

**MINUTES OF THE
LOCAL HIGHWAY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COUNCIL (LHTAC)
COUNCIL MEETING JULY 14, 2022 VIA ZOOM**

Council Members: Mayor Robert (BJ) Berlin, City of Roberts; Mayor Mac Pooler, City of Kellogg; Commissioner Neal Gier, Buhl Highway District; Commissioner Gilbert Hofmeister, Power County Highway District; Commissioner Kevin Renfrow, South Latah Highway District; Commissioner Phil Lampert, Benewah County; Commissioner Mark Rekow, Gem County; Commissioner Todd Smith, Madison County; Councilwoman Kari Peterson, City of Fruitland; Kelley Packer, Executive Director of AIC

Council Absent: Nick Veldhouse, Executive Director of IAHD; Seth Grigg, Executive Director of IAC

LHTAC Staff: Laila Kral, Ken Kanownik, Nancy Ziebarth

Roll Call

Chairman Gier opened the business meeting at 9:30 a.m. and asked for a roll call. All voting members were in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

Children Pedestrian Safety Program Scoring:

Ken Kanownik reported that applications opened on April 10, 2022 and were due June 8, 2022. LHTAC received 79 applications with a total funding request of over \$17.5M. Scoring was conducted by a panel of staff and stakeholders. Based on the scoring, staff recommends fully funding the top 43 applicants for a total of \$9,619,490 and two applications that tied in scores for \$190,255 each.

This list of recommendations will be shared with the Idaho Transportation Board on July 21, 2022.

Motion by Member Renfrow. Motion: For Council to approve rankings as presented. Seconded by Member Berlin. Motion Passes.

Leading Local Idaho Bridge Program Scoring:

Ken Kanownik thanked all of the staff at LHTAC for their help with this new program. With the application period ending, 221 applications were received from 89 Local Highway Jurisdictions (LHJ's). Scoring consisted of 75% technical scoring, 25% local knowledge which consisted of 5% on Right-of-Way ownership and 20% from four short answer questions. The four short answer questions were scored by LHTAC Council Members.

It is the goal of LHTAC staff to remove 1/3 of the 428 poor/posted bridges from that list through testing, repair and replacement. There is not a cutline on the list of 221 bridges, it is purely a ranked list based on the scores. After further analysis, staff will bring forward a first-round package of bridges to the Council for approval. We are anticipating making this proposal in 4-6 weeks.

Motion by Member Berlin. Motion: For Council to approve rankings as presented. Seconded by Member Renfrow. Motion Passes.

Leading Idaho Local Bridge Update:

Ken Kanownik reported that LHTAC has sent a request for qualifications (RFQ) for Consultant Selection. We received 17 requests for design & construction engineering teams, 12 environmental firms and 10 geotechnical engineering firms. Consultants will qualify for the program; score will give the firm preference for the first one to two rounds of funding.

Grouping applications for minimal design bridges will include construction ready/materials only projects, simple repairs, scour critical, and bridges at 50% design or more. This will not be a top-down award, but economic efficiencies, readiness factors and type of replacement will be considered along with the scores to maximize the limited one-time funding. Staff does not have a projected date for presenting round one and two of awards, but the intention is to commence work no later than fall 2022.

Discussion: The first round will be minimal design and some of the simpler bundled projects. There will not be any out-of-pocket costs for the Locals.

Laila Kral met with the Governor's staff to give them an update of where LHTAC is in the process. There is some pushback regarding projects that are on the poor and posted list and some of the locals wanted to be able to pick the bridge that they wanted in the program. The goal is to target the backlog of bridges that are restricting commerce. Only 96 of the 287 local jurisdictions were eligible for the program based on bridges on the poor/posted list.

Laila also gave a staff update noting that Wayne Herbel, Federal-aid Engineer submitted his resignation and his last day is August 1st. The Federal-aid Financial Officer position closed and we received two resumes.

Motion by Member Renfrow. Motion: For Council to adjourn. Seconded by Member Berlin. Motion Passes.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:



Mac Pooler, Secretary/Treasurer



Neal Gier, Chairman

September 15, 2022

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