

Idaho Transportation Board Subcommittee on Policies

September 27, 2023 – Remote meeting

Idaho Transportation Board Subcommittee on Policies Chairman Bob Hoff called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM on September 27, 2023. Chairman Hoff, District 3 Member Julie DeLorenzo and District 1 Member James R. Thompson were present.

Key principal Subcommittee staff members Chief Engineer (CE) Blake Rindlisbacher, Highway Operations Administrator Dave Kuisti, Maintenance Operations Manager Steve Spoor, advisor Deputy Attorney General Tiffany Hales, and Executive Assistant to the Board Lorraine Dennis were present. LHTAC Administrator Laila Kral was also present.

Minutes. Member DeLorenzo made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2023, meeting as submitted. Member Thompson seconded the motion and it passed.

Policy 5012, Protecting and Maintaining State Highways. Maintenance Operations Manager Steve Spoor reviewed the proposed changes to Administrative Policy 5012. Initially, the policy update was for a change to the Operations Manual reference; however, additional edits were made. The main revision was adding legal authority citing the Idaho Code reference and a new paragraph outlining ISP's authority to temporarily restrict use or close any highway necessary for the safety of the public.

Highway Operations Administrator Dave Kuisti stated because ISP is allowed statutory authority to close a highway, the policy was updated to include that nuance.

Member DeLorenzo made a motion, seconded by Member Thompson, to concur with staff's policy revisions and refer it to the full transportation board for approval.

Policy 4070 & 5070, ATV, Utility Type Vehicles, Specialty Off Highway Vehicles, Motorbike and Snowmobile Travel and Crossing on the State Highways. Chief Engineer Blake Rindlisbacher reported on staff's recommendation to delete Administrative Policy 5070 and Board Policy 4070 in Traffic Operations Manager Sablan's absence. CE Rindlisbacher stated because of statutory changes allowing ATVs to travel on all highways except for full access-controlled highways these policies are no longer needed. HOA Kuisti added the qualifier of operating ATVs within five miles outside city limits where the posted speed limit is 60 MPH was raised to 65 MPH.

Member DeLorenzo made a motion, seconded by Member Thompson, to concur with staff's proposal to eliminate both policies and refer them to the full transportation board for approval.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

LORRAINE DENNIS, Executive Assistant, Idaho Transportation Board