

**Montana Transportation Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**November 29, 2022**

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The Montana Transportation Commission met via Zoom on November 29<sup>th</sup> 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)
- Scott Aspenlieder, Commissioner (District 5)
- Malcolm Long, MDT
- Dwane Kailey, MDT
- Julie Brown, MDT
- Dustin Rouse, MDT
- Chris Nygren, MDT
- Val Wilson, MDT
- Jake Goettle, MDT
- Lori Ryan, MDT
- Ryan Dahlke, MDT
- Paul Johnson, MDT
- Meghan Strahan, MDT
- Kelly Williams, MDT
- Tammy Ross, MDT
- Miki Lloyd, MDT
- Lucia Olivera, FHWA

Awards: Jake Goettle presented information regarding the staff recommendations for the following projects:

**November 17, 2022 – Letting**

Call No	Project Number	UPN	Project Description	Working Days	District	Bid Amount	Contractor
101	STPP 201-2(15)64	8650000	FAIRVIEW - WEST	250 WORKING DAYS	Glendive	\$ 34,099,900.85	WICKENS CONSTRUCTION, INC. Lewistown, MT
102	NHPB-STPB STWD(748)	9551001	GLENDIVE DISTRICT BRIDGE PRES	300 WORKING DAYS	Glendive	\$ 8,407,649.00	SLETTEN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY Great Falls, MT
103	CMDP-TA-STPP 118-1(3)1	9312000	N 7TH AVE & GRIFFIN DRIVE-BOZEMAN	110 WORKING DAYS	Butte	\$ 5,533,572.00	CK MAY EXCAVATING, INC. Belgrade, MT

Three (3) projects were advertised and a total of six (6) bids have been received. Staff recommends awarding projects to the responsive low bidders.

Commissioner Sanders moved to approve the award of projects 101, and 103 to the responsive low bidders, Commissioner Aspenlieder seconded the motion, all Commissioners voted aye.

Commissioner Fisher moved to table project 102 for further evaluation, Commissioner Aspenlieder seconded the motion, all Commissioners voted aye.

## 2. Speed Limit Recommendation – Circle School Zone (S-252) Circle

### Background

McCone County submitted a request for a speed limit study on S-252 for the purpose of introducing a school zone speed limit from MT-200 to F Avenue.

### Summary

Currently there is no school zone for the Circle School District. Secondary 252 is a major collector and has a 25-mph speed limit. Typical sections for this area are comprised of two 12-foot travel lanes with 10-foot shoulders for on street parking. There is curb and gutter present with no buffer between the sidewalk and the roadway. Traffic volumes from 2021 were recorded at an AADT of 571 vehicles. This is an approximate increase from 2020 of 10-percent. From 2017 to 2020 traffic volumes have been decreasing by about 5-percent on average. The adjacent roadside environment is urban with institutional use (Circle School District) and residential development between MT-200 and F Avenue.

To conform with statute 61-1-101 in Montana Code Annotated for the definition of a school zone and statute 61-8-310 in Montana Code Annotated defining a special speed zone for a school, MDT recommends instituting a school zone to encompass the entire frontage of the Circle School District property and approximately 500-feet to the north and south along S-252. At speeds less than 45-mph it is advisable to set the school zone speed limit 10-mph below the posted speed limit. McCone County would like to see a 15-mph school zone active between 7:15am until 8:15am and from 3:15pm to 4:15pm.

### Staff recommendations

MDT recommends the following school zone for Circle Elementary School during school hours from 7:15am to 4:15pm:

A 25/15-mph school zone speed limit beginning at the intersection of MT-200 and continuing to the intersection of G Avenue, an approximate distance of 1,500-feet.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:55 a.m.