

# TRAFFIC CONTROL BOARD MINUTES

## December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pierre Jomini, Trina White, Jerry Dunning, Todd Cormier, Capt. Harper

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sondra Baker, Gene Wade

STAFF SUPPORT: Terry Smith, Erin Claunch, Debi Meling, Aaron Lebsack, Lora Mattox, John Strub

GUESTS: Wade Salyards (MDT), Stefan Streeter (MDT), Gary Neville (MDT), Stan Jonutis (MDT), Danielle Bolan (MDT), Andy Daleiden (KAI), Scott Beaird (KAI)

### BUSINESS MEETING:

**Call to order:** Todd Cormier called the meeting to order at 12:08 pm in the conference room of the Public Works Building, 2224 Montana Avenue.

**Minutes:** Pierre asked to clarify the October minutes regarding the bike lanes on Lewis Avenue. He noted that at the October meeting he advocated continuity of the bike lanes by widening Lewis between 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Streets West and also requested a cost estimate for the widening. He also noted that he had requested that the speed limit signing on Grand between Shiloh and Rehberg be checked because there are inconsistencies between the eastbound and westbound signage. Motion for approval of the October minutes with corrections by Jerry Dunning, seconded by Trina White. Motion carried on a voice vote.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT: None

### STAFF REPORTS:

**King Ave West Signal Timing (Presentation by Kittelson & Associates):** Kittelson & Associates presented the results of the Signal Timing project on King Ave West between Mallowney Lane and 32<sup>nd</sup> St W. This was a Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) project, but also included City signals. MDT maintains the traffic signals from Mallowney to and including 24<sup>th</sup> St. West. The signals west of 24<sup>th</sup> are maintained by the City. The project took place from September 2013 to December 2014. The primary objectives of the project were to minimize delay and improve progression within the corridor. Existing traffic flow data, including travel times, was collected in the fall of 2013. Both the City and MDT installed new traffic signal controllers in May-June 2014, prior to the implementation of the new signal timing plans. Travel time data was collected July 14-19 and September 24-27, 2014, to evaluate whether the new timing plans improved traffic flow. Travel time data was collected both by driving the corridor with a GPS recorder and using Bluetooth readers that acquire anonymous ID from cell phones of passing motorists. Both the GPS and the Bluetooth travel time data show reductions in travel time thru the corridor during almost all time periods. The study also made recommendations for potential operational and geometric improvements at 24<sup>th</sup>/King; 20<sup>th</sup>/King, and I-90 interchange signals. MDT and the City will continue to monitor the corridor for safety and efficiency. Danielle Bolan presented information on MDT's plans for traffic signal upgrades in Billings and throughout the state. Kittelson and MDT answered personal questions from the Board.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2015 Meeting Schedule. It was agreed to hold the January meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday (Jan. 28).

The remaining reports and business items on the agenda were postponed until the January meeting because of lack of time.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm.