

Flathead County Road and Bridge Advisory Committee  
Advisory Committee Meeting  
July 9, 2009 – **7:00 pm**  
Solid Waste District Board Room – County Landfill

1. Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Charles Lapp – Chairman, Tom Sands, David Hilde

Committee Members Absent: Mike Schlegel – Vice Chairman, Karl Schrade

Staff Present: Road and Bridge Operations Manager Guy Foy, Recording Secretaries Karen Rogers, and Juanita Nelson, Administrative Assistant Mike Pence, Planning and Zoning Director Jeff Harris, April Gerth & Scott Randall from Peccia

Public Present: Beverly Mayberry, Rich Pettersen

2. Introductory Remarks

Public Comment will be addressed first thing this evening.

3. Comments from Public (15 Minutes Maximum)

Rich Pettersen, 49 Preston Dr. He stated that Sunrise Terrace Subdivision roads which include Harbin Hill Road, Preston Dr, and Sun Rise Road are deteriorating rapidly. He stated that when he was the homeowners association president the road had been overlaid a couple of times, chip sealed, and the winter maintenance has been done. He continued that the homeowner's association is trying to work out a way to have the road overlaid before it completely falls apart. He finished stating he has been a resident since 1974.

4. Approval of Board meeting Minutes – Action Required

**Dave Hilde moves to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2009 meeting, Tom Sands seconds the motion. All in favor; motion passed, minutes approved.**

5. Action Agenda – **No Items Requiring Action**

6. Director's Report

a. Peccia Update on Transportation Plan

April Gerth and Scott Randall (GIS Expert) gave a presentation on the update of the Transportation Plan.

April gave a brief overview of the Transportation Plan up to Phase II. She briefly went over the Socioeconomic Analysis and Growth Projections, and the three different growth scenarios (High, Medium, and Low). She stated that all of the projections will be presented using the Medium Growth Scenario.

She explained the existing transportation system overview of graphs, determining functional classifications, using current roadways. She explained these determinations would be used as a basis for future corridor needs. She continued to explain the different areas:

#### Functional Classifications

Existing Conditions using the current traffic counts, purple and red are roads that are approaching or exceeding capacity.

Existing Intersection Level of Service – rating of intersections in which a rating of C or better is considered a passing grade.

Signal Warrant Analysis – List of roads that have failed at least on Signal Warrant Analysis.

#### Safety and Crash Analysis

#### Study Corridors

Concerns were expressed that the model was not accurate for Holt Stage due to the new bridge being upgraded to 2 way traffic. Guy stated he understood the concerns for this intersection and the model would be shared with MDOT.

More concerns were expressed concerns about the light at Fairmont and MT 35 being removed after the bridge is completed.

Charles asked Guy the reasoning of choosing the 16 intersections for study. Guy stated that they were intersections that the road department had previous issues and concerns with and that are being addressed with MDOT

Scott Randall explained the portion about the Future Transportation System. He stated that the future model was based by using the existing model, and projecting future development and adding additional ADT's.

Charles asked if there was a capacity threshold used. Scott stated that each road has a capacity and speed limit. He explained that red is a level of service D, and purple is a level of service F.

Dave Hilde asked about the accuracy of the plans, and if Peccia has ever gone back to the original plans to see if the forecasts were correct.

Jeff Harris stated in his experience that the population's projects have always been wrong.

A brief description of the Preliminary Facility Recommendations continued:

Transportation System Management Improvements

Major Street Network Recommendations

Committed Projects

Kalispell Transportation Plan Recommendations

April and Scott concluded with the overview of the timeline for the remainder of the study

Mike Pence stated that there is an Impact Fee Committee, but it is on hold until the end of the Transportation study.

Charles brought up the challenge of meshing two plans, Kalispell's Plan and the County.

b. Discussion of Road Tour

Discussion was held about the criteria to abandon maintenance on roads and who was going to provide these criteria. Suggestions were made as to whether it should be the committee or the road department.

Questions were asked when Ryan from Peccia would have the report completed. Questions were asked about the possibility of having the criteria ready for notification to go out to the public about not maintaining certain roads.

c. Road Specifications Subcommittee Report

Dave Hilde wants to know why the radius for dead end roads was kept at 50 feet. Tom Sands replied it is for the usage of emergency vehicles.

Discussion was held about the requirements for sidewalks and the 5 foot setback for winter maintenance, the main concern was for the safety reasons for pedestrians.

Discussion was about the independent lab to do compaction test. Clarification was asked to be shared with the Road Standards Committee as to why independent contractor couldn't do their own compaction tests.

Tom would like to expedite the process for the document to be presented to the Commissioners. He suggested contacting the absent Road Advisory Committee members and asking if they have any suggestions or comments and to please write them down and submit them to the committee before the 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Dave Hilde moved that the Draft of the Minimum Standards for Design and Construction be sent to engineers within Flathead County for comments to be submitted to the Road Department prior to the July 28, 2009 meeting of the Road Standards Committee, plus invitation to attend the meeting; Tom Sands seconded, all in favor, motion passed.**

Discussion was held about the 2 year warranty.

7. Comments from Committee Members

Dave Hilde would like to see the Committee set up and revise the goals for the committee, and would like to focus upon accomplishing those goals.

Charles Lapp stated that Mark Gluth had called him and asked what the county was doing maintaining Hubbard Dam Road.

8. Adjournment

**Dave Hilde made the motion to adjourn, Tom Sands seconded, all in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.**