

**MINUTES OF THE  
LOCAL HIGHWAY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COUNCIL (LHTAC)  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING CONFERENCE CALL  
JANUARY 16, 2018**

This special meeting was called to order via conference call at 4:00 p.m. (Mountain Time).

Council Members in attendance either via conference call or at 3330 Grace St., Boise ID were Member Rekow; Member Thomas, Member Hofmeister, Member Smith, Member Werner, Member Pooler, Member Gier

LHTAC staff in attendance were Jeff Miles, Nancy Ziebarth, Laila Kral, Susan Lasuen, and Scott Ellsworth

### **Amendment**

Jeff Miles noted that we had expected the final audit to be complete, however, the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) has not completed the review of the ICAP rate, therefore, the audit has not been finalized.

**Motion by Member Hofmeister. Motion: To remove the "Approve Final Audit" agenda item from the agenda due to it not being complete due to good faith reason. Seconded by Member Pooler. Motion passes.**

### **New Business**

#### **Review and approve rankings of Local Strategic Initiatives**

Laila Kral reported that LHTAC received 80 applications with requests totaling over \$56 million. Due to the drafting error in Senate Bill 1206 which prevented the transfer of the Surplus Eliminator Funds and that didn't provide spending authority. The program funding remains unclear. The bill is still pending legislative action. LHTAC would like to proceed with approval of the projects as ranked. When funds are available the award list will be published. The number of projects awarded will be dependent on the actual amount available.

**Motion by Member Werner. Motion: To approve the Local Strategic Initiatives Rankings as presented and when the funds become available, LHTAC will fund from top to bottom. Seconded by Member Thomas. Motion passes.**

#### **Review, consider options and approve rankings for Children Pedestrian Safety**

Laila Kral reported that LHTAC received 71 applications with a total request of over \$12 million. The rankings are based on if the \$2 million in funds becomes available. The number of projects to award is dependent on the actual amount available and if IT Board separates their list

**Motion by Member Werner. Motion: To approve LHTAC to move forward with funding the projects based on rankings and an agreement with the ITD board for ranking list. Seconded by Member Hofmeister. Motion passes.**

#### **Discuss Legislative Funding Dilemma**

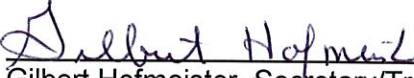
Jeff Miles reported that we have been working with the co-chairs of the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee regarding Senate Bill 1206. In the language, there was a drafting error which was not caught when Senate Bill 1206 was approved which didn't transfer the funds to make them accessible to LHTAC or ITD. There was also no spending authority. Currently, ITD is prepared to submit a bill which will correct these issues. There are significant concerns if this bill moves forward quickly. The money would need to be received no later than mid-February to keep everything on track. Many emails from the Associations, LHTAC and Idaho Walk Bike Alliance are going out to request support in getting this bill passed.


Discussion: Member Thomas asked if there is any discussion if this got to the Governor's desk would he veto it. Laila Kral noted that with the Legislative Action last year, the Governor is ok with supporting the maintenance projects since that is what the bill stated. Jeff Miles indicated that LHTAC will continue to track this issue.

**Motion by Member Thomas. Motion: To adjourn. Seconded by Member Pooler. Motion passes.**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m. (Mountain Time)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

  
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Gilbert Hofmeister, Secretary/Treasurer

  
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Mark Rekow, Chairman

March 9, 2018  
Local Highway Technical Assistance Council