

**MINUTES OF THE
LOCAL HIGHWAY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COUNCIL (LHTAC)
COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 16, 2022
HELD VIA ZOOM**

Council Members: Mayor Mac Pooler, City of Kellogg; Commissioner Neal Gier, Buhl Highway District; Commissioner Phil Lampert, Benewah County; Commissioner Mark Rekow, Gem County; Commissioner Todd Smith, Madison County; Councilwoman Kari Peterson, City of Fruitland; Nick Veldhouse, Executive Director of IAHD; Seth Grigg, Executive Director of IAC

Council Absent: Mayor Robert (BJ) Berlin, City of Roberts; Commissioner Gilbert Hofmeister, Power County Highway District; Commissioner Kevin Renfrow, South Latah Highway District; Kelley Packer, Executive Director of AIC

LHTAC Staff: Laila Kral, Ken Kanownik, Nancy Ziebarth, Scott Wood, Karissa Nelson

Roll Call

Chairman Gier opened the business meeting at 11:00 a.m. (MST) and asked for a roll call. With three voting members missing, there was a quorum.

NEW BUSINESS

Leading Idaho Local Bridge Update:

Ken Kanownik reported that on July 14, 2022, Council approved the application rankings and since then, Idaho Transportation Board (ITB) approved the rankings on July 21, 2022. LHTAC and the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) executed an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) specifying financial and administrative roles and responsibilities. ITD has provided resources in reviewing bridges and collaborating on efficient development. All of the 221 bridge inspection reports have been reviewed which led to sorting bridges into testing/analysis, repair and replacement categories to recommend projects for award.

Scott Wood reported that 17 teams submitted Statement of Qualifications (SOQs) and were determined to be qualified for consultant services for Design/CEI. Nine firms submitted SOQs and were determined to be qualified for Geotechnical services.

Karissa Nelson reported that 12 firms submitted SOQs and were determined to be qualified for Environmental services.

Discussion: Is there a limit of how much consultants are allowed to charge per project? LHTAC will negotiate lump sum contracts for each award. There is no reimbursement for consultants help on submitting applications.

Leading Idaho Local Bridge (LILB) Program Round One Project Approval:

Ken Kanownik reported that the intent is to award projects in up to five rounds for the duration of the program. Round one strategic objective is to fund high scoring, quick design, bundled bridges. Every round of funding will be approved by LHTAC Council. Round One includes the following:

- Eighteen bridges identified for possible repairs with rankings from 99 to 221. The repair versus replacement will be determined by cost/benefit analysis, with the repair

increasing service life by 20 years and the bridge cannot be listed as poor after repaired. Individual bridge repairs costs under \$100,000 will advance, repairs over \$100,000 will be brought to Council for further discussion and approval.

- Forty-nine bridges are recommended to have further testing and analysis performed. This will give LHTAC staff additional information which may include removing the posting, raising the bridge above poor condition, moving to either the repair or replacement category.
- Five bridges are construction ready, and recommended for funding of the materials and construction efforts.
- Thirty-four bridges are recommended to be grouped into multiple bundles for design and construction. This group includes projects that meet both the simple design and simple construction criteria.

The estimated cost of addressing the 106 bridges in the first round of recommendations is \$38M.

Discussion: What is the timeframe for starting work? Scott and Ken noted that Consultant agreements are in process, work should start as soon as funds are received from ITD. When will round 2 be presented? Ken noted that his hope is to present the next round at the regularly scheduled Council Meeting in September.

Laila Kral thanked all off the staff that has worked on this project. If additional funding is available, due to staff efforts, we are ready to move forward on any of the projects. Ken noted that with the approval, notifications will be going out to the jurisdictions.

Motion by Member Lampert. Motion: For Council to approve Round 1 list as presented. Seconded by Member Rekow. Motion Passes.

Motion by Member Smith. Motion: For Council to adjourn.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:



Mac Pooler, Secretary/Treasurer



Neal Gier, Chairman

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