

# POLICY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 18, 2023

3:30 P.M.

CITY OF IDAHO FALLS COUNCIL CHAMBERS

## POLICY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

### **In-Person:**

Wade Allen – Planning, Scoping, Materials, Manager ITD District 6

Lisa Burtenshaw – Idaho Falls City Council

Jim Freeman – Idaho Falls City Council

Larry Gilmore – Ucon City Council

Jon Walker – Bonneville County Commissioner

### **Teams:**

Jim Francis – Idaho Falls City Council

George VanderMeer – Ammon City Council

### **Members Absent:**

Rebecca Casper – Idaho Falls Mayor

Dan Gubler – Iona Mayor

**ALSO PRESENT:** BMPO Director Darrell West, BMPO Office Assistant Stephanie Gazdik and Idaho Falls Assistant Public Works Director Chris Canfield were also present in-person.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Lisa Burtenshaw called the meeting to order at 3:30

Jim Freeman made the motion to adopt the agenda as presented for the October 18, 2023 Policy Board Meeting. Jon Walker seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows: Allen, yes; Burtenshaw, yes; Francis, yes; Freeman, yes; Gilmore, yes; VanderMeer, yes; Walker, yes. The motion passed.

## CONSENT ITEMS

### **MINUTES – Policy Board Meeting September 20, 2023**

Jim Freeman made the motion to approve the minutes from September 20, 2023. Larry Gilmore seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows: Allen, yes; Burtenshaw, yes; Francis, yes; Freeman, yes; Gilmore, yes; VanderMeer, yes; Walker, yes. The motion passed.

## ACTION ITEMS

### **FY2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Darrell West discussed the FY2024 TIP with Policy Board Member's. A note will be added to show rates are per 100 million VMT in the Safety Targets. Jim Freeman made the motion to approve the FY2024 TIP with the clarification of rates. Jon Walker seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows: Allen, yes; Burtenshaw, yes; Francis, yes; Freeman, yes; Gilmore, yes; VanderMeer, yes; Walker, yes. The motion passed.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### **Carbon Reduction Program Update**

Darrell West updated the Policy Board on the Carbon Reduction Program.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)/Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) provides funding and guidance for the Carbon Reduction Program.

Law requires State DOTs to develop a Carbon Reduction Strategy that:

- Supports efforts to reduce transportation emission
- Identifies projects and strategies that will reduce transportation emissions
- Is appropriate to the population and context of the state
- The draft CRS is to be updated every 4 years

### **Neighborhood Equity and Access Grant**

Darrell West gave the following information on the grant submittal.

The application was well done and completed and submitted on time.

\$400,000 of funding was requested.

The timeline for the announcement of awarded applications is unknown. Could be 4-6 months but might be sooner.

If awarded project would likely start at the beginning of fiscal year 2025 (October 1, 2024)

### **Strategic Initiatives Update.**

1. Canyon County Highway District – Middleton and Linden (only project in District 3 – Nampa Urban Area) \$3.5 million
2. Idaho Falls – Pancheri Bridge (District 6) \$3.5 million
3. Couer d’Alene – Government Way (District 1) \$2.5 million
4. Post Falls Highway District – Huetter Road (District 1) \$7.5 million
5. Post Falls – Spokane Street (District 1) \$1.2 million
6. Hayden – Ramsey Road (District 1) \$2.5 million
7. Ammon – Ammon Road (District 6) \$2.0 million
8. Lewiston – Snake River Avenue (only project in District 2) \$3.7 million
9. Eagle – Downtown Mobility Improvements (only project in District 3 - Boise Urban Area) \$5.7 million
10. Bonneville County – Iona Road (District 6) \$8.1 million
11. Twin Falls – Eastland Drive (only project in District 4) \$8.5 million

Schedule:

ITD has been evaluating the project applications and reviewing the results with the MPO priorities.

There are multiple factors that may be the focus of ITD’s evaluation including but not limited to impacts related to the Highway System, completeness, ability to finance, project distribution, and how a project meets legislative objectives. The status of this evaluation will be discussed on October 27th with the MPOs. The target date for ITD Board review and approval was moved to November.

## **Future of Transportation Memo**

The Future of Transportation Memo was sent out to Policy Board Members. Darrell West asked members to review the memo and provide any questions or comments they might have. These questions and comments can be addresses at a future meeting.

## **High-Capacity Roadway Study Steering Committee Meeting Update**

HCRS Conditions and Needs Memo – Discussed at Steering Committee Meeting

- Demographic Projections
  - Housing and employment growth trends (current, 2035 and 2050)
  - Geographic distribution
- Baseline Project Assumptions
  - Expected to be completed (current, 2035 and 2050)
  - Estimated cost (\$325,000,000)
- Traffic Needs
  - Trip distance and distribution
  - Capacity and levels of congestion (current, 2035 and 2050)
  - Changes in needs since LRTP
  - East-West crossings
  - Sunnyside and I-15/US-20 interchanges
  - Foothills traffic
  - Low-Build scenario (2035 projects with 2050 demographics)
- Summary of Future Needs
- Purpose and Need Statement

Comments provided by the Committees will be incorporated into the Memo. A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned

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Stephanie Gazdik  
Recording Secretary