

**Draft Minutes**  
**October 26th, 2010**

**Members Present:** James Knox, Walt Willett, Steve Zeier, Brent Krueger, Todd Cormier, Sondra Baker, Capt Bedford

**Members Absent:** Lora Mattox

**Staff Support:** Debi Meling, Terry Smith, Erin Claunch, John Gibson

**Guests:** Councilman Dennis Pittman, State Rep, Dennis Himmelderger

**BUISNESS MEETING**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was call 12:15

**Minutes:** Motion for approval of the minutes by Walt Willett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by James Knox. Motion was approved by a voice vote.

**Open Public Comment:** Ref to Inner Belt Loop Project

Councilman Pittman addressed the Board regarding the City's consideration to delay the construction of the Inner Belt Loop. He stated that an alternate route out of the Heights is needed as was experienced during the disaster that occurred June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Heights traffic was unable move and was forced to detour through Huntley. Councilman Pittman asked the Board for its' support to continue with construction of the Inner Belt Loop as scheduled.

State Rep, Dennis Himmelderger, stated he agreed with Councilman Pittman and supports the continued construction of the Inner Belt Loop.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Inner Belt Loop Project:

**STAFF REPORTS:**

Terry reported the Grand and 24<sup>th</sup> Street West signal light project has been completed with the exception of the installation of illuminating lane signs.

Terry stated the final Phase I study report (first 11 Schools) is complete. The committee will begin Phase II which includes the remaining 11 schools. The overriding goal of Safe Routes to School efforts is to make bicycling and walking to school safer and more convenient. Although this specific study will address some general big-picture issues related to Safe Routes to School, it will focus primarily on the infrastructure improvements (sidewalk, crosswalk, parking/loading zone improvements, etc.) that will improve the safety of children traveling to and from school.

Terry commented on the Tiger 2 grants; the state of Montana did not receive any grants which has affected the 6<sup>th</sup> North and Bench connection.

Erin reported that the striping for the On-Street Bike Lane project is complete with the exception of Nutter Blvd due to the storm sewer project. Signing of the bike lanes is now in progress.

Erin stated that the equipment for the signal at Wicks and St. Andrews has been ordered. Additional curb and ramp work will include the SW corner of the intersection.

**BOARD REPORTS:** None

**OLD BUISNESS:**

Terry reported that Arrowhead Elementary at 38<sup>th</sup> and Poly Drive has supported in placing jersey barriers and barrels to close off one exit lane. In turn, the City has placed a larger chevron sign along the west side of 38<sup>th</sup> St West at the exit to the school. The sign is visible for a distance of 600 feet east of 38<sup>th</sup>.

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm