

BOUNDARY AREA TRANSPORTATION TEAM

MEETING NOTES/MINUTES

July 26, 2017

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

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

Others in Attendance: Susan Kiebert-LHTAC; Lisa Ailport-City of Bonners Ferry; Mike Meier-BC Emergency Management Director; Brian Scrimsher-Avista; Jen Lanaville-NLI; George Eskridge; Christopher DeLorto; Stephen Howlett; Mike Boeck; Jim Woodward; Gary Kunzeman; Dave Butzier.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Walt Kirby at 1:40 pm at the Bonners Ferry Visitor Center.

Chairman Kirby noticed some new attendees and asked for introductions. Mike Beck and Jim Woodward introduced themselves and gave a short explanation of why they were in attendance and what their background was relating to transportation. All present introduced themselves and then Chairman Kirby proceeded with the meeting.

1. **(MSU Youngwirth/Kimball)** The proposed Minutes from May 24, 2017 were approved as distributed.

2. **New Business**

Bill Roberson-ITD informed members that the Hwy 95-Alderson to Kootenai PS&E has a date of September 2017. Labrosse to Alderson is 2020. Discussion followed regarding business owners interested in realignment and right of way. Susan Kiebert added that Stage 1 & 2 will be combined for public involvement with August 2017 having final design submittal and review and September 2017 having the PS&E submitted.

The Round Prairie to Canada Hwy 95 project is set to begin grinding July 31, 2017. The bridge at MP 532 is being constructed; however, the MP 529 will not be constructed yet. Railroad crossing projects for District Two Rd-FY19 and Schoolhouse FY 23. Boundary County Road & Bridge will contact ITD regarding any other crossings of concern.

MP 498 was discussed. Nothing will be repaired this year. Next year will be the construction of a rock inlaid buttress, 500' long and 60' up the slope, with horizontal drains, etc. Test holes, survey, etc. will need to be completed first. The estimate for the repair is \$303 million so far. ER MP 518 project work scope- excavate and remove 200' shoulder and construct a gabion wall.

Susan Kiebert-LHTAC updated members that the 129,000 permit for City of Moyie Springs and Roosevelt will be having a safety study of the area regarding an acceleration lane, possible speed reduction going on July 31 into August. Discussion followed on site visits and safety concerns from members.

The Innovation Idea Award application is open through LHTAC. If any jurisdiction has an innovative solution, please turn it in.

FLAP proposal selections have not been finalized and there has been no determination as yet.

The ITD Board Members will be touring sites in Sandpoint, Dover, Hwy 57 & Hwy 2, Oldtown and project areas on August 16, 2017 and then a luncheon in Sandpoint from 11:30am to 1:15pm. Jurisdictions are invited to attend and be able to visit with Board Members. There will be comments scheduled and those wishing to attend can RSVP to Susan.

Mike Meier, Emergency Management Director, presented members information regarding some grants available. September 19, 2017 there will be an Air & Ground Resources event in Boundary County for the US 95 corridor.

He also informed members that the Armory building, which his office is located in, will be housing half Boundary County and half National Guard. He also offered to BATT Members the use of the Training Room for meetings and told Secretary Nelson to contact Clerk Poston to reserve it for any meeting. Members agreed they would like to try that.

John Youngwirth-City of Bonners Ferry informed members of the concern City of Bonners Ferry has regarding ITD District 1 not having a stripping machine now and waiting for one from District 4 to be available to use in Boundary County. The stripping on Hwy 95 is a big safety concern for the City. Discussion followed regarding a letter of support, talking with Board Members at the upcoming meeting, and how important this issue is and needs to be addressed. Chairman Kirby asked for a motion. Motion was made, seconded and was unanimous to provide a letter of support.

(MSU Youngwirth/Davis)

3. Construction Information –

Jen Lanaville-NLI was in attendance. No new updates at this time.

Brian Scrimsher-Avista was in attendance and informed members he was still here and there were no significant changes with Avista being purchased.

4. Jurisdictional Updates

KTOI - Don Davis informed members he was still working on the Road Inventory for the Tribe.

City of Bonners Ferry – Lisa Ailport informed members that the City’s Transportation Plan was in process. They have also received a High Five Award and will be adding bike and pedestrian plans to the Transportation Plan. It also looks like they will now receive FEMA funds for the damage and needed repair at their sewer main.

Secretary Nelson then informed members regarding a call and email from Mayor Sims to inform members of the status of the signal light at Alderson Lane. She presented this:

The City of Bonners Ferry wants the light at the Alderson Lane intersection to remain. In June, ITD presented the City with data results from a study taken in April or May. ITD determined that the wait times of 37 seconds when waiting in the left turn lane in flashing mode and the wait time of 30 seconds in light mode were similar enough. The City asked for a study to be taken during summer traffic times. ITD will start a test on Monday, July 24, 2017 and it will be one week long. Results will be discussed after data is obtained. Discussion followed regarding traffic/wait times/more studies.

Lisa Ailport then presented Secretary Nelson with a memo from Mike Klaus, City PE regarding support for Hwy 95 speed reduction. Secretary Nelson read the memo:

The City is proposing to submit to ITD a request to reduce the speed limits from the city limits south to approximately the City Gold Course. As you are all aware the speed limit increases just outside the City limits from 45-60 mph in this area.

The City asks for BATT support in reducing the speed limits along Highway 95 in this vicinity. It is anticipated this request would be sent within the next month or so and support by BATT will aid significantly with ensuring that this endeavor is successful.

Chairman Kirby asked for a motion. Motion was made, seconded and unanimous. (MSU Kimball/Youngwirth)

Bill Roberson also informed members he would look into the safety study and data for this area of concern.

Boundary County – Clint Kimball updated members that crews were working on repairs to damaged roads from this spring, both FHWA and FEMA sites. He also stated that due to only receiving 14% of SRS funds and no funds in the plans for next fiscal year, concentration was on repairs and dust abatement has been reduced by 50% and no chip sealing scheduled for this year.

No further updates from jurisdictions were presented.

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

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

S/Renee Nelson

Renee Nelson, BATT Secretary