

# TRAFFIC CONTROL BOARD MINUTES

April 22nd, 2015

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Trina White, Sondra Baker

STAFF SUPPORT: Terry Smith, Aaron Lebsack, Lora Mattox, Bill Kemp

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:** Pierre noted the minutes did not reflect discussion of missing chevron signing, acquisition of future right-of-way for intersection improvements, and striping maintenance under the Rimrock Road & 62<sup>nd</sup> Street West new business item. Motion for approval of the March minutes with corrections by Gene Wade. Seconded by Pierre Jomini. Motion carried on a voice vote.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT: None

## STAFF REPORTS:

- **Final CTEP Projects are bidding:** Terry and Lora presented information on CTEP projects scheduled for this summer. Terry noted the projects represent the last round of CTEP funded projects. The CTEP program has been replaced by TAP (**T**ransportation **A**ssistance **P**rogram). A primary difference is that TAP funds are allocated on a statewide basis, rather than a designated amount to each City/County. Lora provided the Board with a map showing the various CTEP and TAP projects for this summer. These projects installing new sidewalks, bike lanes, shared used pathways, crosswalk enhancements and landscaping work at multiple locations around the City.
- **Billings first FYA installation – 32<sup>nd</sup> & Monad:** City crews installed Billings first set of flashing yellow arrows at the intersection of 32<sup>nd</sup> St W & Monad Road. Terry informed the Board that the immediate goal is to have the entire 32<sup>nd</sup> St W corridor set up with flashing yellow arrows. Other corridors will follow as controller & equipment upgrades are completed. Terry noted that the MUTCD (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices) requires use of flashing yellow arrows for all new traffic signal installations where permissive or protected/permissive left turns are allowed.

## BOARD REPORTS:

- **Highway 3 Corridor Study:** Lora informed the Board that the Highway 3 corridor study was approved by the Policy Coordinating Committee. She also stated that the Planning Department is going to be starting two new transportation studies. One being a west end traffic modeling project and the other a study to identify a trail corridor from the top of the Rims down to Rimrock Road and an ultimate connection with the Shiloh Road multi-use trail. The trail is an important link in the Chamber of Commerce goal to create a “marathon loop” trail that circles the entire city.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Police Department accident data:** Postponed until future meeting.
- **Routine maintenance on roadways with split City-County jurisdiction:** Bill Kemp talked to the Board about routine maintenance on streets that are partially outside of the City limits. He stated there is a lot of “trading” that happens between the City and the County. A recent example was Washington Street where the County did the paving and the City did the striping. There is a lot of communication and working together at the staff level.
- **How can the Traffic Control Board assist City staff? (Discussion):** There was a general discussion of the role of the Traffic Control Board and what each Board member hoped to gain from their involvement with the Board.
- ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm.

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