

Idaho Transportation Board

129,000 Pound Truck Route Subcommittee

April 16, 2020

Idaho Transportation Board (ITB) 129,000 Pound Truck Route Subcommittee Chairman Dwight Horsch called the meeting to order at 1:45 PM on Thursday, April 16, 2020. The meeting was conducted via telephone due to the COVID-19 virus. ITB Member Jim Thompson participated in the meeting and Member Julie DeLorenzo and Vice Chairman Jim Kempton participated in the discussions on the route(s) in their respective district.

Principal Subcommittee staff members and advisors participating from ITD included Deputy Attorney General Larry Allen, Chief Engineer (CE) Blake Rindlisbacher, Freight Program Manager (FPM) Scott Luekenga, Communication Manager (CM) Vince Trimboli, Bridge Asset Management Engineer Dan Gorley, and Executive Assistant to the Board Sue S. Higgins.

Minutes: February 18, 2020. Member Thompson made a motion to approve the February 18, 2020 meeting minutes as submitted. Member DeLorenzo seconded the motion and it passed 3-0 by individual roll call vote.

Case #201804: I-84 Business - Milepost (MP) 0.0 to 0.94 and 19.68 to 19.83, District 3. FPM Luekenga presented the Chief Engineer's analysis on the I-84 Business route from the SH-19 intersection to I-84. The Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) reported that the two sections of I-84B are designated as red routes, allowing 115-foot overall vehicle length and a 6.5-foot off-track. The bridge analysis determined that the two bridges on the route will safely support vehicle combinations up to 129,000 pounds, assuming the axle configuration conforms to the legal requirements. District 3 evaluated the pavement condition between MP 0.00 and 19.83. The asphalt pavement is in fair to very poor condition. The section from MP 19.68 to 19.83 is very poor due to rutting. The Office of Highway Safety reported one non-interstate high accident intersection location and no high accident location clusters. The Chief Engineer's analysis recommends proceeding with the request.

Member DeLorenzo asked if there is a project in the Program to address the very poor pavement. District 3 Engineer Caleb Lakey said there is no project scheduled; however, he believes the maintenance crew could patch that section.

CM Trimboli said one public comment was received; however, it did not indicate a position on the route designation.

Member DeLorenzo made a motion to recommend that the Transportation Board approve the 129,000 pound truck route request for I-84 Business, milepost 0.0 to 0.94 and 19.68 to 19.83. Member Thompson seconded the motion and it passed 3-0 by individual roll call vote.

Case #201903: SH-46 – Milepost 85.33 to 100.15, District 4. FPM Luekenga said the DMV confirmed that this section of SH-46 falls under the red route category allowing 115-foot overall vehicle length and a 6.5-foot off-track. The bridge analysis determined that the five bridges on the route will safely support vehicle combinations up to 129,000 pounds, assuming the axle configuration conforms to the legal requirements. The pavement is in good to fair condition with no deficient sections. There are

no safety concerns and the Chief Engineer's analysis recommends proceeding with the request. He added that eight comments were received on the three District 4 route designations, including concerns with congestion due to trucks' capacity to travel up the grade on SH-46.

CM Trimboli added that he believes the opposition is mainly due to the misunderstanding of these vehicle combinations. He intends to improve the educational efforts on designating these routes.

Vice Chairman Kempton made a motion to recommend that the Transportation Board approve the 129,000 pound truck route request for SH-46, milepost 85.33 to 100.15. Member Thompson seconded the motion and it passed 3-0 by individual roll call vote.

Case #201901: SH-79 – Milepost 0.00 to 0.23, District 4. FPM Luekenga said the DMV confirmed that this section of SH-79 is designated as a red route, allowing 115-foot overall vehicle length and a 6.5-foot off-track. The bridge analysis determined that the one bridge on the route will safely support vehicle combinations up to 129,000 pounds, assuming the axle configuration conforms to the legal requirements. The pavement is in good condition. There are no safety concerns and the Chief Engineer's analysis recommends proceeding with the request.

Vice Chairman Kempton made a motion to recommend that the Transportation Board approve the 129,000 pound truck route request for SH-79, milepost 0.00 to 0.23. Member Thompson seconded the motion and it passed 3-0 by individual roll call vote.

Case #201904: US-93 – Milepost 41.55 to 48.3, District 4. FPM Luekenga said the DMV confirmed that this section of US-93 falls under the red route category allowing 115-foot overall vehicle length and a 6.5-foot off-track. The bridge analysis determined that the one bridge on the route will safely support vehicle combinations up to 129,000 pounds, assuming the axle configuration conforms to the legal requirements. The pavement is in good condition with no deficient sections. The Office of Highway Safety reported two non-interstate high accident intersection locations and one high accident location cluster. The Chief Engineer's analysis recommends proceeding with the request.

FPM Luekenga added that the Department received a late comment on this route expressing safety concerns, especially at a couple of intersections.

Vice Chairman Kempton made a motion to recommend that the Transportation Board approve the 129,000 pound truck route request for US-93, milepost 41.55 to 48.3. Member Thompson seconded the motion and it passed 3-0 by individual roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.

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