

Montana Transportation Commission
Minutes
September 20, 2022

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The Montana Transportation Commission met via Zoom on September 20th the meeting was called to order by Commissioner Frazier at 9:05 a.m. with the following participants:

- Tammi Fisher, Commissioner (District 1)
- Shane Sanders, Commissioner (District 2)
- Loran Frazier, Commissioner (District 3)
- Noel Sansaver, Commissioner (District 4) – Excused
- Scott Aspenlieder, Commissioner (District 5)
- Malcolm Long, MDT
- Julie Brown, MDT
- Dwane Kailey, MDT
- Dustin Rouse, MDT
- Jim Davies, MDT
- Chris Nygren, MDT
- Lori Ryan, MDT
- Ryan Dahlke, MDT
- Paul Johnson, MDT
- Rod Nelson, MDT
- Meghan Strahan, MDT

Awards: Dustin Rouse presented information regarding the staff recommendations for the following projects:

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Call No	Project Number	UPN	Project Description	Working Days	District	Bid Amount	Contractor
101	UPP 5820(2)	9754000	GREEN MEADOW DRIVE - HELENA	30 WORKING DAYS	Great Falls	\$ 1,719,496.25	HELENA SAND & GRAVEL, INC. Helena, MT
102	HSIP 55(17)	9677000	SF 189 WIBAUX RR XING RELOCATE	60 WORKING DAYS	Glendive	\$ 703,046.30	CENTURY COMPANIES, INC. Lewistown, MT
103	CMDP 1-6(127)381	9570000	US 2 & 19TH AVE WEST - HAVRE	30 WORKING DAYS	Great Falls	\$ 520,111.22	SOUTH HILLS ELECTRIC, INC. Helena, MT
104	TA 15(136)	10083000	PATH PRESERVATION - KALISPELL	25 WORKING DAYS	Missoula		Outside of guidelines for award.
105	NHPB 90-2(157)79	9581000	CLARK FORK - 5 M E ALBERTON	150 WORKING DAYS	Missoula	\$ 7,335,189.00	FRONTIER WEST, LLC Helena, MT

Five (5) projects were advertised and a total of eleven (11) bids were received. Staff recommends awarding projects 101, 102, 103, and 105 to the responsive low bidders. Project 104, Path Preservation – Kalispell is outside of guidelines for award. Staff recommends rejecting and repackaging at a later date.

Commissioner Sanders moved to approve the award of projects 101 thru 105 to the responsive low bidders, Commissioner Aspenlieder seconded the motion, all Commissioners voted aye.

1. 2. Construction Project on State Highway System
Montana Crossroads Subdivision – Three Forks

Under MCA 60-2-110 “Setting priorities and selecting projects,” the commission shall establish priorities and select and designate segments for construction and reconstruction on the national highway system, the primary highway system, the secondary highway system, the urban highway system, and state highways. This statute exists to ensure the safety of our system, protect transportation investments, and encourage coordination on public and private infrastructure improvement projects that impact MDT routes.

Montana Crossroads Subdivision – Three Forks

Montana Crossroads, LLC is proposing modifications to US-287 (N-8) to address traffic generated by their new development near Three Forks. Proposed improvements include the construction of new approaches and the installation of northbound right-turn lanes on US-287.

MDT headquarters and Butte District staff have reviewed and concur with the recommended improvements. Montana Crossroads, LLC will provide 100 percent of project funding and will be required to complete MDT’s design review and approval process (to ensure that all work complies with MDT design standards).

When complete, MDT will assume all maintenance and operational responsibilities associated with the proposed improvements.

Summary

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Staff recommendations

Staff recommends that the Commission approve these modifications to US-287 - pending concurrence of MDT’s Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Aspenlieder moved to award the Construction Project on State Highway System, Montana Crossroads Subdivision – Three Forks, Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion, all Commissioners voted aye.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.