

GREAT FALLS URBAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jim Rearden called the Great Falls Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting to order at approximately 9:34 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
Christie McOmber	District Project Engineer, GF District MDT
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
Jim Rearden	Director, City of Great Falls Public Works Department
Sheila Ludlow for	
Carol Strizich (via phone)	Statewide & Urban Planning Section, Helena MDT
Jerilee Weibel	Right-of-Way Supervisor, Great Falls District – 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
Bruce Treis	Environmental Health Specialist, City-County Health Department

Recognition of Others Present:

Shyla Patera	City of Great Falls Resident
Tom Micuda	City of Great Falls Planning & Community Development
Kenn Winnegar (via phone)	MDT Planning, Helena
Kerry Pedersen	Robert Peccia & Associates
Scott Randall	Robert Peccia & Associates

MINUTES

Prior to the meeting, Committee members were provided a copy of the December 14, 2017, TAC meeting minutes. Mr. Dobbs moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Helgeson. All being in favor, the minutes were approved as submitted.

BUSINESS ITEMS

5.A. – Long Range Transportation Plan Update

Mr. Finch introduced the topic, indicating the consultant's contract was approved on January 2. He then turned the presentation over to Mr. Randall, consultant for the minor update to the Long Range Transportation Plan.

Mr. Randall emphasized the update would be minor in nature. They were not there to “reinvent the wheel” but would verify assumptions and make necessary updates. He said it was a compressed schedule, and they would move quickly with the update. He suggested the thick 2014 LRTP would be condensed into a summary document to be more streamlined.

Mr. Randall then gave an overview of the major tasks, gave TAC a link to the update’s website and briefly overviewed how that website can be an interactive website for public comment. He then talked about an upcoming public meeting other public involvement opportunities, including a second public meeting.

Mr. Finch suggested TAC members provide any other contacts to RPA, if they have someone that should be notified of the meetings and website.

Mr. Randall gave further overview of the update process, and what would be analyzed and updated. Mr. Finch mentioned the need for TAC members to provide new planned or committed projects to Mr. Randall. Mr. Randall also emphasized the inclusion of performance measures as a new chapter, and compliance with any new FAST Act provisions. There was some discussion on what would be a measurable performance measure.

Mr. Randall mentioned they were working with MDT on the travel demand model, and would have it completed soon with an updated horizon year.

Regarding public outreach, Ms. Patera suggested the upcoming Neighborhood Council of Councils meeting would be a good opportunity for getting the word out about the upcoming public open house in February. Mr. Finch offered to attend.

Mr. McKinley asked if the School District’s redistricting would affect the traffic model. Mr. Randall didn’t think so, given how the model looked at general travel characteristics throughout the area. There was some further discussion on school impacts.

Ms. Patera mentioned some needs from the ADA community, specifically mentioning a short crossing time at signals as a concern.

Mr. Randall concluded by encouraging TAC members to check out the website and comment.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Raymond moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Dobbs. All being in favor, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.