

GREAT FALLS URBAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jim Rearden called the Great Falls Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. in the Rainbow Room of the Civic Center, #2 Park Drive South.

ROLL CALL OF TAC MEMBERS & ATTENDANCE

TAC Members Present/Represented:

Russell Brewer	Civil Engineer, Special Projects, City of Great Falls
Chad Brown for John Hale	Deputy Base Civil Engineer, Malmstrom Air Force Base
Alex Dachs for Craig Raymond	Director, City of Great Falls Planning and Community Development
Dave Dobbs	City of Great Falls Engineer
Andrew Finch	Sr. Transportation Planner, City of Great Falls
Jim Helgeson	Manager, Great Falls Transit District
Ken Jorgensen	Street Supervisor, City of Great Falls Street Division
Sheila Ludlow for Carol Strizich (via phone)	Statewide & Urban Planning Section, Helena MDT
Jerry McKinley	Traffic Supervisor, City of Great Falls
Ian Payton	Deputy Director, Cascade County Public Works Department
Jim Rearden	Director, City of Great Falls Public Works Department
Rick Schutz	Superintendent, Cascade County Road & Bridge Division
Bruce Treis	Environmental Health Specialist, City-County Health Department
Jim Wingerter	Construction Engineer, Great Falls District MDT

MINUTES

TAC Members Absent/Not Represented:

Brian Clifton	Director, Cascade County Public Works Department
John Faulkner	Director, Great Falls International Airport Authority
Christie McOmber	District Project Engineer, GF District MDT
Les Payne	Deputy Director, Cascade County Public Works Department

Recognition of Others Present:

Jamie Nygard	Great Falls Planning & Community Development Department
Shyla Patera	North Central Independent Living Services
Connie Tryon	Great Falls Planning & Community Development Department
Kenn Winnegar	(via phone) Statewide & Urban Planning Section, Helena MDT

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Prior to the meeting, Committee members were provided a copy of the November 8, 2018, meeting minutes. Mr. Helgeson moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Dobbs. All being in favor, the minutes were approved as submitted.

BUSINESS ITEMS

5.A. – 2019 STP-Urban Project Selection

Mr. Finch introduced the agenda item by reviewing current STP-Urban funded projects, and said the Great Falls MPO needs to select a new project to move forward into the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The City of Great Falls submitted a recommendation for moving forward with a project to reconstruct 9th St NW between Central Ave. West and the NW Bypass. He then turned it over to the City Public Works TAC members, to expand on the 9th Street project.

Mr. Dobbs stated the approximately ten blocks proposed for reconstruction are heavily used and the stretch of roadway has numerous deficiencies that can be corrected, including pavement distress, storm drainage, and ADA compliance. Mr. Jorgensen said that he would like to see a boulevard sidewalk, as this route is an emergency snow route.

There was discussion on cost of projects and Mr. Finch said there is about 7 million dollars in the 5 year TIP and would like to continue to expend our allocations for the urban projects.

MOTION: That the Great Falls Technical Advisory Committee approve the reconstruction of 9th Street NW from Central Ave West to the Northwest Bypass to urban collector standards as the MPO's next STP-Urban funded project, and recommend PCC amend the TIP accordingly.

Made by: Mr. Helgeson
Second: Mr. Dobbs

VOTE All in favor, the motion carried.

Mr. Finch explained the next steps in the process.

Mr. Rearden encouraged TAC members to be thinking of other projects and suggested that another project be nominated at the next TAC meeting. There was discussion about project prioritization and potential projects to bring forward. Mr. Finch agreed to send TAC members a list of recommended projects from the Long Range Transportation Plan.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Patera expressed her support and thanked the TAC for moving forward the 9th Street NW project.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:54 a.m.