

Idaho Transportation Board  
Subcommittee on State Highway System Adjustments  
September 23, 2025

The Idaho Transportation Board (ITB) Subcommittee on State Highway System Adjustments met remotely on September 23, 2025. Staff presented from the Idaho Chinden Campus, HQ.

Subcommittee Chair Julie DeLorenzo called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. ITB District 2 Member Gary Osborn, District 4 Member Mitch Watkins, District 5 Member John Bulger, and District 6 Member Bob Hoff were present.

Key principals present from the Idaho Transportation Department were Deputy Attorney General Gary Luke, Chief Deputy Dan McElhinney, Chief Engineer Dave Kuisti, Planning & Development Manager Scott Luekenga, Planner Brianna Fernandez, Division Administrator Amy Schroeder, and Business Executive to the Board Lorraine Dennis. Local Highway Technical Assistance Council Administrator Laila Kral and Chairman Bill Moad were also in attendance.

Meeting Minutes. Member Watkins moved for the formal approval of December 5, 2024, meeting minutes, seconded by Member Osborn. The motion passed unopposed.

Active Cases List. Planning & Development Manager Scott Luekenga reported there are 10 additions to the active cases list since the last subcommittee meeting that either modify or relinquish highways. There are anticipated activities forthcoming from COMPASS entailing functional classification modifications for 500 routes – plus one for New Plymouth.

Reclassification – Bannock Transportation Planning Organization (BTPO). Planning & Development Manager Scott Luekenga reviewed BTPO's application to reclass 16 routes, shown as Exhibit A, which is made a part hereof with like effect. In relation to the 2025 urban boundaries update, BTPO hired a consultant to review functional classifications (FC) within their area. Modifications are based on changes in commercial/residential growth.

In response to Madame Chair's request to review the process for reclassification, PDM Luekenga provided details. The requestor submits an application to their local district engineer who reviews for impact and concurrence. Impacts include housing density, commercial and/or industrial growth, as well as traffic and population growth. Requests are then forwarded to FHWA for final approval.

In response to Member Osborn's question of why a route's FC would be downgraded, PDM Luekenga stated, in this case, there are three routes proposed for reclassification from a major collector to a local route due to reduced traffic volumes.

Member Bulger made a motion that the Board's Subcommittee accepts staff's recommendations of changes to the existing functional classification as set forth. Madame Chair added to the motion that the subcommittee approves these reclassifications be forwarded to the Transportation Board for its consideration. The motion was seconded by Member Osborn and it passed unopposed.

Relinquishment – North Latah Highway District, US-95, Thorncreek to Moscow. In respect to the Thorncreek to Moscow new highway alignment, PDM Luekenga reported this action will release US-95, Mile Post (MP) 338.558 to MP 343.764. The process began in 2017. A road closure and maintenance agreement (RCMA) with the North Latah Highway District was signed on January 15, 2021, to take over the old highway segment that has been redesignated as Reisenauer Road. The new highway alignment US-95, MP 335.161 to MP 339.766 will be added to the system. Upon approval from the Transportation Board next month, the RCMA will become effective.

Member Osborn made a motion that the Board's Subcommittee on State Highway System Adjustments recommends approval of the relinquishment of the segment of US-95 from Mile Post 338.558 to Mile Post 343.764 to the Idaho Transportation Board for its consideration. And be it further resolved, that Reisenauer Road designated as a functional classified major collector route and the new segment of US-95 from MP 335.161 to MP 339.766 be designated as a principal arterial – other freeways or expressways. The motion was seconded by Member Watkins and it passed unopposed.

PDM Luekenga added, for next month's board meeting, staff intends to make a clarification regarding the removal of Reisenauer Road off the National Highway System (NHS) along with the addition of the new US-95 segment to the NHS.

Reclassification – City of Salmon, Courthouse Dr. and S. Saint Charles St. PDM Luekenga reviewed the City of Salmon's request to reclass Courthouse Drive and South Saint Charles Street from local roads to major collectors. The reclass is based on 75% of the city population using these roads due to population growth and traffic. District 6 staff reviewed and approved it. A public hearing was held on August 20, 2025, and approved by the Salmon Planning and Zone Commission on September 3, 2025.

Member Hoff made a motion that the Board's Subcommittee on State Highway System Adjustments recommends approval of the reclassification of Courthouse Drive and South Saint Charles Street to the Idaho Transportation Board for its consideration. The motion was seconded by Member Bulger and it passed unopposed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

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Submitted by:

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