

Idaho Transportation Board

Subcommittee on 129,000 Pound Routes

July 6, 2021

Idaho Transportation Board (ITB) Subcommittee on 129,000 Pound Routes Chairman Dwight Horsch called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, July 6, 2021. The Subcommittee met remotely. ITB Members Jim Thompson and Bob Hoff participated.

Key principal Subcommittee staff members and advisors Lead Deputy Attorney General Tim Thomas, Chief Engineer (CE) Blake Rindlisbacher, Freight Program Manager (FPM) Scott Luekenga, Planning Services Manager Ken Kanownik, Chief Operations Officer Dan McElhinney, Acting DE6 Drew Meppen, Executive Assistant to the Board Lorraine Dennis, and Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) representative Kevin Kuther were present.

Because the meeting was held remotely, Chairman Horsch asked EAB Dennis to call roll. All participating board members were present.

Minutes: April 22, 2021. Member Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2021 meeting as submitted. Member Hoff seconded the motion and it passed unopposed.

Case #202102: US-93 – Milepost 82.600 to 160.382, District 6. FPM Luekenga presented the Chief Engineer's evaluation of the above referenced routes. The Division of Motor Vehicles reported that the highway is classified as a red route, allowing 115-foot overall vehicle length and a 6.5-foot off-track. The bridge analysis determined that the 17 bridges on the routes will safely support vehicle combinations up to 129,000 pounds, assuming the axle configuration conforms to the legal requirements. The pavement conditions range from good to fair. The commercial average annual daily traffic constitutes up to 21% of overall traffic volume. Between 2016 and 2020, there were seven accidents involving tractor-trailer combinations, resulting in one fatality and no injuries. There are no signalized intersection on the route. The Chief Engineer's evaluation recommends approving the application.

FPM Luekenga said only two comments were received during the public comment period. The comments neither opposed nor supported the route, but rather expressed concerns regarding congestion.

Member Hoff asked if the route being considered is currently used by 105,500-pound trucks, and if the operations are year-around. FPM Luekenga responded in the affirmative to both.

In response to Chairman Horsch's question about tourism usage, CE Rindlisbacher indicated the annual average daily traffic count of 1700 cars per day represents very light traffic.

Member Thompson moved to send case #202102: US-93 – Milepost 82.600 to 160.382, to the Transportation Board with a recommendation for approval. Member Hoff seconded the motion and it passed 2-0 with Members Hoff and Thompson voting in the affirmative.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

Lorraine Dennis

Respectfully submitted by:
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