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Make your request now for spring T2 Center classes!

The 2018 spring class schedule will be announced soon and registration will open the beginning of February. The schedule is in the process of being created so if you would like to request a course for your area, now is the time!

Use the **Course Request** feature under the **Account Info** tab on our T2 Center website.

<http://t2.lhtac.org/>

Upcoming Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location
January 18, 2018	Local Highway Safety Improvement Program (LHSIP) Application Due	LHTAC 3330 Grace St. Boise, ID
January 23-26, 2018	Boise Safety Fest	Washington Group Plaza 720 Park Blvd. Boise, ID
March 9, 2018	LHTAC Council Meeting	LHTAC 3330 Grace St. Boise, ID
June 14, 2018	LHTAC Council Meeting	D5 Location TBA

[www.lhtac.org](http://www.lhtac.org)



Free Retroreflectivity Kit

LHTAC is providing one FREE Retroreflectivity Sign Testing Kit to each Local Highway Jurisdiction. These kits are intended to serve as an affordable alternative to purchasing a costly retroreflectometer. Sign kits can be used to assess the retroreflectivity of signs in your jurisdiction to insure compliance with the minimum levels established in the current version of the Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

If you would like to receive a free kit or if you have questions please contact Kevin Kuther (kkuther@lhtac.org).

Don't forget!

**Your Annual Road & Street Financial Reports were due December 31, 2017 to the state controller. If you have not already reported, it needs to be done ASAP.**

You can find the forms, online reporting links, and quarterly payment information on our website <http://lhtac.org/resources/annual-road-and-street-financial-report/>

Don't forget to fill out page 3 of the form for your House Bill 312 funds. If you have questions on how much you should be reporting on for the year, contact Susan Lasuen at [slasuen@lhtac.org](mailto:slasuen@lhtac.org) or call our office 208-344-0565.



## Safety Fest

Safety Fest of the Great Northwest is in its 12th year of FREE 3 or 4 day training conferences available around the state.

These conferences provide safety and health training to the Northwest Region's front line workers while gearing classes towards the transportation and construction industry. Local highway jurisdictions and any business looking to improve the safety performance of their employees are encouraged to attend.



## 2018 Safety Fest Dates

**Boise, ID**  
**Dates:** January 23-26, 2018  
(Registration is closed)

**Post Falls, ID**  
**Dates:** February 21-23, 2018

**Twin Falls, ID**  
**Dates:** March 19-21, 2018

**Pocatello, ID**  
**Dates:** April 3-5, 2018  
(registration begins February 21st)

## LHTAC Staff

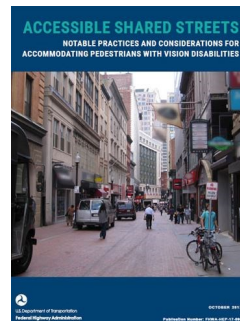
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### New Resource!

#### Accessible Shared Streets: Notable Practices and Considerations for Accommodating Pedestrians with Vision Disabilities

This document captures the national state of the practice for accommodating pedestrians with vision disabilities on shared streets and helps State and local partners meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) obligations. The study process included engagement with the U.S. Access Board, State departments of transportation, National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO), and FHWA Division Offices and is a model for engaging people with disabilities in the planning process.

[https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle\\_pedestrian/publications/accessible\\_shared\\_streets/index.cfm](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/publications/accessible_shared_streets/index.cfm)



## Selection of Spread Footings on Soils to Support Highway Bridge Structures (FHWA-RC/TD-10-001)

The FHWA National Geotechnical Team announces the availability of the completed research report titled "Selection of Spread Footings on Soils to Support Highway Bridge Structures" (FHWA-RC/TD-10-001). This report is an update to the original report published in 2010, and provides information and performance data in support of the use of spread footings bearing on competent natural soils, improved soils, and engineered fill materials as a routine alternative to deep foundations for support of bridges and other structures. A Change Log is included as the first page of the document to show updates from the original document.

The publication is immediately available for download through the Geotechnical page of the Office of Bridges and Structures website.

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/engineering/geotech/foundations/>

### Questions?

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## Protocols for the Assessment and Repair of Bridge Foundations (FHWA-HIF-17-044)

The FHWA National Geotechnical Team announces the availability of the completed research report titled "Protocols for the Assessment and Repair of Bridge Foundations" (FHWA-HIF-17-044). This report is intended to provide guidance to bridge owners for preparing for and responding to bridge foundation failures that result in the need to close a bridge or portion thereof for any period of time. The focus is on restoring the load carrying capacity of the failed foundation so that the bridge can be put back into service. Case histories of recent bridge foundation failures are described, and guidance is provided on preparing for foundation events by collecting records, establishing response teams and developing notification and communication protocols.

The publication is immediately available for download from the Geotechnical page of the Office of Bridges and Structures website.

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/engineering/geotech/foundations/>

Questions regarding this research effort may be directed to Mr. Khalid Mohamed at 202-366-0886; [Khalid.Mohamed@dot.gov](mailto:Khalid.Mohamed@dot.gov) or Mr. Silas Nichols at 202-366-1554; [Silas.Nichols@dot.gov](mailto:Silas.Nichols@dot.gov).

## 2017 Innovation Idea Awards



### 2017 Jurisdiction Category Winner Clearwater County Road and Bridge: Ditching Bucket

Jeff Miles, LHTAC Administrator, with award winners: Cassie Bansemer and Rob Simon. Pictured with John Smith (Commissioner), Rick Winkel (Commissioner) and Don Ebert (Chairman).



### 2017 Jurisdiction Category Winner Ada County Highway District: Remote Vehicle Camera Inspections

Bruce Wong, ACHD Director, with award winners: Dennis Meredith, Gary Inselman, Lawrence Korgan



### 2017 Individual Category Winner Ada County Highway District: Dump Bed with Secure Tool Mounts, Bruce Adams

Bruce Adams, award winner  
Bruce Wong, ACHD Director

Our winning innovations, as well as the runner ups, are showcased in the LHTAC Tech News. You can find these under **Innovation Idea Awards** in our News page online at [www.lhtac.org/news](http://www.lhtac.org/news)



Jeff Miles, LHTAC Administrator  
Dan Schaeffer, Hillsdale HWY District Commissioner

## Change in LHTAC Council Members

The Local Highway Technical Assistance Council would like to express our appreciation to Mayor Paul Loomis and Commissioner Dan Schaeffer for their time and service on the LHTAC Council.

Commissioner Schaeffer, from Hillsdale Highway District, has served on the LHTAC council since 2009. During his tenure he was an integral part of our Executive Committee and served as the Treasurer, Vice-Chair and Chairman of the Council. We appreciate his leadership and guidance during his time on the council, especially when he was on the Executive Committee.

Mayor Loomis, from City of Blackfoot, has served on our Council since 2014. During Mayor Loomis tenure, he was on the Executive Committee as the Treasurer and Vice-Chair. We are thankful for his guidance and leadership during this time.

We would like to welcome our newest members, Mayor Robert Berlin and Commissioner Neal Gier. Both will join the Council January 2018. Mayor Berlin comes to us from the City of Roberts and Commissioner Gier comes from Buhl Highway District.



Paul Loomis City of Blackfoot Mayor  
Jeff Miles, LHTAC Administrator

# ADA Curb Ramp Funding Available

## Half million dollars available from Idaho Curb Ramp program through March 2 in individual grants up to \$60k



Individual grants of up to \$60,000 are available to Idaho organizations statewide through a competitive application process ending March 2 for the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Curb Ramp Program. In total, the Idaho Transportation Department will allocate \$500,000 of state funds for this program.

Local jurisdictions (cities, counties and highway districts) and tribal governments are eligible to apply. Applications are available on the Idaho Transportation Department website at <http://itd.idaho.gov/alt-programs/>, under the ADA Curb Ramp Program tab on the left-hand side of the page.

The goal of the program is to partner with local agencies to provide accessible facilities for all pedestrians, especially those with disabilities.

Those applying in 2018 should be prepared to begin construction in May 2019. Project construction must be completed within two years of the execution of the Cooperative Agreement.

The Idaho ADA Curb Ramp Program is a state-administered program providing funding for projects to build or correct curb ramps on the state highway system.

Applications are evaluated by ITD, the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council and the Idaho Division of the Federal Highway Administration.

Completed applications should be sent to [ITDAltContracting@itd.idaho.gov](mailto:ITDAltContracting@itd.idaho.gov)

## FREE Floodplain Administrator 201 Workshop

January 31, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Madison County Courthouse  
Commissioner's Room  
159 East Main Rexburg, ID 83440

R.S.V.P. to [maureen.oshea@idwr.idaho.gov](mailto:maureen.oshea@idwr.idaho.gov)

**Topics:**  
Permitting  
Letters of Map Change (LOMAs, LOMRs, LOMR-Fs, etc.)  
Manufactured Homes & the NFIP  
Elevation Certificates

Contact:  
Maureen O'Shea, AICP, CFM  
State NFIP Coordinator  
Idaho Dept. of Water Resources  
Office # 208-287-4928

## LHSIP Applications Due

FY20 LHSIP applications are posted online and due January 18, 2018.

Description: The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) is a federally funded program aimed at eliminating Fatal and Serious Injury (Type A) crashes on the roadway system. LHJs receive approximately \$3.7M of the state HSIP funds through the Local Highway Safety Improvement Program (LHSIP), a program administered through LHTAC. Eligibility for the LHSIP is based on Local Highway Jurisdictions (LHJs) with a Fatal and Serious Injury (Type A) crash from 2012-2016. LHJs with at least one Serious Injury (Type A) or Fatal crash over the last five years are eligible to apply. Qualifying LHJs are identified by LHTAC and notified each fall to begin the application process. This federally funded program requires a local match, not to exceed 7.34%.



**Hand Deliver Deadline**  
January 18, 2018

**Postmark Deadline**  
Electronic Application

**Program**  
Local Highway Safety Improvement Program (LHSIP)

More information can be found online at <http://lhtac.org/programs/lhsip/>.

# Road Scholar and Master Graduates



**Wayne Herbel (LHTAC)**  
**Tom Anderson (Commissioner)**  
**Eric Farrens (RS)**  
**Brian Dalton (RS)**  
**Damian Arnold (RS)**  
**Kirk Chandler (Commissioner-Chairman)**

*Washington County Road and Bridge*



**Wayne Herbel (LHTAC)**  
**Tom Anderson (Commissioner)**  
**Duane Lewis (RM)**  
**Kirk Chandler (Commissioner-Chairman)**

*Washington County Road and Bridge*



**Kirk Nelson (RM)**  
**Neils Thueson (Mayor)**  
**Ken Biorn (RM)**

*City of St. Anthony*



**Lorin Jeffers (RM)**  
**Jeff Miles (LHTAC)**

**Not pictured:**  
**Les Jeffers (RS)**  
**Daniel Nuss (RS)**  
**Kurt Hull (RS)**  
**John Greenwood (RS)**  
**Jeff Stearns (RS)**  
**Brian Stevens (RS)**

*Bonner County Road and Bridge*



**Don Keirn (Council President)**  
**Lan Smith (LHTAC)**  
**Kelly Schwartz (RM)**

*City of Hailey*



**Laila Kral (LHTAC)**  
**Robert Pool (RS)**

*City of Harrison*



**Dana Rand (RM)**  
**Jeff Miles (LHTAC)**

*City of Moscow*



**Marc Carroll (Mayor)**  
**Scott Ellsworth (LHTAC)**  
**Key Vaugh (RS)**  
**Richard Mangum (Public Works Director)**

*City of Blackfoot*