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101. Authority of Highway Districts

101.01. The authority to establish Highway Districts within the State of Idaho is a power vested in the county government by Idaho Code Section 40, Chapter 6. The authority for administrative responsibility over road rights-of-way is assigned to the Highway District under Idaho Code Section 50-1330.

101.02. The 37th session of the Idaho Legislature enacted H.B. 329, which brought about the authority to hold an election within Kootenai County to consolidate the then numerous districts into four. The Kootenai County Commissioners, on December 14, 1970, took action to officially form the four Highway Districts of East Side, Lakes, Post Falls, and Worley. This action is recorded in the Kootenai County Courthouse, Book S, Pages 230 and 231 of the Commissioner's Journal. This action gave authority and responsibility to these Districts to construct and maintain a continuous safe roadway transportation facility within Kootenai County.

101.03. In 1971, the four Highway Districts in Kootenai County consisting of East Side Highway District, Lakes Highway District, Post Falls Highway District, and Worley Highway District formed an association named the Associated Highway Districts of Kootenai County, Idaho (AHDKC). The purpose of this organization is for the betterment of the secondary highway system in Kootenai County through cooperation of all the existing Highway Districts, dissemination and sharing of knowledge and ideas common to and for the benefit of all operating Highway Districts within Kootenai County and to actively seek through legislative action or any other available source to constantly improve the secondary highway system in the State of Idaho and particularly within Kootenai County. The Commissioners and Road Supervisors from the four Highway Districts each have one vote on decisions made by this body and they elect a chairman and a vice-chairman with an appointment of a secretary/treasurer. An executive board is also established consisting of one member of each Highway District, who has been appointed by that District. These Standards are prepared for the Associated Highway Districts of Kootenai County and are intended for their use in administering their road programs in Kootenai County.

102. Need for Control and Uniformity

102.01. It is the intent of these Standards to provide for a continuous roadway network in Kootenai County. While each Highway District in Kootenai County has its own jurisdictions, the need is obvious for a general overall roadway pattern to better serve the people of Kootenai County in the transportation system. The roadway system of Kootenai County is established by the Highway Districts as shown on the Functional Highway Classifications Systems maps now in existence in each Highway District Office.

102.02. It is further the intent of these Standards to upgrade and maintain the safest roadway system available to the Highway Districts. It is not the intent to put forward conflicting Standards that will infringe upon the safety of the traveling public.

102.03. The maintenance of the roadway systems is the responsibility of the Highway Districts. Consequently, the intent of these Standards is also to facilitate that maintenance responsibility by designing roads and constructing them in such a fashion that maintenance will be minimized.

102.04. These Standards are minimum standards and do not preclude a member district from requiring a greater standard.

103. Disclaimer

103.01. Nothing herein shall be construed to impose an obligation or duty upon the Highway Districts to construct, reconstruct, or improve existing roadways to comply with these Standards.

104. Separability Clause

104.01 If any section, sub-section, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of these Standards is for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portions shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.