

Idaho Transportation Board
Subcommittee on Policies
District 3 Office, 8150 W Chinden Blvd.
January 12, 2022

Idaho Transportation Board (ITB) Subcommittee on Policies Chairman Bob Hoff called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM on January 12, 2022. The Subcommittee met at the District 3 Office in Boise. District 3 Member Julie DeLorenzo participated remotely and District 1 Member James R. Thompson was present. Also in attendance were ITB Chairman Bill Moad, District 4 Member Jim Kempton, District 5 Member Dwight Horsch, and District 2 Member Gary Osborn.

Key principal Subcommittee staff members and advisors Lead Deputy Attorney General Tim Thomas, Chief Deputy Scott Stokes, Chief Operations Officer Dan McElhinney, Highway Construction & Operations Administrator (HCOA) Dave Kuisti, Highway Development Administrator - Chief Engineer (HDA/CE) Blake Rindlisbacher, Communications Chief Officer for the Board Vince Trimboli, and Executive Assistant to the Board Lorraine Dennis were present.

Subcommittee Chairman Hoff welcomed the participants.

Minutes. Member DeLorenzo made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2021, meeting as submitted. Member Thompson seconded the motion and it passed unopposed.

Local Bridge Program – ITD Local Bridges Inspection Update – Chief Operations Officer Dan McElhinney spoke about the condition of bridges inspected by ITD providing a summary of bridges in poor condition and the potential of receiving additional federal funding for local bridges.

Bridge Engineer Matt Farrar presented ITD’s local bridge inspections for bridges longer than 20-feet. There are 2479 local road bridges (not including federal lands or other state agencies or private), of which, 680 are on the federal aid system and 1,799 are off-system roads. ITD is responsible for inspection of these bridges, recommend maintenance, and determine condition ratings. Inspections are typically bi-annual; however, lower risk bridges are done every 4-years and poor condition bridges annually. Inspections include underwater and scour assessments, tunnels, and load ratings.

The Local/Off System Bridge Inspection project, funded from the Local Bridge and Off System Bridge Programs, is \$1.9 million per year. In comparison to the local’s bridge and state’s bridge condition ratings, last year, local bridges rated 68% in good condition and state 79%. Differences are based on number of bridges, lengths and bridge deck square footage. There are 19 local bridges and 24 state bridges in poor condition currently programmed in the ITIP. The estimate to replace or repair local bridges in poor condition is at least \$200 million and there is an unfunded need of \$160 million for 25 state bridges. Any new funding would go towards critical and poor condition bridges during the next three years. Available program federal-aid funding per ITD Administrative Policy 5011 (ITIP), as directed by Board Policy 4028, is \$5 million for local bridges and \$3.8 million for off system bridges. LHTAC administers those program funds. Board Policy 4028 sets ITD’s share of federal formula funds apportionments at 87.4% for seven

programs, which includes the Local and Off-System Bridge programs.

Listening Workshop – Next Steps. Chairman Hoff asked Communications Chief Officer Trimboli to facilitate the discussion. The subcommittee had a discussion on what they feel are the next steps in the review of Policy 4028, the Allocation of Federal Formula Highway Apportionments to local public agencies. Member DeLorenzo asked for a map with the boundaries of the Boise TMA. She also asked for a document that defines all of the sources of local funding, not just the Allocation of Federal Formula Highway Apportionments to local public agencies. Subcommittee members would like presentations and more information describing ITD/state funding needs and a further breakdown of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). In addition, members said the subcommittee has to wait until the Legislature makes decisions on Governor Little’s transportation funding proposal that would include \$200 million in on-going funding for ITD and local jurisdictions (split 60/40 respectively). The proposal also includes \$200 million in one-time money from the state’s \$1.9 billion surplus to replace and repair bridges on the local system deemed in poor condition.

At the invitation of Chairman Hoff, LHTAC Administrator Kral reminded the Subcommittee that the four other local entities who presented at last month’s Listening Workshop, all supported additional STP funding as the highest priority.

Member DeLorenzo made a motion to request staff to provide additional information, as referenced above, seconded by Member Thompson.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

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