

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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**Thursday
June 8, 2023**

4:00 PM

**Council Chambers
206 E. Third Street**

Sumner called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Scott Sumner, Chair; Randy Baukol, Ben Calabretta, Mary DuPree, Joel Hamilton, Steve Mills
MEMBERS ABSENT: Erin Bacon, Mike McGahan, Robert Sanders
OTHERS: Luke Hajda
STAFF: Jennifer Fleischman, Cody Riddle
REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of April 13, 2023 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Presentation of minutes for approval.

Hamilton moved for approval of the minutes as presented, seconded by Baukol. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Baukol, Calabretta, Hamilton, Mills, Sumner (5). Nays: None. Abstentions: DuPree (1). Motion carried.

2. Public Comment

Members of the public may speak to the Commission regarding matters NOT on the agenda or currently pending before the Commission. Please state your name and city of residence for the record and limit remarks to three (3) minutes.

None.

3. Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) Update – ITD Staff

Staff from ITD will provide an update on current planning efforts impacting Moscow and the surrounding area.

Mary DuPree arrived at 4:01 PM.

Luke Hajda, from ITD District 2, gave a quick report on current projects in happening in District 2, including construction for the Highway 95 realignment project. Litigation from an environmental group has been ongoing. It is uncertain what the project completion date will be.

DuPree asked about the possibility of adding a crosswalk across Highway 95 North, adjacent to Moscow Building Supply.

4. Citizen Survey Questions (ACTION ITEM) – Cody Riddle

Staff will facilitate an initial discussion on questions that could be included in a citizen survey to occur later this year.

Riddle presented a history of citizen survey questions that the Commission has asked in previous years, and opened the floor for the Commissioners to discuss what questions they want to include in the upcoming 2023 survey. Questions can be open-ended, or the Commission can reuse ones from previous years to see how, or if, public opinion has changed. There was a discussion about the different styles of questions that could be used. The Commissioners talked about a possible crossing, north of D Street, of Highway 95 N.

There could be a possibility of doing a more detailed, direct survey after getting a generic response with the 2023 Citizen Survey. The Commissioners continued discussing different topics for questions, especially regarding post-COVID transportation needs. Alternate modes of transportation, such as bikes, was talked about, and the trade-offs between more bike lanes versus parking spaces.

It was suggested to add a question about the desire for a public transit route to Pullman. The Commissioners talked about who gets the surveys and whether that would include the University of Idaho (UI) students. UI Parking Services could possibly send out their own survey to students they interact with. Staff will report back to the Commission on how the survey recipients are selected. Current parking policies were talked about, and how spaces are utilized downtown. Sidewalks and ped ramps could be an important topic for the Commission to ask about.

REPORTS

- The sidewalk program has increased funding in the draft FY2024 budget.
- The E-scooter company is struggling to find someone to manage the units in Moscow. Their current contract expires July 31, 2023, after which they would need to apply again.
- Grants is looking for a grant opportunity that would help fund an EV charging station.
- S Highway 95 Underpass is in design, with construction planned for next year.
- The Paradise Pathway lighting project has been completed.
- The Sixth Street Bridge Replacement project is scheduled to have concrete poured in the next few days.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Steve Mills is the new University of Idaho Transportation Commission representative.
- The Artwalk finale is Thursday June 15th.
- The Moscowanna event is Saturday June 10th.

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

The next regularly scheduled Transportation Commission meeting is set for July 13, 2023.

- The Commission asked to host a booth at one of the upcoming Farmer's Market. Staff will add that as an agenda item for the July meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:46 PM



Scott Sumner, Chair