

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 10, 2021

3:30 P.M.

CITY OF IDAHO FALLS COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEMBERS PRESENT:

In-Person: Lance Bates-Bonneville County Public Works Director; Mark Layton-ITD District 6 Planner; Chris Canfield-Idaho Falls Assistant Public Works Director; Paul Scoresby-Ucon Representative; Tracy Bono-Ammon City Engineer.

Via Webex: Chair Kent Fugal-Idaho Falls City Engineer, Aaron Swenson-Iona Representative; Chris Horsley-IF Recreation Superintendent; Micah Austin-Ammon City Administrator; Kerry Beutler-Idaho Falls Assistant Community Development Director; Max Wolf- INL Representative; Steve Serr-Bonneville County P&Z.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: BMPO Director Darrell West, BMPO Transportation Planner DaNiel Jose, BMPO, BMPO Office Assistant Kaitlin Burbank and Morgan Stewart, representing Ammon City Engineering, joined the meeting via WebEx.

CALL TO ORDER: Kent Fugal called the meeting to order at 3:36 PM.

CONSENT ITEMS

MINUTES – TAC Meeting, January 13, 2021

Micah Austin made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2021 TAC Meeting. This was seconded by Kerry Beutler. The vote was unanimous.

ACTION ITEMS

FY 2021 TIP Amendment: This amendment went out for public comment and received none. The amendment was to move unused/remaining funds (\$3,510,000) to PE/PEC and environmental work. Mark Layton moved to recommend this amendment to the Policy Board. This was seconded by Lance Bates. The vote was unanimous.

2035 and 2050 Higher Employment Forecasts: This was a follow-up from last month's discussion. Darrell explained the previous process and how the employment projection from one TAZ was redistributed to 7 other TAZ's and straight-line projection was reapplied to the other TAZ's. Kerry Beutler moved to approve and recommend this new forecast to the Policy Board. This was seconded by Micah Austin. The vote was unanimous.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

STP-U Project Sponsor Presentations:

Tracy Bono, representing the City of Ammon, presented five projects. The first project was for the Safety Improvement Category and was in regards to the intersection of Curlew and 17th. Tracy went on to discuss how there were a lot of accidents occurring here in the form of rear-endings, left hand turn accidents, etc. His proposal was to upgrade the cabinet to current standards and bring the general area more up-to-date. The total estimated cost of the project is \$110,000. Kent asked if there were left-turn treatments on 17th Street, and Tracy replied that they are permissive left-turns. The question was asked if it was projected to be contracted, and Tracy replied that it would be.

Next, Tracy presented a project in the Pavement Category for 17th street from Trailwood to 17th. The ramps in the section would be brought up to date, as well as some channeling. The cost for this project is estimated to be \$618,000. The pavement rating is a five.

Tracy presented a project next on Ammon Road to 45th (Crowley) Street in the Reconstruction/Expansion Category to make it a five lane road section. There would also be some right-of-way purchases. The goal would be to have this area be more accessible to bicycles, pedestrians, etc. while maintaining vehicle traffic. The estimated cost is \$9.24 million.

The next project presented by Tracy was the Ammon Road Reconstruction/Expansion Project. It would take place between 1st Street and 17th Street and be a five-lane road section. Some right-of-way needs would be required, as well as a traffic signal added to John Adams Parkway. The estimated cost is \$4.2 million.

The final project presented by Tracy was regarding 1st Street Reconstruction and Expansion. The task would be to reconstruct 1st Street from Hitt Road (25th) to Ammon Road (35th) to a five-lane road section. There would be some right-of-way needs, as well as a traffic signal at Curlew. The estimated cost of this project would be \$5,973,000. This is the highest priority project for the City of Ammon. Micah asked how the projects submitted fit into the BMPO Master Plan. Tracy responded that the expansion projects were to help with the congestion and other traffic issues occurring currently.

Lance Bates, representing Bonneville County, presented a project next for the Iona Road Roundabout. It is a Safety Project. ITD plans on making improvements near this intersection due to the number of accidents taking place. Lance discussed the ratings of the accidents taking place. Lance discussed some of the challenges he had in finding improvements that would be considered crash reducing measures. As part of this project, an additional lane would be added, bicycle and pedestrian additions would also be made, with some right-of-way adjustments. The projected cost is \$1.25 million. This is mainly a safety project, but it is also a capacity issue, as well.

Chris Canfield presented two projects, representing the City of Idaho Falls. His first project was for E Street reconstruction and expansion from Memorial to Yellowstone. The issues seen here are that E Street backs up significantly during peak hours and that this area sees a high number of accidents. Signing, pavement stripping and crosswalks would all be enhanced. Sidewalks would also be improved. Additional lanes would be added as well as a turn lane. The estimated total cost of this project is \$1.9 million.

The second project presented by Chris was reconstruction and widening at Woodruff, from Lincoln, to Yellowstone. This is the first priority project. Woodruff sees a lot of traffic backed up during peak hours as well as accidents along the route. Signing, pavement stripping and crosswalks would all be enhanced. This would increase lanes from 2 to 5 along Woodruff with sidewalks added in a largely industrial area. The total project cost is estimated at \$2.35 million.

NEXT MEETING

March 10, 2021

The meeting adjourned

Kaitlin Burbank
Recording Secretary