

# IDAHO ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

## TRANSPORTATION STEERING COMMITTEE

*Boise Centre on the Grove ~ Room 110A/B*

*IAC Annual Conference ~ Boise, ID*

*Monday, September 24, 2018 ~ 3:45 PM – 5:45 PM*

### MEETING MINTUES

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3:30 PM **Call to Order** - Chair, Doug Zenner, Nez Perce County Commissioner

- Welcome and Introductions
- Approval of February 2018 Meeting Minutes

**Tom Lamar made a motion to approve the minutes from February 2018. Kent McKlellan seconded. Motion carried.**

3:35 PM **Policy Statement**

Scott Hancock mentioned he would like to see two sections added about fuel taxes and bridges. The chairman, Scott, and Kelli will work on a new draft for the next meeting.

3:55 PM **LHTAC**  
**Jeff Miles, Administrator**

The new schedule for funding workshops is complete. LHTAC has all applications ready for this year. They types of applications for project funding are: Children Pedestrian Safety Program, Construction, Federal-aid for Bridge, Rural, and Urban, Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP), Local Highway Safety Improvement Program (LHSIP), Local Strategic Initiatives Program, Local Rural Highway Investment Program (LRHIP) and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP).

The state surplus for FY18 was about \$24M. All 16 projects funded through the Strategic Initiatives Program are on their way to be completed. Those counties with federal lands may consider using FLAP with the Strategic Initiatives Program.

There are 2,409 bridges on the local system (20 feet or longer) across the state. 864 of those bridges are over 50 years old. Most bridges were not engineered to last longer than 75 years and now they are restricting commerce in Idaho. 290 local bridges are one lane for two-way traffic. 372 bridges are load posted or closed. Many bridges are functionally obsolete, which means they do not serve the current use. LHTAC is working on creating an inventory list for bridges 10-20 feet in length.

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4:15 PM

## **State Agency MOUs (BLM example) Lan Smith, LHTAC**

There was an issue arising out of Owyhee County in regards to maintenance on a BLM road. Owyhee County had been maintaining this road for 50 years and now BLM is no longer allowing Owyhee County to maintain it. Owyhee County has an old MOU in place with BLM for maintenance on road. Owyhee County wants to continue to work cooperatively with BLM. The MOU was put in place in 2002. The discussion is around whether or not the counties want to continue utilizing this MOU and if so, it is time to review as it is outdated.

This MOU fostered understand of the responsibilities of each agency. It provided procedures for improved coordination and cooperation and protects public land resource values. All of this leads to efficient and effective management of highways/roads on public land.

The objectives would improve communication, understand, relations, and establish a mechanism for the identification and discussion of highway/road issues. Sharing information between agencies is very important and this relationship will create contacts that each is familiar with for solving issues. This agreement would also make each party aware of rules and regulations of each agency.

This MOU could be used as a template for the other State agencies, like Idaho Department of Lands and the Forest Service.

***Scott Hancock made a motion to grant authority to IAC staff to work with LHTAC and other agencies (federal and state) to create MOUs for cooperative and coordination for road maintenance and management. Kent McClellan seconded. Motion carried.***

## **Skip Bryant - Road classification**

The Nez Perce Tribe filed for a historical preservation area. The section of road the tribe applied for is the Lochsa River Corridor Traditional Cultural Place. The federal guidelines state that if the county is opposed but their preservation commission is not opposed, the county doesn't have enough to stop the transfer. Another way to get this transfer reviewed and possibly not take place is to have property owners send in notarized letters of opposition. This transfer would have economic impact and could adversely impact the Wild and Scenic River designation.

Shippo doesn't have all their documentation ready and their meeting has been pushed back. Nez Perce County, Idaho County, and the Port of Lewiston sent a letter of opposition. County commissioners and IAC will monitor the progress of this application.

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***Skip Brandt made a motion for IAC to send a letter of opposition. Gordon Cruickshank seconded. Motion carried.***

5:00 PM

## **Legislation/Resolutions**

- T-01 SRS Replacement Levy

Amend Section 40-801, Idaho Code, to establish a special levy to be used as replacement for lost/declining SRS funding. The special levy would be for county/highway district use only and not shared with cities.

***Gordon Cruickshank made a motion to approve T-01. Skip Brandt seconded. Motion carried.***

- T-02 Strategic Initiatives

Doug - explain resolution. Gordon - we take the risk of losing this and the money going to ITD.

Gordon motion to approve. Don seconded. Motion carried.

- T-03 ISP HDA Bridge Funding

Remove the sunset clause in the state strategic initiatives program (also known as the budget surplus eliminator program).

***Tom Dale made a motion to approve T-02. Jack Johnson seconded. Motion carried.***

***Don Ebert made a motion to mark T-02 the #1 priority for the Transportation Committee. Skip Brandt seconded. Motion carried.***

5:30 PM

## **Adjourn**

### Members

Doug Zenner, Nez Perce Commissioner, Chair  
Tom Dale, Canyon County Commissioner  
Jordon Stoddard, Fremont County Commissioner  
Skip Brandt, Idaho County Commissioner  
Kent McClellan, Minidoka County Commissioner  
Gordon Cruickshank, Valley County Commissioner  
Angenie McCleary, Blaine Commissioner  
Greg Shenton, Clark County Commissioner  
Glen Bailey, Bonner County Commissioner  
Bryon Reed, Bonneville County Commissioner  
Jerry Hoagland, Owyhee County Commissioner  
Joe Merrick, Owyhee County Commissioner  
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Scott Hancock, Jefferson Commissioner  
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Jack Johnson, Twin Falls Commissioner

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