

CITY OF DOVER

RESOLUTION NO. 72

SUPPORT OF THE US 95 SANDPOINT TO KOOTENAI CUTOFF PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Dover in Bonner County Idaho recognizes the need to support safe, efficient transportation corridors throughout the entire state and Bonner County including federal and state highways; and

WHEREAS, US 95 serves as the major North-South transportation route in Idaho which bisects Bonner County serving both motorized through-traffic and local traffic, emergency vehicles, public transit, bicyclists and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, improvements to US 95 are critical to improve mobility, generally strengthen the connection between northern and southern Bonner County, improve highway safety and stimulate economic development for Bonner County as well as the entire state of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Transportation Dept. Budget Council identified \$67.4 million in federal and state construction funding available for projects in FY 2011 during the monthly Transportation Board meeting in January, 2011; and

WHEREAS, this project meets the criteria for funding as outlined by the Idaho Transportation Board including readiness, pavement restoration / maintenance, and safety improvement; and

WHEREAS, this project was initially placed on the State Highway Improvement Plan in 2003, but has been delayed since then to cover increases in other statewide projects; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho has already invested approximately \$8.3 million in project development activities and right-of way acquisition in readying this segment for major construction improvements; and

WHEREAS, any significant maintenance on this segment has been delayed by District 1- ITD anticipating the funding of this project in FY 2011; and the condition of the pavement in this segment has deteriorated so greatly at this time that a costly overlay will be required to maintain a minimally adequate road surface; and


WHEREAS, the City of Dover has initiated a fixed route public transit system in 2011 in conjunction with other jurisdictions in the Sandpoint Urban Area which shall travel this segment of US 95 daily with multiple scheduled stops along this busy segment; safe boarding and de-boarding of transit passengers is rendered significantly unsafe because of the pavement condition and the erosion of the paved shoulders in this segment; and

WHEREAS, the membership of the Bonner County Transportation Team (BCATT), which includes all local jurisdictions in Bonner County, unanimously endorsed this project in its last regular meeting which was held on February 23, 2011.


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Dover that it hereby recommends the funding of the US 95 Sandpoint to Kootenai Cutoff Project by the Idaho Transportation Board in FY 2011.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED AS A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DOVER, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL ON THIS 10TH DAY OF MARCH, 2011.

CITY OF DOVER,
BONNER COUNTY, IDAHO


Paul "Randy" Curless, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kym Holbert, City Clerk