

# TAC MEETING MINUTES

October 11, 2023

3:30 P.M.

CITY OF IDAHO FALLS COUNCIL CHAMBERS

## TAC MEMBERS PRESENT

### **In-Person:**

Lance Bates – Bonneville Co. Public Works Director  
Tracy Bono – Ammon City Engineer  
Kerry Beutler – I.F. Assistant Community Development Director  
Austin Black – Bonneville County Planning and Zoning Administrator  
Chris Canfield – I.F. Assistant Public Works Director  
Kent Fugal – I.F. City Engineer  
Paul Scoresby – Ucon Representative

### **Teams:**

Kade Marquez – GIFT Transit Director  
Jeff Sneddon – ITD District 6 Planner

### **Members Absent:**

Tony Black – Ammon Streets and Sanitation Director  
Chris Horsley – I.F. recreational Superintendent  
Aaron Swenson – Iona Representative  
Max Wolf – INL Representative

**ALSO PRESENT:** BMPO Director Darrell West, BMPO Transportation Planner DaNiel Jose, BMPO Office Assistant Stephanie Gazdik were also present in-person.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chris Canfield called the meeting to order at 3:30

## CONSENT ITEMS

### **MINUTES – TAC Meeting September 13, 2023**

Kent Fugal made the motion to approve the minutes as corrected to show him present at the TAC meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Jeff Sneddon seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.

## ACTION ITEMS

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

Darrell West discussed the FY2024 TIP with TAC. TAC asked for state funded bridge projects to be shown in the TIP. These will be shown in the Performance Measures section. Key Number 24285 needs to be corrected. It is shown as a Bonneville County project, it is a City of Idaho Falls project. Table I will be updated to reflect this change. Lance Bates made the motion to recommend approval of the FY

2024 TIP to the Policy Board with the corrections made. Austin Black seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **Carbon Reduction Program Update**

DaNiel Jose discussed the Carbon Reduction Program with TAC members.

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

It is still in discussion on how these funds would be allocated.

#### **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 Districts/HQs review of MPO recommendations for Strategic Initiatives Grant Program was delayed from October 6 to October 13.

ITD staff recommendation to ITD Board target date has moved from October to November.

There may be multiple factors that go into ITD modifying the MPO list. One example is if it is determined that every District/Large Urban area should be awarded a project then this puts the Bonneville County Iona Road project in jeopardy of being dropped from the MPO list, whereas:

A project from District 5/Pocatello MPO area did not score high enough to make the MPO list

The two District 5/Pocatello MPO area project cost estimates are \$7.6 and \$10 million.

The Twin Falls project is the only project in District 4. The Eagle project is the only project in District 3/Boise Urban area and only has a price tag of \$5.7 million.

The remaining project costs until the number 4 ranked Post Falls HD project, all have smaller costs.

### **Future of Transportation Memo**

The Future of Transportation Memo was sent out to TAC members. Darrell West asked TAC 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

Provide comments by Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Meeting Adjourned

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Stephanie Gazdik  
Recording Secretary