

TRAFFIC CONTROL BOARD MINUTES

March 25th, 2015

Approved as Amended

MEMBERS PRESENT: Todd Cormier, Pierre Jomini, Gene Wade, Jerry Dunning, Sondra Baker, Capt. Harper

MEMBERS ABSENT: Trina White

STAFF SUPPORT: Terry Smith, Erin Claunch, Aaron Lebsack, Lora Mattox

GUESTS: None

BUSINESS MEETING:

Call to order: Todd Cormier called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm in the conference room of the Public Works Building, 2224 Montana Avenue.

Minutes: Motion for approval of the February minutes by Gene Wade, seconded by Capt. Harper. Motion carried on a voice vote.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT: None

STAFF REPORTS:

- **Pedestrian Related Crashes - Update:** Terry gave an update on the pedestrian related crashes in the Downtown and near Westend area. He displayed some maps with the pedestrian related accident locations occurring during the 5 year period from 2009 thru 2013 plotted on them. The only significant clusters in the Downtown area are at 1st Ave N, 4th Ave N and 6th Ave N along N 27th Street. Terry emphasized that the mapping is a manual process because there is not direct tie between the accident database and our GIS system.

BOARD REPORTS:

- **Highway 3 Corridor Study:** Lora updated the board on the Highway 3 corridor study stating that all of the governing bodies have approved the plan and are recommending approval to the Policy Coordinating Committee. PCC is scheduled to meet April 24th.
- **Growth Policy:** Planning staff is currently reviewing all of the public comments they have received and are drafting goals based on those comments. Lora stated that there are some new subdivisions coming in but it hasn't been a very big push. She also stated that zoning applications are up this year.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Rimrock Road & 62nd St W Intersection:** The board discussed the intersection of Rimrock Road & 62nd St West following a request made by Pierre. While traveling westbound on Rimrock Road, you can either follow the curve and go north on Molt Road, or continue straight on Rimrock Road. One of the concerns is that drivers westbound on Rimrock that want to continue west on Rimrock have to turn off the main roadway and yield to traffic coming southbound around the curve. Sight distance is limited for drivers making this movement to see southbound vehicles that are traveling at highway speeds. Terry displayed some maps that show only the northwest quadrant of the actual Rimrock & 62nd intersection

is in the City. The other three quadrants, including the main curve from Rimrock to Molt Road, are outside the city limits. There is a lack of consensus on whether the State (MDT) or the County is responsible for the main curve. The trees along the inside of the curve that are creating the sight restriction are outside of the City and appear to be on private property. City staff previously forwarded a complaint about the trees limiting sight distance to the County. Pierre asked in cases where the roadway itself is partially in the City and partially in the County if there are any formal agreements regarding maintenance of striping, snow plowing, etc. Terry indicated that as far as he knows there are not any formal written agreements, but that City and County crews trade roadway sections. Terry indicated he would check further and have more information at a future meeting.

Terry also displayed some short term and long term concepts for dealing with the actual 62nd & Rimrock intersection and the two additional intersections that are located at the curve. The preferred long range alternative is to implement a roundabout at his location.

- **2015 Overlay & Chip seal program:** Terry provided maps showing where the scheduled chip seal and overlay locations are for 2015. The overlay map shows areas that are getting an asphalt maintenance overlay. There are other locations such as Colton Boulevard between 38th & Zimmerman, and Poly Drive between 32nd & 38th where the street is be constructed or fully reconstructed this summer.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.