

BOUNDARY AREA TRANSPORTATION TEAM

MEETINGS NOTES/MINUTES

August 24, 2016

Voting Members In Attendance: Clint Kimball-Boundary County, David Sims-City of Bonners Ferry, Marion Johnson-SPOT, John Nelson-City of Moyie Springs via phone, Marvin Fenn-ITD via phone call.

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

Others in Attendance: Susan Kiebert-LHTAC, Dianna Ellis-Kootenai NWR, Don Davis-KTOI, Dennis Weed-BEDC, Ken Blockhan, Jr.-BC Public Library Trustee, Paul RW Anthony, Property Owner, Lisa Ailport-City of Bonners Ferry, Serena Carlson-CSC/Rep BNSF.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Walt Kirby at 1:35 pm at the Bonners Ferry Visitor Center. Introductions of those in attendance was done, including new attendee Lisa Ailport, City of Bonners Ferry Part-Time City Planner.

1. (MSU Sims/Johnson) The Proposed Minutes from July 27, 2016 were approved as distributed.

2. New Business

Susan Kiebert presented an overview from the ITD Board Meeting in Coeur d'Alene. Susan read a Thank You letter from the Board applauding all of the local jurisdictions that were in attendance. It also mentioned that District 1 was the only District who was taking advantage of the meeting. Various Board Members mentioned really liking to hear from the locals.

Susan Kiebert informed the members of the current status of the 129,000# Truck Route ruling. On September 9, 2016, ITD will adopt rules regarding 129,000# Truck Routes and they will become effective. There is currently coordination on a statewide permitting process and negotiations are in the works. Dan Chadwick was mentioned as a contact for the Idaho Association of Counties (IAC). LHTAC has also prepared a brochure discussing the 129,000# Local Truck Routes and these were distributed to those in attendance. Discussion followed regarding knowledge of and questions local jurisdictions might have regarding this; where local Legislature Representatives were in supporting the local jurisdictions; and the goal of having one standard throughout the state.

Renee Nelson-BATT Secretary opened a discussion regarding the Addendum to the By-Laws that was distributed at the July 27, 2016 meeting for members to review. The Addendum enlarges BATT membership to include the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. David Sims, City of Bonners Ferry, moved to accept the Addendum as

distributed. Marion Johnson, SPOT, seconded the motion. Chairman Kirby asked for "All in favor?" It was a unanimous "Aye" from voting members (Sims/Johnson/Kimball/Nelson/Fenn). Secretary Nelson noted this and stated she will revise the By-Laws and a copy would be available at the next meeting.

David Sims updated members on the SPOT Bus Governance. Members were given a short background of how SPOT was created and how the advisory boards have operated previously. Now, they are looking at forming a Joint Powers Agreement and discussion followed regarding the benefits to jurisdictions. The City of Bonners Ferry City Council has voted to proceed with a Joint Powers Agreement. Boundary County Commissioners are currently looking into the various facets of an Agreement. An overview was presented explaining the Federal funding of SPOT with a local match and what funding is available. There is \$30,000 needed for the local match. Of the current \$30,000 match that is required, the City of Bonners Ferry has agreed to \$10,000, Boundary County has agreed to \$3,500 and in kind match up to \$10,000 (however, in kind match is going away) and the Area for Aging has agreed to \$10,000. Looking ahead, the Area for Aging has \$27,000 available for 2017. It was also requested from members that the SPOT Board be addressed regarding the City of Moyie Springs to be added to membership.

3. Construction Information

There were no utilities present.

4. Jurisdictional Updates

City of Bonners Ferry –David Sims told members that the first change order had been received on the Augusta Street Project.

Boundary County – Clint Kimball updated members that the Ruby Creek Bridge #2 Project had just selected David Evans and Associates for the Design Engineer. LHTAC had awarded HMM Engineering to be the Construction Engineer on the Cow Creek Guardrail Project. He informed members that Dan Slanina, Project Manager, Western Federal Lands Highway Division, would be meeting with Boundary County and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Dianna Ellis, at the KNWR regarding the Riverside Road Project. The possibility of adding the Myrtle Creek Bridge project will also be discussed. Brushing on the Moyie River Road is in progress. Boundary County is working with City of Moyie Springs on the Division Street Project in preparation for paving.

Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge-Dianna Ellis informed members that that there would be a meeting on August 25, 2016 regarding Bike Paths at the Visitor's Center.

ITD-George Shutes presented an update to members via an email to Secretary Nelson. The South Hill Asphalt Overlay is completed, and ITD will be installing grates on the existing drainage structures near the curb and gutters to bring them up to standard. The Division Street turn lane has been constructed and will be paved the first or second week of

September. Currently ITD is widening the shoulders at Cedar Creek (US 95 near Deer Park Road) and will be paving the entire area up completion and new guardrail will be installed to replace the existing jersey barrier.

SPOT-Marion Johnson informed members that Jason Miller, Skills Community Solutions, had been hired by both Bonner County and Boundary County. There is a currently an online survey being conducted and can be accessed at SPOTBUS.org and follow the link. Members were encouraged to visit the site. SPOTBUS.com was also given as a site for information.

LHTAC-Susan Kiebert informed members that the LHTAC Workshops would be coming up in October. Workshops will cover FLAP (Federal Lands Access Program) applications, TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) applications, all LHATC Project Applications, and the 129,000# Truck Routes.

Kootenai Tribe of Idaho-Don Davis mentioned the Kootenai Tribe was still recovering from the passing of Duane Saunders. There is no replacement as yet for the position. He is still working on their long range Transportation Plan and also the Safety Plan.

BEDC (Boundary Economic Development Council)-Dennis Weed informed members there was a meeting at 1:00 pm, on August 25, 2016, at the Bonners Ferry Visitor Center, regarding "Bike/Walking Trails." The committee would be discussing expansion.

5. Public Comment- Ken Blockhan, Jr. discussed surveying being done at Hwy 95 and Camp Nine Rd by TO Engineering. Also surveying from Echo Drive to MP 515 on Hwy 95. He also stated concern for the area at MP 527 and the area near the Highway Camera-the eastbound lane on the inside seems to have rutting and alligatoring. It was discussed that ITD has previously been informed of this and was looking into the matter. He also voiced concern for the 129,000# Truck Routes that may be coming to Highway 95. Susan Kiebert, LHTAC, explained there was more information still forthcoming, and all Boundary County jurisdictions will working together with the rest of Idaho on this.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm (MSU Kimball/Ellis).

Respectfully Submitted,



Renee Nelson, BATT Secretary