

Idaho Transportation Board Subcommittee on
State Highway System Adjustments

January 4, 2016

Idaho Transportation Board (ITB) Subcommittee on State Highway System Adjustments Chairman Lee Gagner called the meeting to order at 4 PM on Monday, January 4. Chairman Gagner and ITB Member Dwight Horsch participated via teleconference. The following were present in Room 200 at the Idaho Transportation Department in Boise, Idaho: Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Larry Allen, Division of Engineering Services Administrator (DESA) Blake Rindlisbacher, Planning Systems Manager Randy Gill, Planner Maranda O'Bray, Executive Assistant to the Board (EAB) Sue S. Higgins, Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) Administrator Jeff Miles and LHTAC Engineer Laila Krahl. District 1 staff members Damon Allen, District Engineer (DE), and Justin Wuest, Staff Engineer, also participated via teleconference.

EAB Higgins said ITB Vice Chairman Jim Coleman called earlier this afternoon. He had a change of plans and would not be able to participate via teleconference. He is familiar with District 1's proposed transactions and has reviewed the documents. Although he has one question (see later minute entry), he has no objections to the proposed transactions.

State Highway System Adjustments in District 1. DE Allen said GARVEE-funded improvements have been made to US-95 during the past several years. Construction was completed this past fall. The US-95, Garwood to Sagle project constructed a four lane divided highway with frontage roads. Lakes Highway District will assume jurisdiction of approximately 23 lane miles of new frontage roads per a previously-approved agreement. The District is also proposing relinquishing an existing portion of US-95 that now functions as a frontage road in the Athol area. The new US-95 alignment, about 25 lane miles, will be added to the state system.

DAG Allen noted the agreement with Lakes Highway District only addresses the frontage roads. It does not include relinquishing the former portion of US-95 in Athol. DE Allen concurred and said he will initiate that transaction.

EAB Higgins said Vice Chairman Coleman mentioned that the US-95 relinquishment includes a lot of right-of-way. He asked what Lakes Highway District intends to do with all of the right-of-way. DE Allen said he hasn't had a lot of discussions with the Highway District regarding the right of way; although there was some comment about maybe giving some of it back to the property owners. That would be done on a case by case basis. He emphasized that ITD does not have any use for that right-of-way.

In response to DAG Allen's question on whether that right-of-way was acquired via fee simple or easement, DE Allen wasn't positive, but believes it was purchased via fee simple.

Administrator Miles said in discussions with Lakes Highway District officials, their only concern is the sealcoats on the frontage roads. They would like assurance that ITD will complete those projects per the agreement.

In response to DESA Rindlisbacher's question on whether the sealcoats are programmed, DE Allen replied no. He intends to add the sealcoat projects to the Program during the update cycle this spring. The funding has not been identified.

Some discussion followed on the timing to take this issue to the full Board because the sealcoats have not been completed and if any action could be contingent on ITD completing the sealcoats. DE Allen said Lakes Highway District would like the transaction completed soon so it can get credit for the additional miles.

Member Horsch made a motion to recommend to the full Board to proceed with the following relinquishments: relinquish Blair Castle Road (milepost 100.527 to 100.759 and MP 448.274 to 451.278), Sylvan Road (MP 100.904 to 101.906), Roberts Road (MP 102.152 to 102.920), North Williams Lane (MP 102.920 to 104.274), and Williams Lane (MP 100.000 to 100.100), which are frontage roads along US-95, to Lakes Highway District and to relinquish former US-95 (MP 448.274 to 449.391) to Lakes Highway District. The transactions are to be completed with the understanding that ITD will fulfill its obligation to sealcoat the frontage roads as outlined in the agreement with Lakes Highway District. Member Gagner seconded the motion and it passed unopposed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM.

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Respectfully submitted by:
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