

TRAFFIC CONTROL BOARD MINUTES

July 24, 2019

APPROVED AS AMENDED

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jerry Dunning, Dan Brooks, Lt. Brian Korell, John Armstrong, Sondra Baker, Nicole Cromwell

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF SUPPORT: Dakota Martonen, Erin Claunch, Mike Dotson

GUESTS: None

BUSINESS MEETING:

Call to order: Jerry Dunning called the meeting to order at 12:09 pm in the conference room of the Public Works Building, 2224 Montana Avenue.

Minutes: Motion by Dan Brooks for approval of the May 2019 minutes. Seconded by John Armstrong. Motion carried on a voice vote.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT: None

STAFF REPORTS:

Erin updated the board on current construction projects. Here is a list of projects currently going on in the city.

- Mill and overlay on King Ave West W of canal to S 31st St.
- Mill and overlay Zimmerman Trail from Grand Ave to Broadwater Ave.
- Mill and overlay 32nd St W from Broadwater Ave to Monad Rd.
- Mill and overlay S 20th St W from Monad Rd to King Ave W.
- Alberta Bair closure on 3rd Ave N for utility connections.
- Central Ave & 24th St W closed for 3 days to repair a gas valve MDU.
- Monad Rd & Daniels St closed for signal and widening project.
- N 27th St W will start being worked on by the State starting in September.

BOARD REPORTS:

- Erin reported on behalf of Lora on the Planning Department projects. Inner Belt Loop Corridor Study is being conducted by Sanderson Stewart. Planning will look at 5th Ave N corridor feasibility study. City's 2019 Greater Billings Non-motorized Trail System map has been approved and going through the final update. This project includes a creation of a mobile application. A Wayfinding Signage plan consultant was picked and is in the next step. The Build Grant application was successfully turned in and waiting to hear the results. The Build Grant would provide funding to complete the Inner Belt Loop and the Marathon trail system.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Downtown Traffic Study: The study is being finalized and will be presented to City Council in September.
2. Jerry also brought up the open position on the board that still needs to be filled.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Traffic Speeds and SRTS to City Council:** Erin will be presenting to City Council in August about traffic calming, speed limits, and Safe Routes to School (SRTS). Engineering is conducting a study to show differences in speeds on certain roads when the speed limits are the same. For example, engineering is comparing Main Street North of Wicks Lane and King Ave West W of 32nd St W. Same speed limits (45 MPH) but the road construction is vastly different on King Ave W compared to Main Street. King has smaller lane widths and trees in the median as well. Main St has wider lanes and no trees in the medians. Traffic Calming is speed humps, stop signs, and different road configurations to slow traffic. SRTS is looking at how the City can be most effective in getting kids to school safely on the road. John asked about "is there plans in the near future to put sidewalks in on N 14th St & N 15th St." Erin responded saying he will look into it but doesn't believe so.
2. **Monad & 19th/20th Streets West realignment:** See attached slides for more information.

Items for Future Agendas

1. Road and lane rentals
2. Residential intersections

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.