
Idaho State Capitol Commission

Official Minutes

February 22, 2024

A Special Meeting of the Idaho State Capitol Commission was held on this date in the JRW Building West Conference Room, 700 W. State Street, Boise, Idaho, and via WebEx. Chairman Erstad called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Attendees

Members Present:

Andy Erstad, Chairman

Steve Bailey, Deputy Director, Dept. of Administration (DOA), Ex-Officio Member, Commission Secretary

Terri Kondeff, Director, Legislative Services Office (LSO) and Ex-Officio Member

Janet Gallimore, Executive Director, State Historical Society (ISHS), and Ex-Officio Member

Senator Chuck Winder

Others/Staff Present:

Kathy Griesmyer, City of Boise

Zach Piepmeyer, CCDC

Cody Holman, ACHD

Steve Walker, Security, Department of Administration

Pat Donaldson, Administrator, DPW

Paul Navarro, Facilities Manager, DPW

Frances Lippett, Policy Analyst, LSO

Kimberly Rau, Program Specialist, Department of Administration

Approve February 7, 2024 Meeting Minutes (Action Item):

MOTION: Commissioner Gallimore moved, and it was seconded by Commissioner Kondeff that the minutes of the February 7, 2024 Idaho State Capitol Commission meeting be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Project Presentations per Idaho Capitol Commission Policy

In accordance with Idaho Code 67-1605A, Cody Homan, Senior Project Manager with ACHD, presented to the Commission a project related to State Street, 8th Street to 4th Street. This project will reconstruct State Street with concrete pavement between 8th St and 4th Street, upgrade deteriorating traffic signals, add ‘bulb-outs’ for shorter pedestrian crossings and better visibility at the intersections, and add stormwater treatment improvements. This project would necessitate the closure of State Street to vehicle traffic between 8th Street and 6th Street, including the intersections. This closure will be for a few months and won’t begin until after the Legislative Session has ended. The 8th Street intersection may be closed for a shorter amount of time. Detour routes will be Jefferson Street and Washington Street. The contractor shall maintain access to parking lots or provide alternative access. Pedestrian detours will also be needed. Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Commissioner Gallimore moved, and it was seconded by Director Bailey that the Commission refers this project to authorizing leadership with the Commission’s consensus for approval with the additional consideration of the addition of ballasts for enhanced security to be a possible shared cost effort. The motion passed with 4 ayes with one abstained (Senator Winder).

In accordance with Idaho Code 67-1605A, Kathy Griesmyer, Government Affairs Coordinator with the City of Boise, and Zach Piepmeyer, Parking & Mobility Director with CCDC presented to the Commission a project related to a 5th & 6th Streets Roadway Improvements Project to include improvements to 6th Street (Myrtle Street to Fort Street) and 5th Street (Myrtle Street to Washington Street). A significant portion of the existing roadways will be reconstructed to improve pavement conditions. The roadway will be reconstructed with durable concrete pavement south of State Street. North of State Street, the roadway will be repaved with asphalt. Stormwater system upgrades will be made, and new traffic signal hardware will replace aging equipment.

Improvements included in this project on the block of 6th Street from Jefferson Street to State Street, adjacent to the Capitol Building, include 4 pedestrian ‘bulb-outs’, which will be constructed at the intersection of 6th Street and Jefferson Street. The pavement within the intersection of 6th Street and Jefferson Street will be reconstructed. Sixth Street between Jefferson Street and State Street will be reconstructed, as well. Permeable pavers will be installed within the western parking lane of 6th Street between Jefferson Street and State Street. Both 5th & 6th Streets will be converted from one-way to two-way traffic operations. This two-way conversion work is independent of the improvements identified above. Existing one-way southbound traffic on 6th Street will be converted to two-way traffic operations as part of the larger two-way conversion of the 5th & 6th Street corridors. Construction of the improvements is anticipated to begin spring 2024 and will continue through summer 2025. The City of Boise requests resolution from the State of Idaho on this request no later than March 8, 2024. Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Commissioner Bailey moved, and it was seconded by Commissioner Gallimore that the Commission move to recommend the closure of 6th Street between Jefferson and State Streets for the street conversion project as presented today during the necessary dates, to be determined, and communicated to the Capital Commission prior to, and on

the condition of the submission to the Department of Administration by 12:00 PM on Friday, February 23, 2024 a packet of information from the City of Boise and CCDC to be sent to authorizing leadership to consider.

The motion passed with 4 ayes with one abstained (Senator Winder).

Next Meeting Dates:

6/18/2024

8/20/2024

Adjournment:

MOTION: Commissioner Gallimore moved, and it was seconded by Commissioner Kondeff that the February 22, 2024, meeting of the Idaho Capitol Commission be adjourned at 10:45 AM. The motion passed unanimously.

Kimberly Rau, Program Specialist
Department of Administration