

BOUNDARY AREA TRANSPORTATION TEAM

MEETING NOTES/MINUTES

November 30, 2016

Voting Members in Attendance: Clint Kimball-Boundary County; Mike Klaus-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; David Sims-City of Bonners Ferry; David Suhr-David Evans & Assoc..

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

1. **(MSU Kimball/Klaus)** The proposed Minutes from September 28 and October 26, 2016 were approved as distributed.
2. **New Business**

Renee Nelson-(Kimball/Klaus) Discussed with members the various upcoming project applications available to jurisdictions. Federal Aid Bridge Project Application postmarked January 5, 2017. Boundary County is preparing an application to replace the Naples Bridge. No other jurisdictions are applying. The Safety Transportation Program Rural Application postmarked January 5, 2017. Boundary County is preparing an application for widening and safety improvements to Schoolhouse Road. The City of Bonners Ferry had contemplated turning in an application but has decided it would fit better under a Federal Lands Access Program application. That application will be for Riverside Road improvements within the City Limits and works in conjunction with Boundary County's FLAP application. These will be discussed and ranked at January's meeting. Next, the Local Highway Safety Improvement FY19 application due January 19, 2017 was discussed. Boundary County has prepared one for guardrail on Deep Creek Loop with systemic on Highland Flats Road and Moyie River Road. It was prepared for the special one-time FY17 application and if not funded under that call for projects, will automatically move on to the FY 19 project call. The last project application discussed was the Idaho Parks & Recreation Roads and Bridge Grant Application. Boundary County is planning on preparing an application for either the Skin Creek Bridge or the Caribou Creek Bridge. Both are in need of replacement and would fit this application's criteria. All those in attendance were glad to receive an overview of the projects being applied for, as all projects represent major safety benefits to the county as a whole. A Motion was made and seconded and all members present were unanimous in supporting all project applications by way of support letters.

Bill Roberson-ITD informed members that the Shopko pavement markings on US 95 will be corrected next season. Winter maintenance is in progress at the Bonners Ferry Shop. George Shutes and his crew are doing their best in this. All members present quickly responded that he and his crew do an excellent job. Phase 1 of the US 95 project- Alderson Lane to the Kootenai Bridge is solid for 2018. As part of the "Strategic Initiatives Program" designs for safety, the Kootenai Street intersection will be addressed along with Ash Street intersection. Phase 2 of US 95 will be Alderson Lane to Labrosse Hill Street in 2020. Mayor Sims stated that the City of Bonners Ferry is looking at a lighting plan for the east side of Hwy 95 on the south hill and coordinating with ITD on this. Bill Roberson suggested looking at the lighting just completed by the City of Worley, and it was done as a cost share between the city and ITD. The US 95 project starting at Echo Drive is scheduled for 2018. Preliminary work has already started. Seal coating SH 1 is on the 2020 program. Round Prairie project is going out to bid again with an advertisement for the 2017 season. There was a trial with a 129K truck at the Chilco Mill completed and a video can be obtained to watch for any interested jurisdictions.

David Sims-Public Transportation SPOT updated members that a Joint Powers Agreement is being considered with City of Bonners Ferry and Boundary County along with Bonner County. Hopefully these agreements are forthcoming. There will still be a local advisory board. There has been some ridership in Moyie Springs. The study that was conducted revealed the bus currently being used has another 5 years service life before replacing. Regarding a route between Bonners Ferry and Sandpoint, it would require a larger bus and how much match would be required of Bonners Ferry and Boundary County will depend upon how much is received from grants. Money is available from the Area on Aging Agency however not a set sum.

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

4. **Jurisdictional Updates**

Kootenai Tribe of Idaho –Don Davis informed members that the long range transportation plan and strategic safety plan for the Kootenai Tribe was approved and has been sent to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. He hopes to have copies in January. Tribal police are working on crash data. Work is being done on GIS basis for road inventory. The Tribe plans on maintaining what roadways it already maintains and will support any projects the County or City applies for whether road or bridge project.

Boundary County - Clint Kimball, in regards to questions about the proposed UP Moyie River Road Siding, informed members that Boundary County has been told that Union Pacific has selected a Prime Contractor.

No other updates from jurisdictions were presented.

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

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm. (MSU Davis/Kimball)

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Renee Nelson", is written in a cursive style.

Renee Nelson, BATT Secretary