

Transportation Committee

September 24, 2019 | 10:00 am – 11:30 am

Boise Centre | Boise, ID | Room 110AB

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order

Chair Zenner called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. *Hancock made a motion to approve the February 2019 meeting minutes. Baxter seconded. Unanimous approval.*

Open Discussion

Seth Grigg gave an update on the joint transportation study. LHTAC is managing the money for the study. The goal is to have a big push for transportation funding in 2021. Boise State is contracting on the study. They'll create models that will give us a tool kit to use internally to determine what the funding needs are.

Zenner asked the group to discuss their thoughts regarding transportation funding method. There were points of discussion regarding whether the traditional straight highway 60/40 split should continue, a pure grant process, or a combination of the two. Members seemed fairly evenly split regarding their opinions about which method would work best.

Presentations:

Senator Bert Brackett: Senate Transportation Committee Chair Bert Brackett gave an update on Idaho transportation. He said that he is very supportive of the surplus eliminator. He felt like the locals need to get a fair share of the distribution. He shared that the endowment approach means that rather than distributing the money each year through the surplus eliminator, it would instead go into an endowment. He said it is relative to the amount of interest. Brackett think that it would be well to have an account where the funds can grow at a higher rate.

Senator Brackett asked the committee to conduct a quick straw poll on whether they would go with the endowment concept or go with current surplus eliminator 60/40 split. Twelve members voted for 60/40 split. Four voted for the endowment concept.

Idaho Transportation Study: Laila Kral shared information about the study. She said that they are looking at the small structures that are less than 10 feet to collect all of the data. This data is not usually covered in other studies. So far, they've added over 900 structures to the local count. There are 9 bodies participating in the study plus LHTAC who are contributing data along with ITD.

Kral said that this is meant to be a quick 6 month study to address the real needs, the near 10-15 year needs across the state to provide an actionable plan and move forward.

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Chair Zenner adjourned at 11:27 am.

Members Present:

Doug Zenner
Jacob Greenberg
Gordon Cruickshank
Jeff Connolly
Linda Jones
Nathan Marvin
Ron Buhler
Skip Brandt
Deanna Curry
Kathleen Atkinson
Dwight Davis
Hollie Ann Strang
Jordon Stoddard
Mike Ryan
Reece Hrizuk
Scott Hancock

Visitors Present:

Senator Bert Brackett
Laila Kral
Ron Funk
Mary Annen
Carrie May
Ben Crouch
Rep. Laurie Lickley
Wally Cossairt
Nick Veldhouse