

## Idaho Transportation Board

### Subcommittee on 129,000 Pound Routes

March 18, 2021

Idaho Transportation Board (ITB) Subcommittee on 129,000 Pound Routes Chairman Dwight Horsch called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at the Idaho Transportation Department in Boise, Idaho. ITB Members Jim Thompson and Jan Vassar were present.

ITB Chairman Bill Moad and Members Bob Hoff and Jim Kempton also attended as observers. Key principal Subcommittee staff members and advisors Deputy Attorney General Tim Thomas, Chief Engineer (CE) Blake Rindlisbacher, Freight Program Manager (FPM) Scott Luekenga, Planning Services Manager Ken Kanownik, Senior Public Information Officer Aubrie Spence, Executive Assistant to the Board Sue Higgins, and Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) Administrator Jeff Miles were present. District 2 Engineer (DE) Doral Hoff and Chief Operations Officer Dan McElhinney participated remotely.

Minutes: January 21, 2021. Member Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2021 meeting. Member Vassar seconded the motion and it passed unopposed.

Case #202101: US-12 – Milepost 74.480 to 66.220; SH-13 – Milepost 24.400 to 26.390; and SH-162 – Milepost 30.819 to 8.000, District 2. FPM Luekenga reported that an application was submitted on the above three routes. This case is unique because a different applicant requested the same routes, with the exception of the entire SH-13 route, in 2015. There was a lot of public opposition at that time and the applicant eventually withdrew his application. Staff believes it should proceed with the new application, but FPM Luekenga wanted the Subcommittee to be aware of the history.

DE Hoff said the current applicant, Wally Burchak, is conducting outreach on his request. He is working closely with the respective highway districts because he is also requesting designation of old highway 7 as a 129,000 pound route.

LHTAC Administrator Miles said his staff met with the applicant. The local routes are under three highway districts' jurisdiction. The Green Creek Highway District has some concerns with this route. He added that old highway 7 is not funded at the state level. Although it is probably the best route in the area because it is straighter, the grade is not as steep, and has low traffic counts. The pavement is in fair to good condition but the road lacks delineators and other amenities. He will encourage the local jurisdiction(s) to conduct a study on the route.

Member Thompson said he traveled the requested state routes. Overall, he believes the roads are adequate for 129,000 pound vehicles.

Chairman Horsch noted that the subcommittee is responsible for designating routes on the state highway system. It does not have jurisdiction on local roads.

CE Rindlisbacher said staff will proceed with the designation process.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 PM.

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