

**Bannock Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee
Monday, July 24, 2023
9:30 am
Minutes**

Members Attending:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Kiel Burmester – Bannock County | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Mansfield – City of Pocatello |
| <input type="checkbox"/> – Bannock County | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Neville – City of Pocatello |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bridger Morrison – City of Chubbuck | <input type="checkbox"/> Chris Peirsol – Idaho Transportation Department |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don Matson – City of Chubbuck | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corey Krantz – Idaho Transportation Department |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Russ Meredith – Pocatello Regional Transit | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shane Aytes – Idaho Department of Environmental Quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew Lewis – City of Pocatello | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Merrill Quayle – City of Pocatello | |

Others Attending:

Mori Byington – BTPO
Chris Sigrist - Idaho Transportation Department
Sherly Wentland – Idaho Transportation Department

Merril Quayle called to order at 9:34 am.

Agenda Item #1 – Approval of TAC minutes from May 22, 2023

Don Matson motioned to approve the agenda Item 1, Minutes of May 22, 2023; Jeff Mansfield seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #2 – 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Projects and Financial Plan

Mori reviewed the agenda item which describes the issues with the proposed scoring matrix and selecting projects for the 2050 MTP. Staff presented three options from no new projects to delaying the MTP process until a new matrix could be approved. *Bridger Morrison made a motion to approve adding the intersection of Yellowstone and Chubbuck and the widening of Hawthorne Road -Alameda to Quinn into the 2050 MTP; Corey Krantz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Agenda Item #3 – Walkability Index

ISU developed a walkability index for the local area based on the EMA walkability index. The study examined whether Census blocks could be used instead of block groups. The study replicated the walkability index using local data. There was discussion on the elements of walkability and why some areas were considered walkable and others were not.

Agenda Item #4 – Urban Area 2020

Mori reviewed the 2010 and 2020 urban areas. The MPO and ITD must submit a smooth urban boundary that includes all the 2020 urban areas without gaps. Mori requested each agency look at the map and draw boundaries that would work for their community. The planning area boundary will not change. There was a discussion of the criteria for the smoothing process and when. Sherly provided contact information for the person at ITD working on the project.

Agenda Item #5 – Committee Member Reports

Chubbuck – J-U-B was selected to conduct the comprehensive plan update for the City. Some activity will occur during Chubbuck days, but most activity will begin in the fall.

Pocatello – The City was awarded a RAISE grant for the extension of Foothill Blvd. The intersection of Quinn and Hawthorne will open soon as a 4-way stop until the signal can be completed. The Center Street underpass will go out to be bid soon.

ITD – ITD is working on the Yellowstone to Siphon project and the Oak Street project study will begin this week.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 am.