

Idaho Transportation Board

Subcommittee on 129,000 Pound Truck Routes

February 18, 2020

Idaho Transportation Board (ITB) Subcommittee on 129,000 Pound Truck Routes
Chairman Dwight Horsch called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at the Idaho Transportation Department in Boise, Idaho. ITB Members Jim Thompson and Bob Hoff were present.

Principal Subcommittee staff members and advisors present included Deputy Attorney General Larry Allen, Chief Engineer (CE) Blake Rindlisbacher, Communication Manager Vince Trimboli, Bridge Asset Management Engineer Dan Gorley, Executive Assistant to the Board (EAB) Sue S. Higgins, and Local Highway Technical Assistance Council Administrator Jeff Miles.

Minutes: January 21, 2020. Member Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2020 meeting as submitted. Member Hoff seconded the motion and it passed unopposed.

Oral Testimony on Case #201708: US-93, Milepost (MP) 244.33 to 350.82 and Case #201709: SH-75, MP 219.5 to 244.33. Member Hoff said the verbal comments were similar to the written comments the Department received on these route requests: concerns with safety, the size of the trucks, and sharing the road with bicyclists.

Communication Manager Trimboli added that the verbal comments also expressed concern with off-tracking, wildlife on the highway, environmental impacts, and damage to the pavement.

Member Thompson said it is difficult to approve the route requests due to the extensive negative comments. Member Hoff concurred, although he believes there are some misperceptions about these vehicle combinations.

CE Rindlisbacher reiterated the presentation last month, noting that the engineering analyses – which reviews bridges, pavement, and safety – did not identify any significant concerns and based on the engineering analyses, recommends approving the routes.

Case #201708: US-93, MP 244.33 to 350.82. Member Thompson made a motion to send case #201708, US-93, milepost 244.33 to 350.82, to the Transportation Board with a recommendation for approval. Member Hoff seconded the motion and it passed unopposed.

Case #201709: SH-75, MP 219.5 to 244.33. Chairman Horsch summarized the discussion last month. Based on the various reviews of the route by staff, the Chief Engineer's analysis recommends proceeding with the request.

Member Thompson made a motion to send case #201709, SH-75, milepost 219.5 to 244.33 to the Transportation Board with a recommendation for approval. Member Hoff seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Status of Applications. EAB Higgins reported that there are five route applications in the queue. A public hearing was held earlier this month on the I-84 Business route designation in District 3. The route may be ready for the Subcommittee's consideration in conjunction with the March 18 transportation board meeting. Two public hearings will be held early next month on four applications in District 4: SH-79, two sections of SH-46, and a portion of US-93. Those routes should be ready for the Subcommittee's consideration in April.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM.

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