

**MINUTES OF THE
LOCAL HIGHWAY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COUNCIL (LHTAC)
JOINT ITD/LHTAC MEETING DECEMBER 12, 2019
3330 GRACE STREET, BOISE IDAHO 83703**

Council Members: Diana Thomas, Mayor of City of Weiser; Gilbert Hofmeister, Commissioner of Power County Highway District; Robert Berlin, Mayor of City of Roberts; Neal Gier, Commissioner of Buhl Highway District; Terry Werner, Commissioner of Post Falls Highway District; Phil Lampert, Commissioner of Benewah County; Mark Rekow, Commissioner of Gem County; Mac Pooler, Mayor of City of Kellogg; Todd Smith, Commissioner of Madison County; Nick Veldhouse, Executive Director of IAHD; Johanna Bell, AIC; Seth Grigg, Executive Director of IAC

LHTAC Staff: Jeff Miles, Laila Kral, Scott Ellsworth, Nancy Ziebarth, Kevin Kuther

ITD Board: Bill Moad; Jim Kempton, James Thompson, Janice Vassar, Julie DeLorenzo, Dwight Horsch

ITD Staff: Brian Ness, Scott Stokes, Sue Higgins, Mollie McCarty, Blake Rindlisbacher

Roll Call & Introductions

LHTAC Chairman Hofmeister called the meeting to order and asked for a silent roll call at 1:57 p.m.

General Open Meeting:

The two groups talked about efforts underway to revisit the 2011 Governor's Task Force on Modernizing Transportation Funding. ITD Director Ness said instead of the traditional District tours next year, the Board is planning to conduct meetings in each District with the local highway jurisdictions. Part of the meeting would focus on efficiencies and identifying areas where the state and locals can collaborate. The second part would be devoted to the transportation needs. The intent is to prepare for a revenue package in 2021. LHTAC Administrator Miles expressed support for this proposal and added that he will provide assistance with coordinating the local agencies' participation.

Other topics included opportunities for ITD and LHTAC to apply for grants together, the permitting process for commercial vehicles, and that the revenue for the bridge inspection fund will soon be insufficient to provide the match for bridge inspections. Some local officials also expressed concern with issues on SH-3 and I-90.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:


Robert (BJ) Berlin, Secretary/Treasurer


Gilbert Hofmeister, Chairman

March 13, 2020