

## Idaho Transportation Board

### Subcommittee on State Highway System Adjustments

April 1, 2021

The Idaho Transportation Board (ITB) Subcommittee on State Highway System Adjustments met remotely on Thursday, April 1, 2021. Due to the absence of the third Subcommittee Member, Legal Counsel confirmed that the meeting could proceed because a quorum was present and the Subcommittee's charge is to make recommendations to the full Board. It does not have authority to take final action.

Subcommittee Chairman Jim Kempton called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM. ITB Member Jim Thompson participated.

Key principals attending from the Idaho Transportation Department were Planning Services Manager Ken Kanownik, Planner Robert Beachler, Deputy Attorney General Gary Luke, Highways Construction and Operations Administrator Dave Kuisti, District 4 Engineer Jesse Barrus, District 4 Engineering Manager (EM) Walter Burnside, and Executive Assistant to the Board Sue S. Higgins. Local Highway Technical Assistance Council Administrator and Deputy Administrator Jeff Miles and Laila Kral, respectively, also attended.

September 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes. Without objection, the minutes of the September 15, 2020 Subcommittee meeting were approved as submitted.

Potential Relinquishment of SH-75 Spur, District 4. EM Burnside reported that a public hearing was conducted on the proposed relinquishment of the SH-75 Spur to Blaine County. The County has agreed to accept jurisdiction of the approximate 3.6 mile route and approved a resolution to that effect last month. EM Burnside presented the Road Relinquishment and Transfer of Ownership Agreement and updated costs, which were adjusted between three and four percent for inflation. The total compensation amount is \$4,180,000. He added that there was no significant opposition to the relinquishment during the public comment period. The majority of comments supported the state's relinquishment of the route.

Public Information Officer Jessica Williams elaborated on the extensive outreach conducted for the hearing. The Department offered in-person meetings and also conducted a virtual meeting.

Member Thompson said he read the comments and noted the general support for the transaction. He supports forwarding the system adjustment to the Board with a recommendation for approval.

Chairman Kempton stated that motions will not require a second.

Member Thompson moved to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) and Blaine County have drafted and prepared a Road Relinquishment and Transfer of Ownership Agreement to transfer in its entirety SH-75 Spur; and

WHEREAS, ITD has held a public hearing regarding the transfer of ownership and finding no significant opposition; and

WHEREAS, Blaine County has passed and recorded an approved resolution (#2021-10) on March 3, 2021 to enter into said Road Relinquishment and Transfer of Ownership Agreement with ITD; and

WHEREAS, ITD, Blaine County, and adjacent cities' staff or representative have negotiated a one-time cash payment of \$4,180,000 including inflation, from ITD to Blaine County to offset the initial cost of reconstruction and future maintenance on the roadway; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Transportation Board Subcommittee on State Highway System Adjustments has reviewed the progress and development of relinquishment and transferring of SH-75 Spur and found the staff has met all policy, procedures, and Idaho Statute requirements relevant to the relinquishment.

THEREFORE, let it be resolved this Subcommittee recommends approval of the Road Relinquishment and Transfer of Ownership Agreement for SH-75 Spur by the Idaho Transportation Board.

There was no objection to the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Signed

Respectfully submitted by:

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