

## BOUNDARY AREA TRANSPORTATION TEAM

### MEETING NOTES/MINUTES

September 28, 2016

**Voting Members in Attendance:** Marion Johnson-SPOT; Clint Kimball-Boundary County; David Sims-City of Bonners Ferry; Don Davis-Kootenai Tribe of Idaho; William Roberson-ITD.

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

**Others in Attendance:** Christopher Delorto-HDR; Susan Kiebert-LHTAC; Dennis Weed-BEDC; Lisa Ailport-City of Bonners Ferry.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Walt Kirby at 1:30 pm at the Bonners Ferry Visitor Center.

1. **(MSU Sims/Kimball)** The proposed Minutes from August 24, 2016 were approved as distributed.
2. **New Business**

**Susan Kiebert-LHTAC** - Updated members on the 129,000# Truck Route. IFG (Idaho Forest Group) has filed a request for Hwy 95, Hwy 2, and SH 1 through Boundary County and Roosevelt Rd into City of Moyie Springs to the IFG mill, along with routes in Bonner County and Kootenai County. There will be a meeting on October 11, 2016 in Sandpoint presented by LHTAC with ITD and IFG representatives present to answer questions from local jurisdictions. Clint Kimball mentioned concerns for damage to roads. William Roberson explained that Highways involved were approved Federal-Aid routes, and ITD remains neutral regarding jurisdictions. Members present expressed concerns for needing answers on how to deal with the permit process, etc. for these trucks. Susan Kiebert stressed the importance of members to be present at the meeting on October 11th and encouraged all to attend.

**Susan Kiebert-LHTAC**- informed members of the upcoming LHTAC Workshop on October 11, 2016 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm in Sandpoint at the community Center. There will be discussion regarding all LHTAC applications available: LRHIP (Local Rural Highway Improvement Program), LHSIP (Local Highway Safety Improvement Program), TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program), FLAP (Federal Lands Access Program), and a one time LHSIP application. Those attending can receive one credit towards the Road Scholar Program through the T2 Center. Susan also informed members that there would be a T2 class on October 18, 2016 on Contract Management from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm in Sandpoint. Brent Jennings would be conducting the class.

3. **Construction Information** – There were no utilities present.

4. **Jurisdictional Updates**

**City of Bonners Ferry** - David Sims informed members that August Street would be paved on Friday. Final design on Highway 95 is scheduled for February 2017.

**Boundary County** - Clint Kimball updated members on the paving that will be completed on Thursday on Recreation Rd at the Fairgrounds tying it into the new paving done by the City of Bonners Ferry on Fourth Street. He explained the Road and Bridge Department winter maintenance plan regarding a seven day coverage by splitting the crew for snowplowing and sanding. He hopes to have the salt brine facility up and running for producing their own salt brine to use on hills. They also have completed a sand storage site south of town that will save time and money sanding south of town. The plan is to have a similar site north of town by next winter season. A bridge inspection by an engineering firm is being completed on the damage done to the Naples Bridge and he hopes to have a report soon. Road and Bridge will be replacing the deck on the Ruby Creek #4 bridge; Ruby Creek #2 bridge is going into the design phase; Cow Creek Guardrail project should be completed in October and the Crossport Guardrail project scheduled for 2017/18.

**ITD** - Bill Roberson, new Transportation Planner for ITD, updated members on ITD projects. PSE is scheduled for 2018 on the Hwy 95-Alderson Lane to Kootenai River Bridge. Round Prairie project bid could not be justified so is being redesigned and will go out for bid in the fall of 2016 and be constructed in 2017. The Echo Drive project is scheduled for PS&E in 2017 with construction in 2018. This is a Hwy 95, MP 511 to 550 project that will consist of reconstruction and overlay. SH 1 from Hwy 95 jct to Spring Hill Rd is scheduled for 2020. There will be some possible seal coats in 2017. Some ITD projects were able to be advanced from 2018 to 2017, so ITD is working to fill in the holes with preservation projects, i.e. overlays, seal coats, and bridges.

**SPOT** - David Sims explained the City of Bonners Ferry had signed a joint powers agreement with SPOT. Jason Miller would be providing the results of the survey at the SPOT Board Meeting on September 29, 2016. Marion Johnson informed members that the “dial a ride” has 56 regular riders. SPOT is preparing to install signs in the City of Moyie Springs for ridership. Some grants are available that SPOT is eligible for and Marion will be applying for some of those.

**City of Moyie Springs** – sent an update that the turn lane onto North Division Street will be paved in the next couple weeks.

**BEDC** – Dennis Weed informed members that some new bike trails were being looked at for Boundary County. One of the areas being looked at is the bottom of the North Hill. Development of a trail plan and discussion with ITD is in progress.

**Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge** - Dianna Ellis sent an email to Secretary Nelson explaining she would be on annual leave and will not be back in the office until Thursday, September 29, 2016, so would not be able to attend.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Renee Nelson, BATT Secretary