

MINUTES
ITD/STATE HIGHWAY COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE
June 14, 2021 – 11:00 AM
Payette City Hall

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Craig Jensen, Mike Kee, Mayor Williams, and Lori Steiniker
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Mary Cordova & Jamie Couch

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Kee and seconded by Steiniker to approve the meeting minutes of May 20, 2021, and June 8, 2021.

With all in favor, the motion CARRIED.

Councilor Jensen asked what everyone thought of the Town Hall Meeting. Kee and Steiniker thought the meeting was very informational for them and for the public. Couch noted that there was no one there from ITD that could actually answer any questions.

The committee discussed the existing Highway Maintenance Agreement with ITD between the City and the State, and that the State wants the City to take over maintenance of portions of the highways that are not in City limits. All agreed that those areas should be annexed first, and we should negotiate with ITD for signs, turn lanes, sidewalk by high school and such, as the City would incur more expense to maintain these areas.

Discussion was had on the Highway 52 Re-alignment Project, and how that would benefit the City and aid in the congestion issues. It was suggested that this be a discussion with the entire Council.

The committee discussed the merits of the program that Star has implemented in having developers pay their proportional share of State Highway improvements.

The committee talked about developing a list of priorities to include short term goals such as moving up the time frame to repair the Snake River Bridge, new traffic signs, creating school zones and ensuring the stoplights on Hwy 95 are all synchronized to help reduce congestion. Intermediate goals would include turn lanes at NE 10th, Hwy 52 and 7th Ave North; Hwy 52 realignment; annexing property on the State Highways and taking over maintenance. A long term project of eventually widening Hwy 95 was proposed.

At the next meeting of this committee in the next couple of weeks they would like to see the ITD traffic light engineer attend and also see what the current traffic counts are on Highway 95 and Highway 52.

The meeting adjourned at 12:13 P.M.