

# POLICY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 20, 2021

3:30 P.M.

CITY OF IDAHO FALLS COUNCIL CHAMBERS

## **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**In-Person:** Sean Coletti, City of Ammon Mayor and Vice-Chair; Rebecca Casper, Idaho Falls Mayor; Larry Gilmore, City of Ucon Council Member; John Walker, Bonneville County Commissioner.

**Via Webex:** Jim Freeman, City of Idaho Falls Council Member and Board Chair; John Radford, City of Idaho Falls Council Member; Jim Francis, City of Idaho Falls Council Member.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dan Gubler, Jason Minzghor

**ALSO PRESENT:** BMPO Director, Darrell West; BMPO Transportation Planner, DaNiel Jose and BMPO Office Assistant, Kaitlin Burbank. Lance Bates and Kent Fugal, both representing the TAC, were also present in-person and via WebEx for this meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Sean Coletti called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

### **MINUTES – TAC/Policy Board Combined Meeting, November 18, 2020**

Rebecca Casper made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2020 TAC/Policy Board Combined meeting. This was seconded by John Radford. The vote was unanimous.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**Election of Officers:** Jim Francis made a motion to nominate Jim Freeman as continuing Chair of the Policy Board for 2021. This was seconded by John Radford. Rebecca Casper made a motion to nominate Sean Coletti as continuing Vice-Chair of the Policy Board for 2021. This was seconded by Jim Francis. The vote was unanimous.

**Safety Performance Measures:** Darrell presented the Safety Performance Measures letter from ITD. The TAC moved to approve the Safety Performance Measures and recommend it to the Policy Board for their approval. Rebecca Casper moved to accept the Safety Performance Measures from ITD. This was seconded by Larry Gilmore.

**Cooperative Fiscal Agreement:** DaNiel presented the updated Cooperative Fiscal Agreement. She removed TRPTA's name and updated the rental agreement and changed the dates to reflect the present time. This is an agreement between the BMPO and the City of Idaho Falls to

identify fiscal responsibilities. Jim Francis asked if we needed to replace TRPTA with GIFT. DaNiel clarified that the agreement mention of TRPTA were mainly involving the BMPO renting space from TRPTA, which is no longer applicable and would not involve GIFT. Rebecca Casper was concerned with the punctuation in the third paragraph. Jim Francis moved to accept the Cooperative Fiscal Agreement with changes to the punctuation. This was seconded by Sean Coletti. The vote was unanimous.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**113<sup>th</sup> South Roadway Functional Classification:** Lance Bates presented a current situation where a resident living on 113<sup>th</sup> South has requested the road be classified as a residential road rather than an arterial road and have a 25 mile speed limit. For planning purposes, it needs to continue to be an arterial road. The speed limit was recently lowered to 35 miles per hour. Lance mentioned that the resident may approach members of the Policy Board about this issue, even though the resident has spoken with county officials already. Jim Freeman has already received a letter from him, and feels 35 miles per hour is sufficient. Rebecca Casper talked about how we will rely on the professional advising of the TAC concerning this issue.

**FY 2020 TIP Modifications #16-17:** Darrell presented the last modifications for the FY 2020 TIP, which were fairly small. This was just an FYI for the Policy Board, as this TIP is no longer current. These were mainly for bridge projects with increases in project engineering and construction dollars.

**FY 2021 TIP Modifications:** Some of the modifications to the FY 2020 TIP impacted the FY 2021 TIP. Darrell presented changes to the current TIP. There have been four modifications so far. Modifications 2, 3, and 4 are basically modification numbers 16 and 17 from the FY 2020 TIP. These were made after the Policy Board approved the FY 2021 TIP. Jim Francis asked about the Higbee/Butte Arm Canal Bridge and if it would include a bike/pedestrian path. Kent Fugal spoke to this, and said that sidewalks would still be there. There are no plans for a path, but there will be room for path construction in the future along the Butte Arm Canal Bridge.

**2050 LRTP Higher Employment Scenario:** Darrell presented the projections for the 2050 LRTP Employment Data (see details in PowerPoint). Sixty percent of the projected new employees will be distributed within five general areas. Jim Francis asked if there was a pattern in other larger cities, when a major highway change is made, if that leads to further residential growth or less residential growth. Darrell responded that there would likely be less, saying that additional growth would probably be commercial rather than residential. BMPO Staff will meet with planners/engineers on January 26<sup>th</sup> to review data and make adjustments.

**Future Changes to the Model Network (2021-2050):** Darrell presented projects from the 2040 transportation model that will likely be completed prior to 2050 and that should be reconsidered to be added to the 2050 transportation model network. Darrell asked that other potential projects not listed be submitted by the TAC for addition to the transportation model, including projects that might be completed prior to 2035. The Policy Board was also asked to

review these. Sean Coletti said he would be speaking with the Ammon TAC members about this.

**2021 Annual Calendar:**

An overview of calendar dates was provided. Rebecca Casper asked about Bike Month Events. DaNiel spoke to this question, and said nothing was currently scheduled. She asked for feedback from the Policy Board. Jim Freeman said it would be wise to wait to hear from the legislature on any changes coming regarding COVID-19. DaNiel said they would likely move forward with scheduling the Community Ride.

**NEXT MEETING**

February 17, 2021

The meeting adjourned

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Kaitlin Burbank  
Recording Secretary