the meeting. Any interested in making a comment can sign up online to do so.

No further updates from jurisdictions were presented.

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

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm. (Youngwirth/Kimball).

Respectfully Submitted,

*S/Renee Nelson*

Renee Nelson, BATT Secretary