Lockwood TEDD Advisory Board Minutes
Wednesday, July 18, 2018 – 2:30
Yellowstone Conference Room, 2nd Floor – Granite Tower

Board Members Present: Woody Woods, Tim Miller, John Ostland, Pam Ask, Mike Ariztia, Vu Pham, Frosty Erben, Terry Seiffert

Board Member Absent: Kelly Wilson, Josh Starr, Nick Pancheau

Staff and Guests: Steve Arveschoug, (BSED), Dianne Lehm (BSED), Allison Corbyn (BSED) Becky Bey (KLJ), Todd Cormier (DOWL), Doug Enderson (DOWL), Dan Schwarz (YC Attorney’s office), Ed Walker (CMG), Ed Walker (CMG), Ryder Juntunen (JDW), Jennifer Kondracki (JDW), Jeri Kelley (JDW), Becky Weekes (LC), Thom MacLean (BSED)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Woody Woods called the meeting to order at 2:30.

2. Approval of Minutes

Tim moved to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2018, meeting. Vu seconded. Minutes approved.

3. Billings Bypass

Todd Cormier of DOWL presented information on the Billings Bypass project. Preliminary design anticipated a full build of five lanes to allow for future expansion. Construction will advance in stages between 2019 and 2025, with the following anticipated timeline (subject to funding and ROW):

- 2019 Five Mile Road
- 2020 Yellowstone River Bridge
- 2021 Yellowstone River Bridge & Railroad Overpass
- 2022 Coulson Road
- 2023 Mary Street
- 2024 Johnson Lane Interchange
- 2025 Johnson Lane Interchange

MDT is starting to acquire ROW on the Five Mile Road section of the project. The Yellowstone bridge section is at 70% design. It will have a gradual rise in elevation of 80 feet over its 2000 ft length. The bridge will be steel construction on concrete piers and will include a 10 ft barriered path for pedestrians and bicyclists.
The Johnson Lane Interchange will be the first Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) in Montana. Todd discussed the advantages of a DDI (cost and safety) and showed a video illustrating the operation of this type of interchange.

Todd made his presentation and videos available to us. All will be posted on the TEDD website.

It was also noted that Interstate 90 between Lockwood and Laurel will be upgraded to three lanes in each direction with bridges designed for 4 lanes each way to accommodate future growth.

4. TEDD Updates

Thom advised that the process to expand the TEDD is currently involved with extending the county’s jurisdictional zoning boundary and zoning the affected parcels per the landowner’s request. The public hearing before the planning board is scheduled for July 24th at 6 pm. There are seven property owners representing nine parcels involved in this process. The public hearing before the Yellowstone Board of County Commissioners is scheduled for August 21st at 9:30 am.

Dan Schwarz advised that there has been some opposition to the TEDD expansion expressed by the Lockwood School District.

5. Other Business

Vu Pham said that VisionNet should be consulted to discuss broadband service to the TEDD. They may have access to federal dollars for a fiber buildout in the area. We will ask them to attend a future meeting to educate us.

6. Public Comment

None.

7. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:15.

Next Meeting:  August 15, 2018 at 2:30 – Yellowstone Conference Room, Granite Tower

Future Meeting Topics:  Annual Workplan
                       Future Tax Increment – Robin Rude, DOR
                       Tax Increment Financing Working Group – Tim Goodridge
                       Lockwood Water and Sewer and Billings Public Works
                       Vision Net