

**Lockwood TEDD Advisory Board Minutes**  
**Wednesday, January 16, 2019 – 2:30**  
**Yellowstone Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor – Granite Tower**

**Board Members Present:** Woody Woods, Pam Ask, Terry Seiffert, Tim Miller, John Ostlund, Mike Ariztia, Vu Pham, Nick Pancheau, Josh Starr

**Board Member Absent:** Frosty Erben, Kelly Wilson

**Staff and Guests:** Molly Herrington (KLJ) (by phone), Steve Arverschoug (BSED), Dianne Lehm (BSED), Matt Corcoran (KLJ), Don Jones (BOCC), Chad Hanson (Great West Eng.), Ryder Juntunen (JDW), Jennifer Kondracki (JDW), Melanie Schwarz (BSED), Marcell Bruski (BSED), Thom MacLean (BSED)

1. Welcome and Introductions

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Tim Miller moved to approve the agenda. Josh Starr seconded. Board voted to approve.

3. Approval of Minutes

Vu Pham moved to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2018, meeting. Terry Seiffert seconded. Minutes approved.

4. TEDD Status Updates

- Big Sky Economic Development has compiled the documentation required by the Montana Department of Revenue for the certification on the expansion of the Lockwood TEDD and submitted it to the DOR in Helena.
- The 2019 Lockwood TEDD Workplan was taken before Yellowstone County Board of County Commissioners at their Monday, January 14, discussion meeting. It will go before the Commissioners again at the regular meeting January 22.
- Mike Ariztia provided a brief update on LWSD's process to amend their agreement with the City of Billings to expand the sewer district to include the TEDD.

5. BUILD Grant Discussion

Molly Herrington of KLJ provided an overview of the BUILD grant program. BUILD is a federal grant offered by the U.S. Department of Transportation. Eligible project must be transportation specific, meaning they must facilitate the movement of people or freight. It is a very competitive grant. In 2018, \$10.9 billion in projects applied for the \$1.5 billion in available funding. The 2019 BUILD grant timeline has not yet been announced. We can expect a mid-summer deadline like last year (July 18), but the current government shutdown may push that back.

BUILD requires a 20% match for urban projects (0% for rural), but a larger match will make the project more competitive. The grant also requires a 1:1 Benefit-Cost ratio. That is the analysis KLJ has proposed to provide for the Lockwood TEDD. The two options they have outlined are: A) approximately \$26,000 to identify three possible

infrastructure projects in the TEDD and complete the Benefit-Cost analysis for them; and B) approximately \$11,000 to complete the Benefit-Cost analysis for three projects identified by the Lockwood TEDD Advisory Board.

As we will be looking to partner with the Montana Department of Transportation on this grant application in conjunction with the Billings Bypass project, we will need to know which of the possible projects they will support. To help determine that, we should view each potential project based on the BUILD grant criteria, which includes:

- Safety
- State of Good Repair
- Economic Competitiveness
- Environmental Protection
- Quality of Life
- Innovation
- Match available

Steve asked if the potential projects have been identified. Dianne and Woody advised that we have discussed the trail connection between the Johnson Lane interchange and the Yellowstone River bridge as a possible option and rail connections as another. Discussion ensued on possible projects including connections off the Bypass, Coulson Road improvements, prepositioned crossings for future water and sewer lines, and the extension of North Frontage Road to Coulson Road.

Molly suggested that we work with MDT to see if there is something they would like us to contribute, project-wise, to make their application stronger. Woody said that we will be meeting with MDT to determine how and with whom we move forward with them, given their recent personnel changes. Molly advised that we choose the direction we want to go soon, including whether we want to have KLJ identify the eligible projects, as this is a complicated and time-consuming process. Josh Starr suggested that more expensive option to have KLJ identify the projects is a good deal and that there may be more increment available to the TEDD than we have been estimating, based on the property taxes Town and County has paid being significantly higher than was previously estimated. Woody said we would meet with MDT about their feeling of the TEDD collaborating on a BUILD grant and then poll the Board about which KLJ option we should pursue.

Vu Pham advised he will be attending the Rail Service Council meeting on February 23 and will share the Lockwood TEDD workplan there.

#### 6. Public Comment

None.

#### 7. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:00.

Next Meeting: February 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 – Yellowstone Conference Room, Granite Tower