

TRAFFIC CONTROL BOARD MINUTES

January 24, 2018

APPROVED AS AMENDED

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jerry Dunning, Todd Cormier, Pierre Jomini, Capt. Harper, Daniel Brooks, Ron Alles

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sondra Baker

STAFF SUPPORT: Dakota Martonen, Aaron Lebsack, Erin Claunch, Lora Mattox

GUESTS: None

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. Dan Brooks was introduced and welcomed to the Board.

Minutes: Motion by Pierre Jomini to delay the December 2017 minutes for approval until the next meeting. Seconded by Ron Alles. Motion carried on a voice vote.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT: None

STAFF REPORTS: No items to report on.

BOARD REPORTS: The Long Range Transportation Plan, Travel Demand Model, and Public Participation Plan are still moving forward. Lora provided handouts of the off street trail count map, ADT map, and Bike lane map. It was also stated that an active transportation planner job has been recently advertised.

RESPONSES TO BOARD INQUIRES: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- **King Avenue West & 20th Street West right turn lane:** *(nothing to report at this time)*
- **King Avenue West & 24th Street West overhead signing:** *(nothing to report at this time)*

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Resolutions in front of City Council:** The following projects have property assessments included in their funding. A presentation was given highlighting these projects (see the attached slides for more information). As outlined by State law, processes are required prior to assessing property owners. Typically the construction costs for SID/SILMD are assessed and paid over 12 years. The maintenance, power, amortization and replacement costs for an SILMD are assessed in perpetuity. For Special Improvement Districts (SID) and Special Improvement Lighting and Maintenance Districts (SILMD), notices are required to be sent out, a public hearing is held (including valid protests), and the local governing body then acts on the creation of the assessments. The Board decided that more information was needed prior to acting on whether to support the various resolutions. City staff is to provide more information – specifically on the costs of the assessments – via email on each of the projects. The Board will then provide action on whether to support the resolutions.

- a. **EBURD:** This year's East Billings Urban Rural Development (EBURD) project will include North 11th Street and North 12th Street between 1st Avenue North and 4th Avenue North, as well as 3rd Avenue North and 2nd Avenue North between North 13th Street and North 10th Street. This project will look to maximize back-in angle parking, continue bike lanes along 2nd Avenue North and 3rd Avenue North, and install updated street lights. If passed, the streets lights will be installed within the entirety of the EBURD's limits. The Parking Commission is also involved with these improvements.
 - b. **Poet Streets:** This project includes asphalt and curb and gutter (both standard and ribbon curb will be used) improvements. Storm drain improvements will be completed as needed. No sidewalks will be constructed.
 - c. **Central Avenue:** Central Avenue will be reconstructed from 32nd Street West to Shiloh Road. This corridor will be widened to 4 driving lanes with a two-way-left-turn lane from 32nd Street West to 36th Street West, and 4 driving lanes with raised median from 36th Street West to Shiloh Road. Roundabouts will be installed at 36th Street West and 38th Street West. The south side of the street will include a 10' multi-use trail and there will be a 5-foot sidewalk on the north side of the street.
 - d. **Midland Road:** Midland Road from Mallowney Lane to South Billings Boulevard will be reconstructed. The road will be widened to 3 lanes and a 10' multi-use trail will be installed along the south side of the road. A 5-foot sidewalk with a 5-foot boulevard will be constructed along the north side of the road. In conjunction with this project, Mallowney Lane will have the south leg of the intersection rebuilt. This leg will be widened to provide northbound traffic a dedicated left turn lane, dedicated thru lane, and a shared thru-right lane.
 - e. **Miscellaneous – 2 connections:** Khyll Lane will have new trail connections and sidewalk to better accommodate pedestrians in the area. Bitterroot Drive will also see a new portion of sidewalk. Captain Harper inquired about walking improvements on Barrett Road. The section of road in the vicinity of the schools is located in Yellowstone County, which is not interested in creating a Rural Improvement District. Pierre suggested getting the PTA involved. Lara also mentioned that it was difficult to get Transportation Alternatives grants.
 - f. **SILMDs:** Central Avenue and Midland Road will both have an SILMD created with the reconstruction projects. The EBURD project will also include street lights throughout the project and extending into the EBURD boundaries.
2. **President/Vice-President Elections:** Todd Cormier was voted as President and Jerry Dunning as Vice-President. Both were elected unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:22 pm.