

Idaho Transportation Board

Subcommittee on State Highway System Adjustments

February 19, 2020

Idaho Transportation Board (ITB) Subcommittee on State Highway System Adjustments Chairman Jim Kempton called the meeting to order at 1:25 PM on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) in Boise, Idaho. ITB Members Bob Hoff and Jan Vassar were present.

Key principals from ITD in attendance were Chief Engineer (CE) Blake Rindlisbacher, Planning Services Manager Ken Kanownik, Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Larry Allen, and Executive Assistant to the Board Sue S. Higgins. Local Highway Technical Assistance Council Administrator Jeff Miles was also present.

District 2 Engineer (DE) Doral Hoff and District 2 Planner Ken Helm participated via video conference.

January 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes. Member Hoff made a motion to approve the January 21, 2020 Subcommittee meeting minutes as submitted. Member Vassar seconded the motion and it passed unopposed.

Realignment and Readjustment – US-95, Thorncreek Road to Moscow, District 2. DE Hoff presented the draft road closure and maintenance agreement to relinquish a portion of US-95 to the North Latah Highway District upon completion of the realignment of US-95. Language stating that the route would not be relinquished until the new alignment is constructed was included. DAG Allen added that other minor revisions were also made to the agreement.

Chairman Kempton said he assumes the agreement is ready to present to the Board and upon approval, an Official Minute Entry for this transaction would be executed; however, he requested clarification on the process. DAG Allen said the Board could approve the agreement and sign the Official Minute once the new alignment is constructed and the improvements are made to the existing highway, or, the Subcommittee could wait with the agreement and present it to the Board after the US-95 construction project is completed. In any event, the right-of-way should not be transferred to North Latah Highway District until the US-95 project is completed.

Chairman Kempton said the motion under consideration is to authorize staff to proceed with finalizing and signing the road closure and maintenance agreement with North Latah Highway District. He requested confirmation that the funding involved in the transaction has been identified. DE Hoff replied in the affirmative.

Administrator Miles questioned the local agency being responsible for hiring a consultant to design the project on US-95 before the right-way-of is transferred to it, advertising the construction project, and submitting the invoices to ITD for payment. He also questioned the Buy America Steel Act requirement in the agreement. CE Rindlisbacher agreed that funding the

project in this manner is a different process than what the Department normally follows. Usually the Department is either responsible for the entire project or it provides money to the local public agency and the local agency is responsible for the project. Some discussion followed on the options for the project after US-95 is relinquished to the highway district.

Planner Helm said work on this project has been underway for about 20 years. The highway district is satisfied with the road closure and maintenance agreement. It concurs with being responsible for the design and construction of US-95 after that portion is transferred to it and submitting the invoices to ITD for payment.

There was some discussion on the need for the District and Headquarters staff to further discuss how the local's project should be handled. In response to Chairman Kempton's question, staff confirmed that delaying action on the road closure and maintenance agreement will not have a negative impact on this system adjustment.

Member Vassar made a motion to hold the road closure and maintenance agreement for continued negotiations. Member Hoff seconded the motion and it passed unopposed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

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