

**Traffic Control Board
Minutes
December 7th, 2010**

Members Present: Todd Cormier, James Knox, Walt Willett, Steve Zeier

Members Absent: Sondra Baker, Capt Bedford, Brent Krueger

Staff Support: Erin Claunch, John Gibson, Lora Mattox, Terry Smith

Guests: None

BUISNESS MEETING

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:15 pm by Vice Chair James Knox. Chairperson Zeier arrived shortly thereafter and took over the meeting. The meeting was held in the small conference room on the 4th floor of the Parmly Library.

Minutes: A typo was noted in the last paragraph under the Staff Reports section of the October minutes. The item should refer to **striping** of the on-street bike lanes. Mr. Knox moved that the minutes be approved as corrected, second by Walt Willett. Motion carried on a voice vote. (*Note: The October 26th minutes are the previous meeting minutes, since there was no meeting in November*)

Open Public Comment: None

STAFF REPORTS:

The Traffic Control Board met jointly with the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee immediately prior to the TCB business meeting. Terry Smith made presentations at the joint meeting on what the City is currently doing to accommodate non-motorized users on city streets, and on pedestrian crosswalks.

BOARD REPORTS:

Planning Board: Lora Mattox reminded Board members a public meeting on the *Billings Area Bikeway and Trail Master Plan*, will be held tonight (December 7th) at 6:00 pm at the Community Center, 360 North 23rd. Additional information is available on the project web site: <http://www.billingstrails.com/>

OLD BUISNESS:

Inner Belt Loop: Terry reported that the Inner Belt Loop continued to be a topic of discussion for City Council, but that no decisions on when construction would start have been made at this time. The project was discussed at the Dec. 6th Council Work Session. There has been some discussion of using general obligation bonds to finance the project. Walt Willett asked about the potential for using federal highway funds. Terry noted that the proposed roadway was not currently designated as a route eligible for federal funding. Terry also speculated that federal funding would actually slow the project down because none of the work to date had been done under State or Federal review. Todd Cormier noted it would probably be necessary to "start over" and produce an environmental document and get State approval of the proposed alignment before design work could even proceed as a federal-aid project.

NEW BUISNESS:

James Knox was recently elected as a representative from State House District 47. It will be necessary for Mr. Knox to miss the January through March, and probably April, TCB meetings due to the Legislative session that convenes in January. Walt Willett made a motion to grant Mr. Knox an excused absence from Board meetings while he is serving in the Legislature. Todd Cormier seconded the motion. Chairman Zeier called for a vote following discussion. Mr. Knox recused himself from the vote. Motion approved on a voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 1:26 pm