

Idaho Transportation Board

Subcommittee on State Highway System Adjustments

September 21, 2022

The Idaho Transportation Board (ITB) Subcommittee on State Highway System Adjustments met on September 21, 2022 in Boise at District 3.

Subcommittee Chairman Jim Kempton called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. ITB District 6, Member Bob Hoff and District 2, Member Gary Osborn were present.

Key principals present from the Idaho Transportation Department were Director Scott Stokes, Chief Deputy/Chief Operations Officer Dan McElhinney, Program Manager Robert Beachler, Chief Engineer Blake Rindlisbacher, and Executive Assistant to the Board Lorraine Dennis. Deputy Attorney General Gary Luke, District 6 Project Manager Ryan Day, and District 6 Engineer Manager Wade Allen participated remotely. Local Highway Technical Assistance Council Administrator Laila Kral also participated remotely.

March 30, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Without objection, the minutes of the March 30, 2022 Subcommittee meeting were approved as submitted.

Review of Active Cases. Program Manager Beachler reviewed the list of active cases and provided status. He highlighted the US-93 Challis Spur had been previously withdrawn, but the City of Challis requested reconsideration.

In respect to the US-93 Challis Spur resolution, Chairman Kempton questioned the role of Custer County in the proposed relinquishment and how would they interact with the City of Challis. PM Beachler explained because the state cannot relinquish roads to local entities with less than 5,000 population, the Spur would have to be relinquished to Custer County through agreement. The County would then involve the City of Challis as they draft a resolution outlining terms and conditions of acceptance and hold public meetings. The Subcommittee would review the final agreement and resolution before it was presented to the full Board for approval.

Chairman Kempton also questioned the responsibility for holding public meetings as it pertains to Idaho Code 40-310, ITD Administrative Policy 5061 State Highway System Adjustments, reference to “No highway serving or traversing any city shall be abandoned, relocated or replaced by a new highway serving the area in which a city is located without the board first holding a public hearing in that city.” PM Beachler responded that he believed the County can hold public hearings, but will get clarification for the Subcommittee.

Chairman Kempton also asked for clarification if a Spur counts as part of the highway system, which PM Beachler and Legal will provide follow up.

US-93 Spur in Challis Relinquishment, District 6. District 6 Engineer Manager Wade Allen presented this request allows the District 6 staff to enter into negotiations with Custer

County for the relinquishment of the US-93 Spur, Mile Post 0.00 – 0.391 (8th Street – 12th Street).

Member Hoff made a motion that the Subcommittee on State Highway System Adjustments authorizes District 6 staff to negotiate for the relinquishment of the US-93 Spur in Challis to Custer County. The motion was accepted and passed unanimously.

US-26 to Bonneville County Relinquishment, District 6. District 6 Project Manager Ryan Day 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. Bonneville County has reviewed the draft Road Closure and Maintenance Agreement as well as the Local Highway Technical Council and Legal. PM Day reviewed the revisions to Section 1 that were not reflected in the draft presented. The resolution for consideration was updated to include project costs to align with the Idaho Transportation Investment Program.

Member Hoff made a motion for the Subcommittee on State Highway System Adjustments to authorize District 6 staff to present the Road Closure and Maintenance Agreement to the Bonneville County Commissioners for their approval with a supporting resolution for the relinquishment of portions of US-26 to Bonneville County. The motion was accepted and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:
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