

TRAFFIC CONTROL BOARD MINUTES

October 28th, 2015

APPROVED AS AMENDED

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gene Wade

STAFF SUPPORT: Terry Smith, Aaron Lebsack

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 previously e-mailed Board members suggested corrections and additions to the September minutes. Motion by Pierre Jomini for approval of the August minutes, as amended. Seconded by Trina White. Motion carried on a voice vote.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT: None

STAFF REPORTS: None

BOARD REPORTS:

- **Rims to Valley Bike/Ped Study:** Todd gave an update on the feasibility study looking at alternatives for bicycle and pedestrian facilities from Highway 3 to the valley. Sanderson Stewart is the consultant for this project. There will be a public meeting on December 2nd at the Billing Public Library Community Room. The meeting will run from 4:30 to 6:30 pm and will be an open house format so all are welcome to come and go anytime during the meeting. There will be a brief presentation at 5:00 pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Private Streets (Handling of maintenance, enforcement, complaints, etc):** As follow up to prior discussions Pierre asked if the Board could learn more about how the City handles private streets with the intent of avoiding some of the problems brought to light with Montana Sapphire Subdivision (Kari Lane). Todd suggested this issue might be more appropriate for the City-County Planning Board to review because it ultimately is a subdivision and platting issue. After additional discussion, Todd offered to talk with Debi Meling (City Engineer) and Wyeth Friday (Planning Division Manager) about how private streets are currently being handled in the subdivision process.
- **Guide Signing in the Airport Road, Aronson Avenue, Alkali Creek Road area:** Pierre submitted a sketch with his suggestions regarding signing in the Airport Rd, Aronson Ave and Alkali Creek Rd area. Terry will forward the information to Erin Claunch.
- **Revised Striping:** Pierre brought up several locations the Board had previously discussed with respect to striping changes, including Monad & 19th/20th, 24th St. West north of Grand, and Grand & Rehberg. Pierre is suggesting that staff look into these locations and provide the Board a plan. He would like to insure plans are ready when an overlay or chip seal comes, or perhaps simple changes can be implemented by City crews. Terry expressed two concerns. First, staff is lucky to get plans prepared for

overlay projects that are being constructed in the current year, without devoting time to develop plans for an unknown date in the future. Secondly, staff is reluctant to devote time to preparing plans based on an assumption that a given street should have bike lanes for example, when that may change in the future. Terry indicated that is a significant debate on Orchard Lane and Calhoun Lane right now and those projects are ready to go. Todd indicated he felt the Board had done their job by bringing the questions to the attention of staff.

- **“Pavement Ends” sign:** Pierre asked about the status of the PAVEMENT ENDS sign at the far end of Rimrock Road that was mentioned in his earlier signing presentation to the Board. Terry stated he double checked his records and the request to install the PAVEMENT ENDS sign was included with several other signing requests that went to ST-Traffic crews. Terry indicated he would follow up with ST-Traffic about the sign.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Format of Minutes:** The Board discussed the possibility of changing the format of the minutes. Terry stated that much of his research on the Internet indicates that minutes should be a reflection of what was done, not what was said. Jerry responded that he felt it is important to reflect what was said considering this is the only public record of the meetings. Terry noted there is a balance between the level of detail of the minutes and the timeliness in getting them out. The consensus of the Board was to continue providing minutes that reflect the discussions held rather than going to the abbreviated format that was used for the September minutes.
- **Combined Nov-Dec Meeting:** The Board agreed on Wednesday, December 9th, 2015 for the December meeting date which will combine the November meeting and the December meeting. Motion for approval for the meeting date by Jerry Dunning. Seconded by Pierre Jomini. Motion carried on a voice vote.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Update on 2015 CTEP Projects
BPD Crash Data
Traffic Safety – How Billings crash data is used by Engineering
Billings Bypass Project
Airport & Main Intersection study (MDT w/ Kittleson & Associates)

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm.