

Alternative Funding Taskforce Chronology of Events

May 7, 2009 H376 passed House 46-18. H376 was part of a plan to find additional funding for the Idaho Transportation Department. The legislation changed the distribution of the Highway Distribution account from 57% to 62% for the State Highway Fund and removed the 5% distribution to the Idaho State Police. It also removed the 3% distribution of the gasoline tax to the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.

May 7, 2009 HCR 32 passed House 55-6. HCR32 established a legislative taskforce to undertake and complete a study to identify alternative dedicated funding sources for the Idaho State Police and for the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation on an ongoing basis to offset those funds shifted away from the Idaho State Police and the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation to fund transportation. The resolution appointed the JFAC co-chairs and directed the Speaker to appoint three members and the Pro Tem to appoint three members. It resolved that the task force report its findings, recommendations and proposed legislation to the second regular session of the 60th legislature.

May 8, 2009 H376 passed the Senate 24-7

May 8, 2009 HCR32 passed Senate 31-0

May 12, 2009 Governor signed H376.

June 30, 2009 Legislative Task Force meeting 1. In addition to Co-chairs, members included Sen. Lodge, Sen. Hammond, Sen. Bilyeu, Rep. Wills, Rep. Labrador, and Rep Ringo. Agenda: Highway Distribution 23 year history, Transfer fee collections, ISP funding and uses, Alternative Funding ideas, IDPR funding and uses, limited time for public testimony.

Aug. 6, 2009 Governor Otter launched 15 member Transportation Task Force on Modernizing Transportation Funding. Members included ten legislators: Sen. McGee, Sen. Brackett, Sen. Keough, Sen. Malepeai, Sen. Winder, Rep JoAn Wood, Rep. Hagedorn, Rep. Killen, Rep. Lake, and Rep. Smith. The ITD board served ex-officio.

Aug 11, 2009 Legislative Task Force meeting 2. General Fund update, Dan John sales tax on sporting equipment, Paul Headlee other state's funding of Highway Patrol, Patti Tobias distribution of court fees, follow-up on questions from first meeting, more time for public testimony.

Sept. 29, 2009 Legislative Task Force meeting 3. Follow-up on questions from second meeting, decision trees for IDPR and ISP, Committee Action to delay one year.

Oct. 8, 2009 Governor's Task Force Meeting 1

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Oct. 15, 2009 Sent packet to Legislative Council (Letter, signed by Co-chairs, proposed legislation to delay, and SOP/FN); Sent same packet to Governors Task Force on Modernizing Transportation Funding. Letter stated, “we are recommending to the legislature and the Legislative Council that we delay the implementation date of H376 of 2009 until July 1, 2011. Furthermore, the task force recommends that gas tax revenues for Parks and Recreation be permanently reinstated and that an ongoing dedicated funding source be found to replace those funds shifted away from the Idaho State Police.”

Dec, 2, 2009 Governor’s Task Force Meeting 2.

Feb. 18, 2010 H457 passed House 67-0. H457 delayed the changes to the Highway Distribution Account and delayed the changes to distributions of revenues for the tax on gasoline until July 1, 2011.

Feb. 18, 2010 Governor’s Task Force Meeting 3.

Mar. 18, 2010 H457 passed Senate 34-0.

Mar. 29, 2010 Governor signed H457.

Apr. 29, 2010 Governor’s Task Force Meeting 4.

Jul. 27, 2010 Governor’s Task Force Meeting 5.

Aug. 31, 2010 Governor’s Task Force Meeting 6.

Oct. 8, 2010 Governor’s Task Force Meeting 7.

Nov. 23, 2010 Governor’s Task Force Meeting 8.

Dec. 1, 2010 Final Resolutions - Governor’s Task Force on Modernizing Transportation Funding

5) Accepting the recommendation of the Legislative Alternative Funding Task Force, so long as the Constitutional restriction on fuel tax specific to road revenue is satisfied, to continue the 3% distribution from the state fuel tax to the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. This would require action in the 2011 Legislature to repeal a portion of HB 376 and HB 457 pertaining to the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.

6) Concurring with the recommendation of the Legislative Alternative Funding Task Force to address a legislated shift of funds from ISP to the State Highway Account (Idaho Transportation Department).

Jan 18, 2011 Legislative Task Force Reconvened at request of JFAC co-chairs and leadership.