

**MINUTES OF THE
LOCAL HIGHWAY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COUNCIL (LHTAC)
FEBRUARY 6, 2025 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING WITH EXECUTIVE MEMBER VOTING
VIRTUAL CONFERENCE CALL**

This special meeting was called to order virtually by Chairman Peterson via TEAMS at 10:01 a.m. (Mountain Time).

Council Members: **Executive Voting Members:** Mayor Kari Peterson, City of Fruitland; Commissioner Kevin Renfrow, South Latah Highway District; Commissioner Todd Smith, Madison County

Attended: Commissioner Neal Gier, Buhl Highway District; Kelley Packer, Executive Director of Association of Idaho Cities

LHTAC Staff: Nancy Ziebarth, Ken Kanownik, Laila Kral, Mike Cram, Megan Kautz, Scott Wood

Guests: Ryan Head, ACHD; Jason Brinkman, ITD; Royce McCandless, Idaho Press; David Rader, ACHD; Bella Lorea, ACHD; Dan McElhinney, ITD; Molly Loucks, Burgess & Niple; Dyan Bevins, ACHD

New Business

Leading Idaho Local Bridge Contracts

Ken Kanownik reported that proposal 23346-46 is for the removal and replacement of the Parkinson Road Bridge over Cub River in the City of Franklin. The bid opening was held on January 30, 2025 with bids being received from Braun-Jensen, Inc and Cannon Builders, Inc. Braun-Jensen, Inc was the apparent low bidder but is \$1,095,087.00 over the Engineers Estimate. In reviewing the bid, the prestressed box beam girders accounts for 57% of the overage. The girders are unique and determined to be the best option for this project due to the high creek flows and adjacent railroad overpass. The removal of the bridge was 15% over the Engineers Estimate.

Motion by Member Smith. Motion: To approve the awarding of the bid to Braun-Jensen, Inc. as presented. Seconded by Member Renfrow. Motion passes

Leading Idaho Local Bridge Emergency Application

Laila Kral reported that the Eckert Road Bridge located in East Boise was closed by Ada County Highway District due to safety concerns. Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) is responsible for doing all bridge inspections for bridges over 20' in the state. In 2022 when this bridge was inspected, it was open to the public, not load restricted or in poor condition. A recent inspection in October/November showed severe deterioration in the timber piles. By the time the inspection was finalized the load posting was three tons. Due to some timing issues between the inspectors and ITD, the inspection notice didn't get to ACHD until January. ACHD determined it was best to close the bridge until further notice.

The due date for the Leading Idaho Local Bridge applications was December 12, 2024 and any bridge that was posted by that date was eligible to apply. If the inspection notice had been sent as soon as the inspection was done in November, this would have been an eligible bridge, however due to the timing, it was not eligible. With the importance of this project for the Treasure Valley and the state, this is the highest traffic volume bridge we have in this round of applications. She noted that this would be for bridge work only, the application does talk about a larger scale project including three bridges and realignments of roadways and intersections. With this being part of the Leading

Idaho Local Bridge program, this work would be limited to bridge design/construction and any work outside of that would be the responsibility of ACHD.

Dan McElhinney and Jason Brinkman from ITD shared information regarding repairs that they are working on in partnership with ACHD to get the bridge back open.

Ryan Head from ACHD shared that they were in the process of working to review the bridge for replacement due to the age of the bridge. He appreciates the partnership with ITD to work on a solution to get the bridge open and to have as little impact on the public as possible.

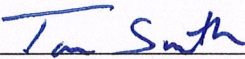
Laila Kral noted that the LILB program funds are for bridges and will only cover the costs that meet the needs to replace the bridge only. The repair work that ITD and ACHD are working on to get the bridge open is only a temporary fix. The bridge will still need to be replaced due to the age and condition. She noted that ACHD does have an application in for the Healy Bridge. If the Eckert Road Bridge and Healy Bridge were to both be funded, we would look at possibly combining the projects. If funded, LHTAC would take over administration of contracts. The design contract would come from LHTAC and go to a team on the roster.

Laila recommends this application be accepted into the program and move forward with funding immediately.

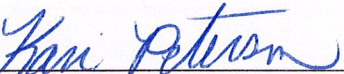
Motion by Member Renfrow. Motion: To accept the application and fund it immediately as presented. Seconded by Member Smith. Motion passes

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m. (Mountain Time)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:



Todd Smith, Secretary/Treasurer



Kari Peterson, Chairman

March 13, 2025

Local Highway Technical Assistance Council