

POLICY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 17 , 2021

3:30 P.M.

City Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT:

In-Person: Jim Freeman, City of Idaho Falls Council Member and Board Chair; Sean Coletti, City of Ammon Mayor and Vice-Chair; Jim Francis, City of Idaho Falls Council Member; Jason Minzghor, ITD Interim District Engineer and Rebecca Casper, City of Idaho Falls Mayor.

Via WebEx/Phone: John Radford- City of Idaho Falls Council Member.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dan Gubler, Larry Gilmore, John Walker

ALSO PRESENT: BMPO Director, Darrell West; BMPO Transportation Planner, DaNiel Jose and BMPO Office Assistant, Kaitlin Burbank and Chris Canfield, City of Idaho Falls Assistant Public Works Director all joined the meeting in-person.

CALL TO ORDER: Jim Freeman called the meeting to order at 3:33 PM.

CONSENT ITEM(S)

Minutes: Policy Board Mtgs (January 20th and February 24th, 2021)

Rebecca Casper made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 20th and February 24th meetings. This was seconded by Sean Coletti. The vote was unanimous.

ACTION ITEMS

STP Urban Project Prioritization (Programmed Projects)

Darrell went through the slide show discussing the programmed projects. We are currently spending 92% of what has been allocated. Jim asked if we would like to set a goal of maybe 95%. Darrell said that it would be better to spend 100% or get as close as possible. Jason brought up House Bill 308 that would potentially move more money over to LHTAC and create opportunities for more projects. Sean Coletti moved to approve the advancement of three project phases from preliminary development (PD) into a program year (1st Street CE/CN, Science Center (CE/CN) and Elm Street (PE/PC). This was seconded by Rebecca Casper. The vote was unanimous.

STP Urban Project Prioritization (New Projects)

Darrell went through the 8 projects that were submitted. The projects had a total cost of 27 million and there is a 5 million dollar cap for all projects (see PowerPoint for list of projects). The highest scored projects were the Woodruff Expansion, 1st Street Expansion, and Ammon

Road Expansion. The TAC chose Woodruff Expansion, 17th Street Pavement and 17th/Curlew Safety as their top priorities, but decided that all three projects that ranked number one should be considered for programming in preliminary development. Rebecca Casper made a motion to accept the TAC's recommendation for the three project priorities. This was seconded by Sean Coletti. The vote was unanimous.

Project Lists

Darrell went through the PowerPoint to discuss project lists. ITD will be submitting project adjustments in May. Project decisions won't be made until they get to Boise. The primary reason project lists were created were for public transportation projects and we are not sure where that's heading right now. Funding for public transportation will potentially be added to FY 2026. Mayor Casper suggested inviting Michelle Ziel-Dingman in to give us an update on GIFT. Jim Freeman suggested that it be Michelle's idea to come in and give us an update rather than the board inviting her to. ITD will be coming out in a couple of weeks to meet with Darrell and Michelle. Sean Coletti made a motion to approve the project lists. This was seconded by Jim Francis. The vote was unanimous.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

LRTP - Current Transportation Demand

Darrell gave an update on the LRTP and presented the methodology to compute level of service for planning. Darrell then presented the 2019 Transportation Demand-Level of Service Table. Projects F and E were the focus. Darrell presented a map of existing congestion. The primary audience for this information would be the public. A discussion on population growth and congestion in our region ensued.

LRTP - Safety Conditions

Darrell presented a 2015-2019 Accident Report (10 or more reported accidents) based on E-W Streets and N-S Streets and how frequently accidents took place on these streets. Darrell explained how these accident were ranked. Darrell then presented a map with the Top 50 High Accident Locations (2015-2019). Darrell presented another table that was sorted by the number of accidents that were LHSIP Eligible Intersection Locations.

LRTP - Infrastructure Conditions

Darrell first presented a table of bridges, with information provided by LHTAC. There were six highlighted bridges on the graphic for construction. Lance mentioned that the bridge on 33rd North is currently under construction. Darrell then moved on to Pavement Conditions and presented the current position on pavement conditions, which is: "Pavement conditions are monitored, and needs determined by each entity. No uniform standards are in place for determining pavement conditions; however, the methods used have similarities. Pavement needs and projects can be found in the local entities Capital Investment Plans." The TAC came to the conclusion that due to a level of consistency used by each entity to determine pavement conditions for roadways, needs can be assessed by each local entity and then be compared regionally.

Delineating Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Rebecca Casper gave an update on the suggested new definition of metropolitan statistical areas (MSA's), moving from a population of 50,000 or more people to a population of 100,000 or more. This would be cutting out a large number of current MSA's. As a state, it would take us from seven MSA's down to one and funding across the state would be divided according to Boise's MSA's discretion. A comment period has been opened and will be open until Friday, March 19th.

NEXT MEETING

April 21, 2021

The meeting adjourned

Kaitlin Burbank
Recording Secretary