

MINUTES
JOINT MEETING
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 24, 2017

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW02, Lincoln Auditorium

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representatives Gestrin, Hixon, Kauffman, Packer, Youngblood, McDonald, Dixon, Harris, Holtzclaw, Monks, DeMordaunt, Syme, King, Wintrow, Gannon; Chairman Brackett, Vice Chairman Nonini, Senators Keough, Winder, Hagedorn, Den Hartog, Lodge, Harris, Buckner-Webb

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Brian Ness, Director, Idaho Transportation Department; Mollie McCarty, Governmental Affairs Manager, Idaho Transportation Department; Ken Burgess, Partner, Veritas Advisors and COMPASS; Austin Hopkins and Hannah Schwarz, Idaho Conservation League; Dennis Tanikuni, Assistant Director of Governmental Affairs, Idaho Farm Bureau; Dave Carls and Matthew Conde, AAA Idaho; Jeff Miles, LHTAC; Roger Seiber, ACHD; Ceci Thunes, Idaho Walk Bike Alliance

Chairman Brackett called the meeting to order at 1:32 PM.

Chairman Brackett introduced **Brian Ness**, Director of the Idaho Transportation Department.

Brian Ness, Director of the Idaho Transportation Department, presented the Idaho Transportation Department's Annual Update to the House and Senate Transportation Committees. In this presentation, he addressed three main points: the FY18 Governor's Recommendation, the positive changes at ITD, and the Department's focus for the future, which revolves around safety, mobility, and economic opportunity.

Mr. Ness, Director of the Idaho Transportation Department, presented **Frederick G. "Bud" Wright**, Executive Director of American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), who provided an introduction and explanation of the President's Award for Performance Excellence, and offered recognition to the Idaho Transportation Department for their 10 awards since 2010.

In response to Committee questions, **Mr. Ness** stated the Idaho Transportation Department had not had direct contact with the Trump Administration, only with the Transition Team. The ITD has been in touch with the Trump Transition Team to discuss Western and rural transportation issues, and they are debating solutions.

Chairman Brackett introduced **Ken Burgess**, Partner, Veritas Advisors and COMPASS, to the Committees to provide a brief explanation of the Main Street Station field trip to follow the joint meeting adjournment.

Mr. Burgess presented an overview of the Main Street Station transportation terminal and invited the Committee members for a brief tour.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committees, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Jasmine Platt
Secretary