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IDAHO 16 PROJECT

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Special Points of Interest:

- ITD has likely been authorized to purchase land between SH 44 and SH 20/26, which includes the river crossing.
- Land can be purchased without Plans being designed. The Western Alternative may have been chosen.
- Appraisals are expected near Memorial Day.



House Committee Tables ITD's Proposed Legislation

All three of ITD's proposed bills relating to Condemnation were held in the House Transportation and Defense Committee this session.

On February 18, 2009 we, along with several citizens, attended a House Transportation Committee to testify against these three proposed bills.

These bills would have had a negative effect on property owners and were meant to decrease the cost of condemnation for condemners.

The first bill would have reduced the interest paid to condemnees, another made it more difficult for condemnees to receive attorneys costs and fees for hav-

ITD Has Ok to Begin Purchasing Land

Although the Environmental Impact Statement has not been released or money allocated for land acquisition, we believe the Federal Highway Administration has granted ITD authorization to begin purchasing land

for Idaho Hwy. 16 between SH 44 and SH 20/26.

This segment of the project is about 2 miles long and includes a new river crossing. Without knowing for sure which alternative has been chosen or seeing design

plans, we can only guess as to which properties will be affected. However, it appears likely that ITD will choose the Western Alternative and avoid taking access rights from property owners on McDermott Road.

Appraisals Expected This Spring

Appraisals, which form the basis for offers of just compensation, are being pushed through and are expected around Memorial Day.

The chosen appraisal company will be contacting you in the near future if your property is going to be affected.

ITD is still working to gain access to some land for testing and surveying that's required

before they can move forward.

If you do not want ITD or their subcontractors to enter your property and would like to discuss it, we are happy to answer your questions.

Condemnation appraisals should value the property in the before condition, the piece to be taken, and also the remaining property, in order to determine

whether there is severance damage.

The lowest amount you will receive is the highest appraised value before the State files a Condemnation action against you.

In the recent GARVEE Ten Mile project, the original proposals offered a 10% incentive to accept within 45 days. You may expect the same treatment.



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ing to fight the state for just compensation. The last bill would affect the definition of Project Influence.

Many of the Representatives on the committee recognized the potential for violations to property owners' rights, if these bills were passed. Some of the com-

mittee members felt that the bills unfairly disadvantaged property owners.

Some of the Representatives who voted against the bills and for property owners' rights included Rep. Bob Nonini, Rep. Raul Labrador, Rep. James Ruchti,

Rep. Scott Bedke, Rep. Phylis King, Rep. Shirley Ringo, and Rep. Ken Roberts, among others.

Representative Leon Smith, a past ITD Board member, voted in favor of all three of the ITD bills and sought to pass them.