

**MINUTES OF THE  
LOCAL HIGHWAY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COUNCIL (LHTAC)  
ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL  
JULY 31, 2020**

This special meeting was informational only and did not contain any action items.

The meeting was called by to order by Chairman Smith via Zoom conference call at 10:00 a.m. (Mountain Time) and ended at 10:48 a.m.

Council Members in attendance via conference call were: Gilbert Hofmeister, Commissioner of Power County Highway District; Neal Gier, Commissioner of Buhl Highway District; Todd Smith, Commissioner of Madison County; Mac Pooler, Mayor of City of Kellogg; Phil Lampert, Commissioner of Benewah County; BJ Berlin, Mayor of City of Roberts; Bruce Hossfeld, Mayor of City of Paul; Terry Werner, Commissioner of Post Falls Highway District; Nick Veldhouse, Executive Director of IAHD; Kelley Packer, Executive Director of AIC; Seth Grigg, Executive Director of IAC

LHTAC staff in attendance were Nancy Ziebarth, Jeff Miles and Laila Kral

Council Members Not in Attendance: Mark Rekow, Commissioner of Gem County

**September Council Meeting Options**

Laila Kral reported on options for the September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> bus tour and Council meeting in the Rexburg area. Due to COVID-19 and the risk to others, she talked about options for the bus tour which included moving forward as planned, have an abbreviated tour where everyone drives themselves, a video tour or to delay the tour. The meeting options included keeping it as planned, move it to a larger location in Idaho Falls/Rexburg area, moving it to the Riverside Hotel in Boise or have the meeting virtually.

Discussion: The consensus was to delay the bus tour by a year and to meet virtually for the September meeting.

**Bridge Partnering**

Laila Kral reported that the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) reached out to consider working together on a bridge project for East Side Highway District. Laila noted that LHTAC would never be able to fully fund construction of a project of this size. Preliminary engineering can move forward to assist the Locals on eventually constructing the project by partnering with ITD.

Discussion: The consensus was to move forward with talking to the Locals and ITD to see if this is an option.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

  
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Neal Gier, Secretary/Treasurer

  
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Todd Smith, Chairman

  
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