

GREAT FALLS URBAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Dave Dobbs called the Great Falls Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting to order at approximately 9:31 a.m. in the Rainbow Room of the Civic Center, #2 Park Drive South.

ROLL CALL OF TAC MEMBERS & ATTENDANCE

TAC Members Present/Represented:

Alex Dachs	Cascade County Planning Division
Dave Dobbs	City of Great Falls Engineer
Andrew Finch	Sr. Transportation Planner, City of Great Falls
Craig Raymond	Director, City of Great Falls Planning & Community Dev
Courtney Lyerly	Civil Engineer, Special Projects, City of Great Falls
Jerry McKinley	Traffic Supervisor, City of Great Falls
Rick Schutz	Superintendent, Cascade County Road & Bridge Division
Jim Helgeson	Manager, Great Falls Transit District
Ken Jorgensen	Street Supervisor, City of Great Falls Street Division
Bruce Treis	Environmental Health Specialist, City-County Health Department
Carol Strizich (via phone)	Statewide & Urban Planning Section, Helena MDT

TAC Members Absent/Not Represented:

Jim Ekberg	Deputy Director, Cascade County Public Works Department
John Faulkner	Director, Great Falls International Airport Authority
Brian Clifton	Director, Cascade County Public Works Department
Bill McLaughlin	Deputy Base Civil Engineer, Malmstrom Air Force Base
Christie McOmber	District Project Engineer, GF District MDT
Jim Rearden	Director, City of Great Falls Public Works Department
Jerilee Weibel	Right-of-Way Supervisor, Great Falls District – MDT

Recognition of Others Present:

Sheila Ludlow	MDT Planning, Helena
Shyla Patera	City of Great Falls Resident
Tom Micuda	City of Great Falls Planning & Community Development
Kenn Winnegar (via phone)	MDT Planning, Helena

MINUTES

Prior to the meeting, Committee members were provided a copy of the August 24, 2017, TAC meeting minutes. Mr. Finch moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Helgeson. All being in favor, the minutes were approved as submitted.

BUSINESS ITEMS

5.A. – Durable Pavement Markings set-aside

Mr. Finch said the Durable Pavement Marking Program is an urban set-aside program where projects are nominated annually, and one or two move forward a year. There is a flat dollar amount set aside for these projects. Mr. McKinley said the amount of the set-aside has increased, but the set amount available cannot exceed \$50,000. There was discussion on adjustment of funds in the TIP.

5.B. – Long Range Transportation Plan Update

Mr. Finch said this four year update of the Long Range Transportation Plan is anticipated to be minor. The update will adjust projects in the plan, update cost estimates, and make any adjustments to ensure the Plan is compliant with federal regulations. There are negotiations currently in place with a consulting firm for completion of the proposal. Mr. Finch said the consultant will be reaching out to some members of the Committee for additional information, and he asked that all members review the plan and provide recommendations for the update.

There was discussion on model differences for the plan, and how the new model differs from the previous one.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Dobbs stated that the ADA Transition Plan was approved by the City Commission. He also said MDT provided a presentation on BARS funding, which is enhanced funding that will go a long way with the street program.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Patera said she has been working with Public Works on the ADA Transition Plan, and encouraging citizen stakeholders to be involved in getting their neighborhood priorities included in the Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Raymond moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Dobbs. All being in favor, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.