TRANSPORTATION STEERING COMMITTEE

*Boise Centre ~ Room 110A/110B*

*IAC Annual Conference ~ Boise, ID*

*Monday, September 25, 2017 ~ 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM*

MEETING MINUTES

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

* Welcome and Introductions
* Approval of February 2017 Meeting Minutes

No quorum

* Transportation Policy Statement Review

No quorum

**3:35 PM LHTAC – ~~Jeff Miles, Administrator~~ Odo Grandi, Construction Manager**

Odo Grandi presented the LHTAC report. LHTAC workshops will be held in the month of October and they are 3 hours long. LHTAC is proud to present two new programs. The new programs are the Strategic Initiatives Programs (Surplus Eliminator) and the Child Safety Program. The surplus eliminator was passed in SB1206 and allows for 50% of the surplus to the general fund to be distributed to the rainy day and 50% will go to transportation. Of the 50% for transportation, 40% goes to the locals. With the funds for the surplus eliminator, LHTAC will approve one application for each district.

The child safety program was funded at $800,00.

The surplus eliminator applications are due in December. Staff will review and score then send to the council for review and scoring. These projects need to be shovel ready. Total amount for locals is about $11M.

LHTAC’s other applications have due dates coming up as well. The applications are available on the website for download.

FHWA is putting on a workshop about trucking designations. Please pass that information to your membership.

FEMA payments to counties have been postponed for certain categories due to the hurricanes. Categories A and B are taking priority over everyone else. Gordon – Our FEMA money has been postponed. Are others hearing that? Yes, others are hearing this.

**4:05 PM Emergency Funding – Mark Bair, Bingham County Commissioner**

Mark Bair was a member of the Emergency Funding Relief (ERF) committee. The committee was to set priorities for the process. In order to be eligible jurisdictions had to have a state declaration. The applications cannot include damage to roads and bridges from lack of maintenance or maintenance projects. This program is intended for the counties to fund the projects and ERF would reimburse the counties.

There were three application dates. The declaration area took priority and those that received FEMA funding would be even higher on the list. This was because those with FEMA approval would receive less of the ERF money, making the funds stretch farther. Total amount of applications was $53M. The amount awarded was ~$30M.

**4:25 PM County Engagement Team (CET) – Idaho Transportation Department– Alberto Gonzalez**

Alberto Gonzalez stated that ITD is working on a modernization plan.

We needed to establish a new registration for freight carriers since the company we used went out of business. We have a new program that will be online. This program will have many features.

ITD is implementing the Real ID program at the first of the year. Everyone will be required to have the Real ID by 2020 to fly. It requires additional verifications for proof of identity.

These programs are making us rethink stability within ITD. ITD is also revamping systems so they are not outdated. Outcomes are being measured so that issues can be tacked sooner. ITD has refocused to work on communication. This is when we created the CET workgroup.

ITD received 160 tasks that have been worked on immediately. Of the 160 items, about 75% have been addressed. ITD meets with the counties on a regular basis and also sends ITD staff out to the counties to help with training.

Dan Dinning asked how is permitting for over weight trucks going to go with the condition of county roads. Alberto stated that as long as the road and bridge specifications are accurate, the permit should reflect that. We have the ability to do this on the state and local permitting system.

Lan Smith mentioned that LHTAC has an agreement that local jurisdictions can designate what road that over weight vehicles can use. That gets turned over to ITD.

**4:55 PM Electric Assisted Bicycles – Representative Phyllis King**

Rep. King stated her bill addresses where electric bikes can be ridden. This gives definitions of three different electric bikes and would give them the same ability as a regular bike, except as to county/city ordinances. Stakeholders will come into the legislature and present the impacts of the utilization of these e-bikes.

Jacob Greenberg stated Blaine County is discussing this quite a bit since they are a tourist area. Blaine County has had e-bikes on their paths for many years, even though come cities prohibit the use. The paths are seeing the damage. Some worry about people’s ability to handle this e-bike. Blaine County is considering changing ordinances.

**5:15 PM Commercial Vehicle Registration Fee Discussion**

Doug Zenner mentioned the trucking industry thinks that they are not being treated the same as other vehicles and the registration fees need to be addressed. Jack Johnson stated that he is seeing a trucking company that doesn’t register their vehicles in Idaho. They are all registered out of Montana. Alberto Gonzalez stated that depending on the vehicle, they are exempt but will have someone from ITD call and go through this.

5:30 PM Adjourn

Members Present:

Doug Zenner, Nez Perce Commissioner, Chair

Jacob Greenberg, Blaine Commissioner, Vice Chair

Jordon Stoddard, Fremont Commissioner

Skip Brandt, Idaho Commissioner

Todd Smith, Madison Commissioner

Kent McClellan, Minidoka Commissioner

Gordon Cruickshank, Valley Commissioner

Glen Bailey, Bonner Commissioner

Tim Darrington, Cassia Commissioner

Scott Hancock, Jefferson Commissioner

Members Not Present:

Tom Dale, Canyon Commissioner

Dwight Davis, Cassia Assessor

Angenie McCleary, Blaine Commissioner

Greg Shenton, Clark Commissioner

Wayne Butts, Custer Commissioner

Roger Morley, Jerome Commissioner

Bryon Reed, Bonneville Commissioner

Jerry Hoagland, Owyhee Commissioner

Shelly Shaffer, Butte Clerk

Joe Merrick, Owyhee Commissioner

Bryce Somsen, Caribou Commissioner

Guests:

Representative Phylis King

Alberto Gonzalez, Idaho Transportation Department

Odo Grandi, LHTAC Construction Manager

Don Ebert, Clearwater Commissioner

Lan Smith, LHTAC Local Liaison

Dan Dinning, Boundary Commissioner

Jeff Connelly, Bonner Commissioner

Blake Watson, Idaho Power

Wayne Chandler, Gooding Commissioner

MaCoy Ward, Clark Commissioner

Jack Johnson, Twin Falls Commissioner

Kimber Ricks, Madison Commissioner