

IDAHO TRANSPORTATION BOARD
129,000 POUND TRUCK ROUTE
SUBCOMMITTEE
(PUBLIC OVERVIEW)



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129,000 Pound Truck Route Subcommittee

April 2019 Update

Charter

This Charter is developed from guidance provided in the combination of 2013 Senate Bills 1064, and 1117, House Bill 322 and the Governor’s transmittal of Senate Bill 1117 to the Secretary of State on April 1, 2013. Membership of the Subcommittee shall include Idaho Transportation Board (ITB) members, Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) staff, and advisors as determined by the Chairman of the Board.

The Idaho Transportation Board, in collaboration with Idaho State Police (ISP), must draft rules both for criteria that will be used in assessing the suitability of any nominated stretch of road and for the public participation process in considering any proposed designation. (The Governor “...must be satisfied with the process before any rules are approved”.)

Safety must be the highest priority, addressing necessary and prudent restrictions on use of designated routes, enforcement processes from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, mechanical requirements for trucks and trailers, driver certification requirements, pavement and roadbed conditions, bridge conditions and load carrying capacities, geographic conditions, weather conditions, possible restrictions caused by horizontal and vertical alignment, and other factors unique to each area in question. The process of considering nominated routes also must include timely, well-noticed public hearings and notification of adjacent property owners. (This does not mean that adjacent property owners will receive individual notification. Notification will be provided via news releases and information posted on the 129,000 Pound Truck Route website.)

Rules developed by the Idaho Transportation Department and approved by the Idaho legislature for the 129,000 Pound Pilot Project referenced in Senate Bill 1064 shall be incorporated as baseline for implementing the thirty-five (35) routes made permanent by SB1064. Rules for assessing the suitability of any additional routes that are nominated by the state or any local highway jurisdiction having authority over a nominated highway or highway segment will be developed for consideration and approval by the Idaho legislature as part of the formal rules review process.

The 129,000 Pound Truck Route Subcommittee will meet on an as-needed basis. Subcommittee meetings shall be open to the public and minutes will be taken.

Membership

Chairman

Dwight Horsch - Member, District 5, Idaho Transportation Board

Board Members

Jim Thompson - Member, District 1

Additionally, a rotating Board member serves on the Subcommittee, determined on a meeting-by-meeting basis. The Board member in whose District a route is being considered will be the third member unless the route is in a current Subcommittee member's District, then the chair will ask a random member to serve on the Subcommittee for that meeting.

Staff and Coordinating Agencies

Blake Rindlisbacher – Acting Chief Engineer, Idaho Transportation Department (ITD)

Dan Gorley – Bridge Asset Management Engineer, ITD

Alberto Gonzalez – Motor Vehicles Administrator, ITD

Scott Hanson – Lieutenant, Idaho State Police

Sue Higgins – Executive Assistant to the Board

Representative from the Department of Commerce

Chairman, Idaho Trucking Advisory Council

Advisors

Larry Allen - Deputy Attorney General

John Tomlinson – Highway Safety Manager, ITD

Vincent Trimboli – Office of Communication Manager, ITD

Mollie McCarty – Governmental Affairs Manager, ITD

Adam Rush – Public Involvement Coordinator, ITD

Jeff Marker – Public Transportation Manager, ITD

Bonnie Fogdall – Division of Motor Vehicles Operations Manager, ITD, or designee

ITD District Engineer from requested route's district

Representative from the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council

Others as required

Process

1. Request Form Submission: Request Form 4886 will be completed and submitted to the Idaho Transportation Department Office of the Chief Engineer by the requestor (applicant). The applicant will forward to the adjacent (contiguous) local jurisdictions in accordance with guidance on ITD Form 4886.
2. Review / Analysis: Following submission of ITD Form 4886, the request will be reviewed for completeness. If it is incomplete, it will be returned to the applicant with an explanation for returning the form. If the form is complete, the department's analysis for engineering and safety criteria will commence. Analysis criteria shall include assessment of pavement and bridges to allow legal tire, axle, and gross weight limits as per section 49-1001 and 49-1002, Idaho Code, and route off-track requirements which includes road width and curvature. Additional consideration shall be given to traffic volumes and other safety factors.
3. Public Hearing: Once the analysis is complete, the Chief Engineer will finalize a report on the application. If the report is favorable toward the application, a hearing will be scheduled to gather public testimony. A summary of the Chief Engineer's report will be provided to the Subcommittee member who will conduct the hearing. The summary report will also be posted on the ITD 129,000 Pound Truck Route website. If more than one route has been requested in a district, one hearing may be held to gather testimony on all of the routes in that district. If the report is not favorable toward the application, the Chief Engineer will present his findings to the 129,000 Pound Truck Route Subcommittee for its consideration.
4. Chief Engineer's Recommendation to the Idaho Transportation Board Subcommittee: The Office of the Chief Engineer will present findings and relevant information to the 129,000 Pound Truck Route Subcommittee along with a recommendation to approve or reject the application based on a completed review of engineering and safety criteria.
5. Subcommittee Meeting: Subcommittee meetings will be open meetings without additional public testimony; however, comments received up until the published closing date will be considered and specifically addressed by a responsible member of the Subcommittee and/or ITD staff where required. The Chief Engineer will present the analysis of the route(s) and a recommendation for Subcommittee action. After discussions, if the report is favorable, the voting Subcommittee members shall vote on a motion to hold the request for additional information or recommend the full Board reject or approve the application. The recommendation will be provided to the Idaho Transportation Board at the first available meeting scheduled by the Chairman of the Board. Minutes of Subcommittee meetings will be taken and posted on the ITD 129,000 Pound Truck Route website.

6. Idaho Transportation Board Meeting: The 129,000 Pound Truck Route Subcommittee will make a recommendation (options include, but are not limited to, hold the request for additional information or proceed to a public hearing if the Chief Engineer's analysis was unfavorable or recommend the full Board reject or approve the application) to the Idaho Transportation Board based upon the department's analysis.
7. If the Idaho Transportation Board rejects or approves the Subcommittee's recommendation to either approve or deny the request, the Office of the Chief Engineer will prepare a Letter of Determination. The Letter of Determination will be sent to the requester and posted on the ITD 129,000 Pound Truck Route website. Either decision may be appealed. If no action is taken, the decision becomes final 14 days after the Letter of Determination is posted.