

# TRAFFIC CONTROL BOARD MINUTES

March 23, 2016

## APPROVED AS AMENDED

MEMBERS PRESENT: Todd Cormier, Pierre Jomini, Jerry Dunning, Ron Alles, Sondra Baker

MEMBERS ABSENT: Capt. Harper, Gene Wade

STAFF SUPPORT: Aaron Lebsack, Erin Claunch, Lora Mattox

GUESTS: Anthony Chase (Planning Division)

BUSINESS MEETING:

**Call to order:** Todd Cormier called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm in the conference room of the Public Works Building, 2224 Montana Avenue.

**Minutes:** Motion for approval of the February minutes as amended by Jerry Dunning. Seconded by Pierre Jomini. Motion carried on a voice vote.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT: None

STAFF REPORTS: Erin gave an update for the major 2016 projects. They are as listed:

Construction Projects:

- Colton Blvd from Zimmerman Trl to 38<sup>th</sup> St W – Road extension. Should be completed by end of May
- 32<sup>nd</sup> St W & Gabel Rd – Signal installation and pedestrian ramps. Construction is underway and will last one month.
- Poly Dr & Virginia Ln – Pavement rehab west of Virginia Ln at the ditch crossing as well as striping bike lanes from Virginia Ln to 13<sup>th</sup> St W. This is a carryover project from 2015. Construction will commence with warm weather and should only last one week.
- Bench Blvd from Hilltop Rd to Main St – The Montana Department of Transportation will be doing a complete reconstruction. The construction is underway and will last through the construction season.
- Grand Ave from Zimmerman Trl to Shiloh Rd – This project will include widening to 4 thru lanes with a raised median, left turn lanes and 2 roundabouts; one at 38<sup>th</sup> St W and another just east of the cemetery in preparation for future developments in the area. Construction will start in mid-April and last through the construction season. The project will include a full closure of Grand Avenue for 90 days. This closure will likely start sometime in May.
- Orchard Ln from State Ave to King Ave E – Full reconstruction, very similar to that of Calhoun Ln with the exception of no bike lanes. A 6' sidewalk will also be installed. Construction will start in May and last through the construction season.
- Nutter Blvd from Hilltop Rd to Wicks Ln – ADA ramps are being installed on every corner as well as replacing the valley gutter at Aronson Ave. This project is underway and should be completed within a month.

- 4<sup>th</sup> Ave N & Division St – This project will look to widen the intersection for northbound traffic for the ability to put in two right hand turns onto 4<sup>th</sup> Ave N. The project is currently in design and likely won't start this year.
- Elysian Rd - This project will be highly development dependent due to the subdivisions that are set to be put in South of Elysian Rd. The street may see a widening prior to the full development in an effort to make some trail connections and possibly turn lanes.

Water & Sewer rehab projects:

- 17<sup>th</sup> St W from Poly Dr to Rims – Bid will be end of April and construction will begin in early June.
- 30<sup>th</sup> St W in front of Will James Middle School and neighborhood south of Broadwater Ave – Bid will be April 12<sup>th</sup> and construction will start sometime in June.
- Alley between Grand Ave & Alderson Ave and alley between Burlington Ave & Lewis Ave; Division-4<sup>th</sup> St W – Bid will be April 12<sup>th</sup> and construction will begin in June.
- Alley between S 36<sup>th</sup> St & S 35<sup>th</sup> St and alley between S 34<sup>th</sup> St & S 33<sup>rd</sup> St; State Ave-4<sup>th</sup> Ave S – Bid will be April 12<sup>th</sup> and construction will begin in June.
- Jackson St, Arden Ave, Hallowell Ln, Clevenger Ave – Bid will be April 26<sup>th</sup> and construction will start late June or July.

Overlay & Chipseal projects:

- 24<sup>th</sup> St W from King Ave W to Overland Ave – Overlay. Construction should begin in June and last about two weeks.
- Grand Ave from 16<sup>th</sup> St W to 24<sup>th</sup> St W – Overlay. The construction date is unknown but will last about two weeks.
- Aronson Ave from Hilltop Rd to Wicks Ln – Overlay. The construction date is unknown but will last about two weeks.
- Zimmerman Trl from Poly Dr to Grand Ave – Chipseal. The construction date is unknown but should only last a few days.
- Lillis Subdivision – Chipseal. Construction date will be in the middle to end of summer and should last one to two weeks.

BOARD REPORTS: Lora reported that the West End Modeling Project's consultant is going to start looking at a draft document and ask which level of service should be used. Erin stated that a Level of Service (LOS) D would be appropriate given the time frame of the study. With the new school and recent subdivisions, bike and pedestrian improvements may be implemented in the area to improve connections.

The Rims to Valley study should have a draft document in the coming weeks to look for alternative routes for bike and pedestrians to get from the top of the rims to the valley. The 5<sup>th</sup> Ave N feasibility study has had 6 proposals and a consultant will be selected in the coming weeks; the corridor for this study will run from N 32<sup>nd</sup> St to Exposition Dr. Lora also mentioned that Alta Planning & Design was selected to update the 2011 *Bikeway & Trail Masterplan*.

Lastly, Lora mentioned that the emphasis areas for the Community Transportation Plan are currently under review. These emphasis areas include impaired driving/speeding, unrestrained occupants and distracted driving. The vision

statement for this project is to reduce the fatal and serious injury accidents by 25% by 2020 through these emphasis areas.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Accesses from Rimrock Frontage Rd to Rimrock Rd; inconsistency in traffic control:** Nothing to report at this time.
- **6<sup>th</sup> Avenue North & North 31<sup>st</sup> Street. Is there a pedestrian crash trend?:** Nothing to report at this time.
- **Five non-signalized intersections with most injury/fatal accidents for 2014-2016:** Nothing to report at this time.
- **Access to MDT new crash database.** Nothing to report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **5 year chip seal & Overlay plan:** Erin provided a handout displaying chip seal, overlay, water rehab, and sewer rehab projects that are slated for the next 5 years. The plan is a draft document and readily changing due to funding and deteriorating roadways. A general discussion was held.
- ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS
  - Traffic Safety – How Billings crash data is used by Engineering
  - Billings Bypass Project
  - Airport & Main Intersection study (MDT w/ Kittleson & Associates)

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.