MWTP SC – WORKING MEETING NOTES

April 01, 2025

I. **INTRODUCTIONS**
   a. Approve Notes 02/25/25 - **Approved**
   b. Assign Notetaker - **Simon B.**
   c. Add new agenda topics
   d. Attendance: (delete missing)
      i. Steering Committee: **SB, KP, TM, DW (proxy for KM)**
      ii. PIT Crew: **BA, DW, ST**

II. **NEW BUSINESS**
   a. Press releases by first week of April – **DW finalized, sent out week of 4/7**.
   b. 2026 call for applications and future decision
      i. **The next cycle call will depend on applications received in previous cycle, e.g. June 1st for November**.
   c. Finalize Charter - **done**
   d. Revisit need for applicant to resubmit project application if selected for FS, but cannot get to project right away:
      i. **Decision made: If a project is selected but cannot be forwarded to feasibility study, the applicant will be notified, application will be saved by the committee, get transferred and reconsidered in the next cycle using the previous evaluation and scoring (caveat: before consideration in next cycle, applicant will be contacted and asked if all information is still correct. Committee will determine relevance of project in its current form and any changes needed).**

III. **NB ACTION ITEMS**
   a. **FWP send out press release week of 4/7**.
   b. **Deb will finalize the Charter and provide final version, Shane will post online.**
   c. **MSWP develop short summaries of current projects and status for website, for committee review.**

IV. **OLD BUSINESS**
   a. Coordination on MWTP/MDT Long-term strategy for applications to federal grant funding opportunities
      i. MDT internal conversation moving forward, **depends on restructuring happening within MDT** – TM, RS
   b. MSWP – hub for Outreach/Communications – KP, SB
      i. **In development, added an action item above for MSWP to create short project descriptions.**

V. OB ACTION ITEMS
   a. DW, KM to work up a straw-dog workplan for 2025
      i. Potential May meeting to discuss straw dog workplan (e.g. strategy ideas to address current funding challenges, prioritization ideas, etc.)
      ii. Review a-e from Summit Report
      iii. Planning Tool updates likely in June
   b. Communications Plan and Schedule of Deliverables, 2025 update – ST – **working on it**
   c. Post revised guidance documents and past meeting minutes/agendas – ST - **working on it**
   d. Website page for current projects and updates – ST - **working on it**
      i. Active Projects tab
         1. Link to MDT projects webpages
         2. Link to Project webpages
            a. https://www.yellowstonesafepassages.org/engineering-feasibility-study
            b. https://missoulacrossings.org/projects/sixmile/
   e. Create new (3rd) 'planning ahead' announcement to subscribers to be sent 3-4 months early. June/July, December/Nov. Draft language. – ST - **being worked on, DW will help**

VI. UPDATES
   a. FWP continuing to seek a replacement for RG – DW, KM
   b. MSWP still working on Simon's proxy May-July
   c. Legislative bill updates – KP
   d. WAFWA synthesis of western states "Partnership" structures and cultures – DW
      i. **Making progress, several states responded**.
   e. MDT-FWP Summit –
      i. Report under review. Final not expected until April.
      ii. Will share what's relevant to the Partnership.
   f. MSWP Crossing Convening
      i. Report finalized, will share when ready. **MSWP ready add to agenda next meeting.**
   g. Current Active Projects
      i. Sixmile Creek Underpass
         1. HDR consultant team
         2. Contract signed
      ii. Dome Mountain
         1. Jacobs/TD&H/WTI consultant team
         2. Still negotiating scope and fee with consultant
      iii. US-191 Mouth of the Canyon
         1. FS complete
         2. Seeking funding
      iv. US-191 North of Big Sky
         1. FS finalized
         2. On hold pending HOA concerns

VII. **NEXT MEETINGS**
   a. Future SC Working Meetings –
      i.   **April 29th 12:30-230p**
      ii. **May 8th 11:00am – 3:00 pm Work Plan meeting (in-person, Helena)**
      iii. **May 29th 9:00 am – 11:00 am**
      iv. **June 23rd 12:00 om – 2:00 pm – include Go/No Go**
      v.   **July 28th 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm – include Consensus Scoring**