

# IDAHO ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

## TRANSPORTATION STEERING COMMITTEE

*Riverside Hotel ~ Liberty Room*

*IAC Midwinter Conference ~ Boise, ID*

*Tuesday, February 6, 2018 ~ 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM*

### MEETING MINUTES

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- 8:00 AM Call to Order - Chair, Doug Zenner, Nez Perce County Commissioner
- Welcome and Introductions
  - Approval of September 2017 Meeting Minutes
- Gordon Cruickshank made a motion to approve the minutes from February 2017 and September 2017. Scott Hancock seconded. Motion carried.**
- Policy Statement Sub-committee
- Doug Zenner, Scott Hancock, Jacob Greenberg, Jeff Connelly, and Gordon Cruickshank volunteered to take part in a policy statement sub-committee.
- 8:05 AM LHTAC - Jeff Miles, Administrator
- Report
  - Bridge Funding
- Jeff Miles brought a fact sheet about bridges. It covers how many types of bridges there are in the state of Idaho. An example of the data is that the lifetime of a bridge that is 20' and longer is approximately 50-75 years. All bridges are load rated and this rate helps determine its life.
- Bridge Funding options: Highway Distribution Account from the state legislature (this money doesn't go as far because it is stretched to thin) and there is also federal aid (local). The allocation is \$5.2M for major collectors, Federal aid (off-system) \$2.5M. These projects can take five years to complete.
- Some other funding options could be: Local Strategic Initiatives Program (surplus eliminator), the Local Rural Highway Investment Program, and the Federal Lands Access Program.
- Some counties are looking into innovative bridge planning. For example, Twin Falls has a bridge that used block as a substitute for other materials. This innovative planning looks to reduce costs where possible.
- The Local Strategic Initiatives program was created in 2015 for ITD use only. This was updated in 2017 to include locals with a 40% distribution (~\$11M). The legislature is working on the transfer of those funds. LHTAC wants to show

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that the appropriation was used effectively with shovel ready projects. This is not a match program.

The Child Pedestrian Program addresses pathways that children take to get to school. There were a total of 71 applications for this program.

8:25 AM

Idaho State Legislature Update - Senator Brackett

Senator Brackett mentioned that the surplus for this upcoming year looks pretty good. He also mentioned that the legislature is looking renewing the sunset clause in this statute.

If there is money left from the ERF, after all rounds of applications, it may be reverted back to the general fund. There is a need to talk about long term funding. The legislature is concerned about the infrastructure. Some legislators are looking at moving the State Police off of the sales tax revenue distribution, which is approximately 5%.

Another issue that the legislature is reviewing is commercial vehicle registration. There was an interim committee and they met a few times but did not have a recommendation.

Tom Dale asked Senator Brackett if there are discussions that our excess should be used for our roads and bridges. Senator Brackett mentioned that there are some discussions but not a lot. He did mention that there is an opportunity with this election to have a good discussion about transportation.

8:30 AM

Transportation Legislation

Gordon Cruickshank mentioned that IAC and the Idaho Association of Highway District have been working on an idea for future legislation. It would allow counties to levy for roads and bridges, outside of the current road and bridge levy. It is intended to only be for counties that have lost their SRS funding. This would be replacement dollars. Gordon Cruickshank mentioned that the legislative committee did vote to support this.

Doug Zenner asked the committee what their will is.

***Skip Brandt made a motion to support concept of legislation for SRS replacement dollars. Tom Dale seconded. Motion carried.***

8:45 AM

Federal Update -- Casey Attebery, Senator Crapo's office

Casey Attebery mentioned that there is more discussion on reauthorizing SRS. Congress passed a transportation bill in 2015 and is good until 2020. President Trump is going to be working on a transportation proposal. Details

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have not yet been released; however, we do know that it would be approximately \$10T over 10 years.

President Trump isn't just looking at roads. He is also looking at other aspects of infrastructure. President Trump is looking at regulatory reform to cut down on time for projects. The Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization is being worked on. Bills have passed in both houses. There are some issues that need to be worked out.

9:15 AM Port of Lewiston - Dave Doeringsfeld  
Dave Doeringsfeld mentioned that the port is advocating for local jobs in a global economy. The port has its own code and is not part of the city or county. The primary product being moved in and out of the port is soft white wheat. The Columbia Snake River System is the #1 system in the USA. The Port of Lewiston is unable to ship containers. There is hope that containers will be able to move out of Lewiston soon, as the Port of Portland is now accepting them again.

Cruise ships utilize the Port of Lewiston also.

9:30 AM Adjourn

## Members Present:

Doug Zenner, Nez Perce Commissioner, Chair  
Jacob Greenberg, Blaine County Commissioner, Vice Chair  
Tom Dale, Canyon County Commissioner  
Jordan Stoddard, Fremont County Commissioner  
Skip Brandt, Idaho County Commissioner  
Kent McClellan, Minidoka County Commissioner  
Gordon Cruickshank, Valley County Commissioner  
Greg Shenton, Clark County Commissioner  
Glen Bailey, Bonner County Commissioner  
Bryon Reed, Bonneville County Commissioner  
Bryce Somsen, Caribou County Commissioner  
Tim Darrington, Cassia County Commissioner  
Jeff Connolly, Bonner Commissioner  
Don Ebert, Clearwater Commissioner  
Scott Hancock, Jefferson Commissioner  
Jack Johnson, Twin Falls Commissioner

## Members Not Present:

Jerry Hoagland, Owyhee County Commissioner  
Angenie McCleary, Blaine Commissioner  
Joe Iveson, Adams Commissioner  
Phil Lampert, Benewah Commissioner  
Pam White, Canyon Commissioner  
Rick Johnston, Gem Assessor

Mike Gunderson, Shoshone Sheriff  
Joe Merrick, Owyhee Commissioner  
Gordon Cruickshank, Valley Commissioner

## Guests:

Dwight Davis, Cassia Assessor  
Max Firth, Oneida Commissioner  
Jerry White, Shoshone Assessor  
Marc Shigeta, Payette Commissioner  
Todd Smith, Madison Commissioner  
Savannah Renslow, Idaho Association of Highway Districts  
Mark Bair, Bingham Commissioner  
Bryce Scrimsher, Nez Perce County  
MaCoy Ward, Clark Commissioner  
Senator Bert Brackett  
Lan Smith, LHTAC  
Kirk Chandler, Washington Commissioner  
Elt Hasbrouck, Valley Commissioner  
Casey Attebery, Senator Crapo's Office  
David Doeringsfeld, Port of Lewiston  
Bryce Somsen, Caribou Commissioner  
Justin McLeod, Lewis Commissioner

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