

Transportation & Infrastructure Committee

Monday, September 26, 2022 | 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Boise Centre

MEETING MINUTES

- 2:30 pm Call to Order | *Chair Doug Zenner*
- *Commissioner Doug Zenner Welcome and Introductions*
 - Approval of February 2022 Meeting Minutes Sherry Maupin moved to approve. Jeff Hough seconded. Motion carried.
- 2:35 pm TRI-01 Road Land Use Planning | *Sherry Maupin, Valley Commissioner*
- Proposed a change in language to the statute to allow unzoned counties to have language that will allow them to require developers to help with financing roads as part of land use planning. [Doug Miller \(Valley County\)](#) moved to support the resolution. [Dick Fosbury](#) seconded. Motion carried.*
- 2:40 pm LHTAC Update on Off-Systems Bridge Grants & Bipartisan Infrastructure Law | Laila Kral, Administrator, Local Highway Technical Assistance Council
- Laila Kral gave an update about LHTAC. 10 new employees since January 2021. There is a variety of funding available including BIL, additional revenue sharing (after \$80 million in sales tax) locals get excess. Leading Idaho \$200 million in maintenance money. ITD received 60%, locals received 40%. Leading Idaho maintenance money dedicated \$200 million for off-systems bridges.*
- Three main elements of bridge are rated, superstructure, deck, substructure. If any of these are rated as poor condition, that rates entire bridge as poor condition. 154 bridges in poor condition. Over 1600 bridges are in poor condition. ITD runs the inspection and evaluation process to determine condition of bridges.*
- Eligibility for Leading Idaho Local Bridges needs to be in poor condition, load posted or closed. 221 applications received. \$102 million of work is committed currently. Round one has 5 construction ready, 18 repairs, 49 testing & analysis (based on what process*

would be best for those bridges i.e. repair, replace, or remove), 34 design and construct. Round two has 2 removals, 1 repair, 21 design & construct. For round three, LHTAC is taking a pause to see where actual costs come in, to ensure they don't go over budget.

LHTAC is currently onboarding consultants. Designs and constructions will be bundled geographically to cut costs.

Round three: 91 bridges remaining to be addressed. Estimated cost \$160M. Bridges not yet applied for estimated cost of bridges is \$360M.

Commissioner Greg Shenton asked if they could still use their own consultants even though projects are bundled. If the project is over 50% planned, they will stick with consultants involved in the process. LHTAC does reach out to local firms to put in for the program.

LHTAC is in charge of pursuing federal funding for locals. This includes Rural, Urban, Bridge, Safety, TAP. Applications are posted on the website. The applications are due December-January. LHTAC offers workshops across the state starting next week to help locals understand how to be the most competitive with their grant applications.

Bridge Investment Program (BIP), Idaho will get two large bridge projects (>\$100M), will likely get more funding.

Laila highlighted the Cherry Lane Bridge project in Nez Perce County. The local federal aid was not enough, so they had to apply for federal funding as well. It required extensive partnerships and a team of advocates that build relationships with your federal delegation.

3:00 pm 2022 TRI Policy Statements Discussion: Committee decided to wait to discuss policy statements until there was more time to look them over.

3:10 pm Broadband Roundtable Discussion | *Representative John Vander Woude, Idaho Broadband Advisory Board Chair*

Sherry Maupin expressed frustration with NTIA grants, don't feel like they can apply because of all of the redtape.

Denis Duman shared that District 2 has been working on trying to build middle mile. Idaho County has been taking the lead on this working with DIGBY.

Representative Vander Woude wants to see coordination between state and county. The state will have between \$500 million to \$1B in broadband funding. He is looking for ideas about how to utilize this money. He asked for ideas about how to coordinate, how to communicate? What else is needed. Denis Duman shared that the broadband they get comes from Washington State. They are trying to connect through Adams, Valley, Idaho Counties to connect with IRON. Rep. Vander Woude asked what the district plans to do with the \$6M they have set aside. He said the Middle Mile is the

most important. If the state builds middle mile, we can't limit access to one ISP. There is ARPA money that can be sent now. Commerce says the ARPA money needs to be last mile, Rep. Vander Woude would like to see it used for middle mile.

Sherry Maupin said they would also like to partner with district 2 on the middle mile project. She does not believe the FCC is receiving accurate information regarding coverage.

Jeff Hough said they have an ISP they've been talking to. They are struggling to know what is out there. Had questions about communication from IBAB. Vander Woude shared that the original \$35M was allotted pre-COVID. Once IBAB was formed, the last of the COVID money came out. So IBAB hurried to allot the \$10M in grants. JFAC allotted money for infrastructure from ARPA, but it isn't available yet because they're waiting on Federal parameters. He would like to see the \$35M used to help with match for federal projects and to cover areas that maps say are covered but may not be. IBAB is looking at hiring consultants to do their own mapping to increase the accuracy of information. Until we build a backbone of middle mile, we won't have off-ramps to connect last mile. He would like to know what has been awarded and what hasn't.

Sherry Maupin said Commerce has economic development employees throughout the state, and suggested they may be able to help with communication to counties from IBAB.

3:30 pm

Adjourn

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