

Idaho Transportation Board

Subcommittee on State Highway System Adjustments

March 30, 2022

The Idaho Transportation Board (ITB) Subcommittee on State Highway System Adjustments met remotely on March 30, 2022.

Subcommittee Chairman Jim Kempton called the meeting to order at 1:32 P.M. ITB District 6, Member Hoff was present at the District 6 office, Member Osborn was present at the District 2 office and Chairman Kempton and Member DeLorenzo participated remotely.

Key principals attending from the Idaho Transportation Department were Deputy Attorney General Gary Luke, District 6 Engineer Jason Minzghor, District 6 Project Manager Ryan Day, District 3 Engineer Caleb Lakey, and Executive Assistant to the Board Lorraine Dennis. Local Highway Technical Assistance Council Administrator Laila Kral also attended.

January 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Without objection, the minutes of the January 12, 2022 Subcommittee meeting were approved as submitted.

Review of Active Cases. Subcommittee members reviewed the list of active cases and there was no discussion.

US-20/26 Relinquishment, District 6. District 6 Engineer Minzghor presented the proposal to transfer existing US-26, milepost 335.78 to milepost 338.23, to Bonneville County. The transfer is upon completion of the US-20/26 connector, which the final alignment location is pending. The proposed FY27, US-20/26 connector project is estimated at \$20 million.

DE6 Minzghor reported a Planning and Environmental Linkage Study was recently completed to analyze multiple routes for the reconstruction of I-15 and US-20 in the City of Idaho Falls and Bonneville County. From this study, two alternatives have been identified as acceptable solutions. The first is located on or near the existing route, Exhibit 2, and the second is located just north of the Idaho Falls Regional Airport, Exhibit 3. It has yet to be determined which route will be selected.

Member Hoff made a motion for the Subcommittee on State Highway System Adjustments to authorize District 6 staff to further explore the development of new routes and start negotiations for the relinquishment of existing routes with Bonneville County and the City of Idaho Falls. The motion was accepted and passed unanimously.

SH-69 Potential Extension, District 3. District 3 Engineer Lakey stated he has been receiving numerous inquiries on the concept to extend SH-69 (Kuna) as a southern alternate route to I-84. One of the concepts for consideration is extending a two-mile stretch of SH-69 to Kuna Mora Road. Before engaging with stakeholders, he wanted to ensure the Subcommittee is aware, supports the concept, and him entering into non-committal discussions. He reported with

the current pace of growth in the Kuna area, population density is expected to exceed projections, and there is high-level interest in developing areas south Kuna. Currently, there is no expressway to get access to the freeway and around the Treasure Valley.

Members DeLorenzo and Hoff agree with the need to explore long-term options to address the rapid growth in the area.

Member DeLorenzo made a motion for the Subcommittee on State Highway System Adjustments to authorize District 3 staff to further explore the concept of a “southern alternate route” in the Treasure Valley with local and private entities. The motion was accepted and passed unanimously.

The Subcommittee felt that approval by the Subcommittee for long-term concept discussions by ITD district staff with state and local stakeholders for highway additions, without corresponding subtractions of current highway miles, is an appropriate area for discussion within the Adjustments Subcommittee - preliminary to considering possible future requests by ITD district engineers for more specific discussions and negotiations.

The meeting adjourned at 2:06 P.M.

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Respectfully submitted by:
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