

Montana Transportation Commission
Minutes
August 22, 2023

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The Montana Transportation Commission met via Zoom on August 22nd the meeting was called to order by Commissioner Frazier at 9:03 a.m. with the following participants:

- Tammi Fisher, Commissioner (District 1) - **Absent**
- Shane Sanders, Commissioner (District 2)
- Loran Frazier, Commissioner (District 3)
- Noel Sansaver, Commissioner (District 4)
- Scott Aspenlieder, Commissioner (District 5) - **Excused**
- Malcolm Long, MDT
- Dwane Kailey, MDT
- Chris Nygren, MDT
- Jake Goettle, MDT
- Dustin Rouse, MDT
- Lori Ryan, MDT
- Rob Stapley, MDT
- Ryan Dahlke, MDT
- Darin Reynolds, MDT
- Paul Johnson, MDT
- Meghan Strahan, MDT
- Miki Lloyd, MDT
- Gino Liva, MDT
- Mike Taylor, MDT
- Jim Wingerter, MDT
- Matt Strizich, FHWA

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

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Call	Project Number	UPN	Project Description	Working Days	District	Bid Amount	Contractor
101	STPS 279- 1(32)22	10283000	JCT MT 200 - SOUTHEAST	40 WORKING DAYS	Great Falls	\$4,438,000.00	L.H.C., INCORPORATED Kalispell, MT
102	STPP 69- 1(46)38	9742000	BOULDER - URBAN	50 WORKING DAYS	Butte	\$3,076,977.51	HELENA SAND & GRAVEL, INC. Helena, MT
103	HSIP 50- 2(85)77	8998000	TURNBAY - N OF GALLATIN GATEWAY	70 WORKING DAYS	Butte	\$4,203,652.40	CK MAY EXCAVATING, INC. Belgrade, MT
104	IM 90- 9(145)482	10068000	TOLUCA - E&W	40 WORKING DAYS	Billings	\$2,550,000.00	KNIFE RIVER CORPORATION – BLGS Billings, MT
105	STPS 223- 1(10)26	10285000	SOUTH OF CHESTER - SOUTH	40 WORKING DAYS	Great Falls	\$1,643,745.60	RIVERSIDE CONTRACTING, INC. Missoula, MT

106	STPB 81016(7)	9791000	FLY CREEK - 15 MILES WEST HARDIN	30 WORKING DAYS	Billings	\$1,109,190.00	WARREN TRANSPORT, INC., DBA WEAVE CONSTRUCTION Billings, MT
107	UPP 1299(59)	10250000	VALLEY CENTER/BAXTER LANE - BOZEMAN	15 WORKING DAYS	Butte	\$611,876.53	HARDRIVES CONSTRUCTION, INC. Billings, MT
108	HSIP 11(110)	9904000	SF 189 AIRPORT RD GLENDIVE SFTY	COMPLETION DATE	Glendive	\$499,936.77	JAG CONTRACTING LLC Missoula, MT
109	NHPB 4- 1(85)42	9685000	ROCK CREEK BRIDGE - ROCKVALE	30 WORKING DAYS	Billings	\$437,931.26	L & J CONSTRUCTION GROUP, LLC Ennis, MT

Commissioner Sanders moved to approve the staff recommendation awarding projects 101 through 109 to the responsive bidders, Commissioner Sansaver seconded the motion, all Commissioners voted aye.

2. Malmstrom Air Force Base Project

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.

Malmstrom Air Force Base is proposing modifications to MT-200 / MT-3 / US-87 / US-89 (N-60) near Great Falls to address increased traffic volumes at their facility. Proposed improvements include the addition of a new approach and striping modifications (to add a left-turn lane in the median) at the new entrance to their facility.

MDT headquarters and Great Falls District staff have reviewed and concur with the recommended improvements. The Department of Defense 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

Malmstrom Air Force Base is proposing modifications to the National Highway System (near Great Falls) to address increased traffic volumes at their facility. Proposed improvements include the addition of a new approach and striping modifications (to add a left-turn lane in the median) at the new entrance to their facility.

Staff recommendations

Staff recommends that the Commission approve these modifications to the National Highway System - pending completion of applicable state (and local) design review and approval processes.

Commissioner Sansaver moved to approve the Malmstrom Air Force Base Project staff recommendation, Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion, all Commissioners voted aye.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.