

BOUNDARY AREA TRANSPORTATION TEAM

MEETINGS NOTES/MINUTES

May 25, 2016

Voting Members In Attendance: Clint Kimball-Boundary County, David Sims-City of Bonners Ferry, Marvin Fenn-ITD.

Non-Voting Members in Attendance: Commissioner Walt Kirby- Chair, Renee Nelson- Secretary.

Others in Attendance: Susan Kiebert-LHTAC, Dan Coonce-LHTAC, Don Davis-KTOI, Christopher DeLorto-HDR, Ken Blockhan, Jr.-BC Public Library Trustee, Mike Klaus, City of Bonners Ferry, Dianna Ellis- Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge, Matt Hall- HMM Engineering, Neal Fireman.

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman Renee Nelson at 1:55 pm at the Bonners Ferry Visitor Center.

1. (MSU Kimball/Sims) The Proposed Minutes from April 27, 2016 were approved as distributed.
2. New Business

Susan Kiebert-LHTAC: Presented an update regarding the TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) after the workshop on May 17, 2016. Discussion followed on a possible project application by the City of Bonners Ferry, however, according to Mayor David Sims the project did not meet the criteria explained at the workshop. Boundary County discussed a project they were considering and it was also identified as not meeting the criteria understood at this time. Mention was made that TAP funding is not known for sure for next year, but will be looked into if available. Discussion also ensued regarding what further clarifications of the project criteria might be needed.

Susan Kiebert-LHTAC: Informed all in attendance that the ITD (Idaho Transportation Department) Board meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2016 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Members will be notified of the time when determined. Discussion followed of the benefits of having each jurisdiction represented: City of Bonners Ferry, City of Moyie Springs and Boundary County.

Dan Coonce-LHTAC: Announced a new "Interactive Project Map" available on LHTAC's website (www.lhtac.org). It is a visual mapping resource that includes closed and currently active projects throughout Idaho. He also discussed the Innovation Idea Award. Coordination that is innovative=such ideas as cost saving techniques, developing new technology and resource sharing. LHTAC will award 2 individuals and 2 jurisdictions. Individual awards,

including \$250 cash and one Free T2 Center Course will be presented to the recipient before their council or commission. Submissions are due August 12, 2016. Next, he discussed that LHTAC will be working with Western Federal Lands in the delivery of projects and will administer selected projects, resulting in a good working relationship. During this fall at the project application workshops, LHTAC is hoping to have WFL be part of the workshop. Members will receive information on these workshops later this summer.

3. Construction Information

There were no utilities present.

4. Jurisdictional Updates

City of Bonners Ferry-David Sims explained the Augusta Street Project bid opened on Monday, May 23, 2016. There were 3 bids, one bid being below the Engineer's estimate. Results will be presented before the City Council on Thursday.

Boundary County-Clint Kimball explained that the Ruby Creek Bridge #2 project was able to be moved up 1 year. Crossport Guardrail project was awarded and the State/Local Agreement had been signed. Boundary County is still waiting to hear the outcome of the Snow Creek Bridge Replacement application from Idaho Parks & Recreation.

Kootenai Tribe of Idaho-Don Davis discussed the long range transportation plan that the Tribe is working on. He is working on project designs and needs that are being identified as important to the Tribe. There was a Road Safety Audit done on Twin Rivers Road in March. This is a low volume road, however, it is intense in the summer with the campground and events area. He will be talking with the County, as the first portion belongs to the County, regarding possible solutions.

SPOT – David Sims gave an update that SPOT will be starting to serve Moyie Springs on June 1, 2016. Postcards are being sent out to residents. It will run 2 times a week, AM and PM. They will also be making a presentation to the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho.

Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge-Dianna Ellis, nothing new to report, busy with regular items.

ITD (Idaho Transportation Department) –Marvin Fenn updated members that the comment period for the 129,000 lb. trucking and over legal permitting ends on May 31, 2016. The paving project for the Round Prairie area on Hwy 95 has went to bid and the bids received were higher than anticipated so they are being reviewed. The project area is also being phased - some work will be scheduled for 2018 with the second phase in 2020. Funding that is being redistributed is allowing ITD to look into the water problem on Hwy 95 at the South Hill area and see if a solution can be found.

5. Public Comment -Ken Blockhan, Jr. shared 2 magazines with those in attendance, The Wise Guide and Bonners Ferry Living Local Magazine that he felt would be good places for SPOT to advertise their services to Bonners Ferry and Moyie Springs. He gave Secretary Nelson the 2 magazines and she will contact Marion Johnson with SPOT and pass this on. Next, he mentioned concern for the guardrail that is damaged at Schoolhouse Rd. Marvin Fenn, ITD, explained that ITD was waiting for the insurance company to fix the damage, however, it may be that it could be taken care of in house and he would find out about having the maintenance department go ahead and fix it. Another concern Mr. Blockhan had was the South Hill drainage by the Veteran's Memorial. As a Library Trustee, he said ownership documents do not seem to clearly show whose problem the drainage is. Marvin Fenn, ITD, said he would look into this. One more concern Mr. Blockhan had is the coming construction on Highway 95 and a possible staging area on Mirror Lake Road. Marvin Fenn, ITD, said that they do not use detour routes and have not designated any staging areas. Discussion followed regarding traffic control designs and what has worked well in the past and what may work well for this project.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm. (MSU Davis/Kimball)

Respectfully Submitted,



Renee Nelson, BATT Secretary