

MEMORANDUM

To: RRC Members
Debbie Alke, Administrator/Aeronautics Division
D. John Blacker, Administrator/Maintenance Division
Monte N. Brown, Administrator/Administration Division
Robert E. Burkhardt/Federal Highway Administration
Jim Currie, Deputy Director/Department of Transportation
Jeffery M. Ebert, P.E./District Administrator-Butte
Larry Flynn, Acting Administrator/Information Services Division
Loran Frazier, P.E., Administrator/Highway and Engineering Division
Drew F. Livesay, Administrator/Motor Carrier Services Division
Jim Lynch, Director/Department of Transportation
Priscilla Sinclair/Traffic Safety
Sandra S. Straehl, Administrator/Rail, Transit, and Planning Division

From: Susan C. Sillick, Manager
Research Programs

Date: April 10, 2006

Subject: Summary of Minutes from February 27, 2006 RRC Meeting.

The following RRC members were present: Debbie Alke, Bob Burkhardt, Jim Currie, Jeff Ebert, Larry Flynn, Loran Frazier, Drew Livesay, Priscilla Sinclair, and Bill Cloud (for Sandy Straehl).

1. **2006 Solicitation**

After reviewing the RRC and District Administrators ratings, Loran Frazier made a motion to move the following projects forward to the technical panel stage. Debbie Alke seconded the motion. All present voted in favor of the motion.

- 1) Computerized 3 Dimensional Highway Design and Modeling
- 2) I-15 North Corridor – Canadian Truck Load Bridge and Roadway Analysis
- 3) Evaluation of the Superpave Volumetric Specification

Sue asked that RRC members send her names for technical panel members for both the above projects and the MDT/WTI Partnering Working Groups.

2. **Department/Division Hot Topics – RRC Members Roundtable Discussion** – No comments
3. **Budget Report** – No comments
4. **Research Project – current listing** – Attached

4a. **Implementation Plan for Wildlife Mitigation Measures Along Highway 83 in the Seeley-Swan, MT: Animal-Vehicle Collisions and Habitat Connectivity**

Marcel Huijser/WTI presented project results. Marcel's presentation and final report can be found at <http://mdtinfo.mdt.state.mt.us/research/projects/env/Seeley.shtml>.

Jim Currie suggested that we should look at the final results of this study and then decide where this project is going and if any additional funding is necessary, or if there is enough information in the literature to move forward.

Dwane Kailey indicated he needs a list of mitigation methods that work. Sue will work on this.

5. **Reports: Available Upon Request**

5a. **Evaluation of Wildlife Crossing Structures on US Highway 93 Evaro to Polson: Phase I** – Progress Report – January 2006

5b. **Bozeman Pass Wildlife Channelization ITS Project** – Progress Report – December 2005

5c. **Potential Effects of Highway Mortality and Habitat Fragmentation on a Population of Painted Turtles in Montana** – Progress Report – January 2006

5d. **Comparative Analysis of Coarse Surfacing Aggregate using Micro-Deval, L.A. Abrasion, and Sulfate Soundness Tests** – Progress Report – January 2006

5e. **Evaluation of Organic Matter Addition and Incorporation on Steep Cut Slopes** – Progress Report – December 2005

5f. **LTAP** – Progress Report – December 2005

6. **Contract Extensions:** None
7. **Proposals:** None
8. **Implementation/Technology Transfer:** None

cc: Craig L. Abernathy/Research Programs
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