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Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location
December 11	LHTAC Quarterly Council Meeting	Zoom To attend please contact Nancy at 208-344-0565
December 25	Office Closed	LHTAC 3330 Grace St. Boise, ID 83703
January 1	Office Closed	LHTAC 3330 Grace St. Boise, ID 83703
January 11	First day of the Legislative Session	Idaho State Capitol 700 W Jefferson St. Boise, ID 83720
January 11	Federal-aid Urban Application Deadline	LHTAC 3330 Grace St. Boise, ID 83703
February 18	Highway District's Day at the Capitol	If you would like to be part of our Day at the Capitol please contact bibiana@iahd.com
March 12	LHTAC Quarterly Council Meeting	TBA

The LHTAC Office is currently closed to the public.

You can reach us by phone 208-344-0565 Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Staff are working both in the office and remotely to ensure business continues with minimal interruption.

You may also email LHTAC@LHTAC.org

www.LHTAC.org

Small Structure Inventory

Collecting data on local bridges 10 – 20 ft.

LHTAC developed a tool that LHJs can utilize to collect an inventory of small bridges/culverts that fall below the National Bridge Inventory (NBI) criteria (<= 20 feet in length). This data will be useful to LHJs to plan for repair or replacement of this critical infrastructure and provide valuable information on the location, type of structure, and overall number of these structures that exist statewide.

Visit www.LHTAC.org/resources/maps

Here you can find the Interactive Small Structures Map and other available mapping tools from LHTAC.



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Idaho Local Bridges
10-20ft

Wetland Mitigation

STIC Grant

LHTAC applied for and received FHWA State Transportation Innovation Council (STIC) to provide advanced wetland mitigation for Idaho Local Highway Jurisdictions (LHJs) for future FHWA funded projects with wetland impacts. The project is a Caribou-Targhee National Forest project. It will create 0.425 acres of wetland that will reduce the time and cost of development and construction of future projects in Eastern Idaho.

Bridge Preservation Workshop

STIC Grant

LHTAC applied for and was awarded a \$100k grant through the FHWA STIC to present a series of bridge preservation and maintenance workshops through a hands-on experience to Idaho local agencies. The workshops were scheduled for Spring/Summer 2020 however were delayed due to COVID. The class will be scheduled when in-person classes/demonstrations can be safely hosted.

Tailgate Talks

LHTAC highlights one topic a week on Monday mornings to help start your week off safe. The idea of a tailgate safety talk is to take a discrete activity, practice, or piece of equipment and drill into it quickly in a way that is relevant to what local agencies are doing or are likely to encounter.

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T2 Center Updates

Online Training

During this time we want to remind our local agencies about various free online training option that are available.

How can I receive T2 credits for these courses?

To receive credit for outside training, we ask participants to send us the class information prior to taking the training. This is so we can review the topics and make sure that it pertains to the courses offered in the Road Scholar program.

The amount of credit received can also depend on the length of time spent on training. If the training is two hours, you might receive .25 credit.

If you have any questions or would like us to review the training you're interested in, please contact our T2 Coordinator Lorie Cover at IdahoT2@lhtac.org

Crash Data

The full set of 2019 crash data has been added to our online crash map. All crashes from 2015-2019 can be used in the Local Highway Safety Improvement Program (LHSIP) application.

Eligibility for LHSIP is based on Local Highway Jurisdictions (LHJs) with a Fatal or Serious Injury (Type A) crash from 2015-2019. LHJs with at least one Serious Injury (Type A) or Fatal crash over the last five years are eligible to apply.

FREE ONLINE TRAINING FOR LOCALS

The Federal Highway Administration has partnered with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials to provide the Local and Tribal Agencies with credit toward professional certifications through the TC3 Online Training Library.

TC3 has over 200 state-of-the-art video courses in the areas of highway construction, maintenance, and materials.

T2 Center Credit: *Many courses may be accepted towards the LHTAC T2 Center Road Scholar or Road Master Program as elective credits.*

No-cost training for Local and Tribal Agencies Do any of these describe your agency?

- You need to manage projects from cradle to grave
- Chip seal might be an answer for upgrading your gravel roads but crews need training
- It has been a long time since you cracked that high school math book
- You need professional development hours that won't break the bank

Local and Tribal Agencies are responsible for more than 75 percent of our Nation's highway network. They need training to stay at the top of their game, but that can be expensive and is not always convenient.

To help, The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) purchased access for local and tribal governments to the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' (AASHTO) TC3 online training platform.

Get Started Today!

Create an AASHTO account at <https://register.transportation.org>.

Select '**Register**' and enter your agency email address, to gain unlimited access to the curriculum.

Use promotion code **D5X3-B3D9-52CB-4XCX** to access TC3 course offerings.

Comment period open for proposed changes to commercial trucking limits on some Latah County highways

The Idaho Transportation Department is hosting a virtual public hearing to collect comments on a proposal to reclassify several highways in Latah County as legal for commercial loads weighing up to 129,000 pounds.

In the application submitted to ITD, Bennett Lumber Products requested reclassification of the following routes due to the discontinuation of service on the Washington, Idaho & Montana Railway:

- Idaho Highway 6 from the US-95 junction to Harvard
- Idaho Highway 9 from Harvard to Deary
- Idaho Highway 8 from Deary to the US-95 junction

These highways are currently rated for commercial loads weighing up to 105,500 pounds. Analysis by ITD subject matter experts found that allowing heavier loads on the specified routes could be accommodated without affecting safety or pavement conditions.

“There are many misconceptions about this type of trucking, so we encourage everyone to spend time on the website,” said Jan Vassar, the Idaho Transportation Board Member representing North Central Idaho. “Comments will help the board make a decision.”

The application, analysis by ITD and FAQs about 129,000-pound loads are available at itd.idaho.gov/freight. Comments are being sought until **December 21** and can be submitted in the following ways:

via idaho.gov/freight by emailing officeofthechiefengineer@itd.idaho.gov

- mailed to P.O. Box 7129, Boise, Idaho 83707 to the attention of Scott Luekenga
- recorded by calling (855) 785-2499

Commenters can also call ITD Freight Program Manager Scott Luekenga at (208) 334-8057 with questions.

The department is required to conduct an analysis and public hearing on all requests to operate 129,000-pound loads on the state highway system before the Idaho Transportation Board makes a final decision. The board could make a decision as early as January after reviewing comments.



State-Wide Virtual Safety Fest March 9-11, 2021

Safety Fest is typically held at 6 locations across Idaho: Post Falls, Boise, Idaho Falls, Twin Falls, Pocatello, and Lewiston.

LHTAC historically has been the event host for the Pocatello event and has sat on the executive planning committee for the Boise Safety Fest.

These 3-4 day 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.

SAVE THE DATE—March 9-11, 2020

The upcoming 2021 event will be completely virtual. All 6 local events are joining together to offer 3 full days of classes.

More details coming in 2021!

Visit our webpage for additional links and information.



Local Funding Opportunities.

Application Season is Here!



The Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) manages a variety of funding programs to assist Local Highway Jurisdictions in utilizing available resources for maintenance and construction of Idaho's Local Highway System. Applications are posted online and available to download at www.lhtac.org. Below you will find upcoming application deadlines.

Hand Deliver Deadline	Postmark Deadline	Program
November 19, 2020	November 16, 2020	Local Rural Highway Investment Program (LRHIP)
January 11, 2021	January 7, 2021	Federal-aid Urban Transportation Plan & Federal-aid Urban Construction
January 14, 2021	Electronic Application	Local Highway Safety Improvement Program (LHSIP)

Learn more about these applications by watching a recording of our recent [funding workshops](#)—video located on our homepage www.LHTAC.org.

Annual Road and Street Financial Report Deadline December 31st

You can complete your Annual Road and Street Financial Report online. Use the links listed below.

Page 1 & 2 https://appengine.egov.com/apps/id/itd/road_report
Page 3 (HB312 Reporting) <https://appengine.egov.com/apps/id/itd/hb312>

Tips on completing report online:

- Complete the paper report first, then fill out the online form
- You cannot save the form
- Print a copy of the summary
- No hard copy needs to be mailed

LHTAC has step by step directions and video resources on how to complete these forms on our website. Visit <https://lhtac.org/resources/annual-road-and-street-financial-report/> today.

Road Scholar and Master Graduates



Lakes Highway District
 Chris Lyons (Road Scholar and Master)
 Weldon Shannon (Road Master)
 Jim Grissom (Road Scholar)

Post Falls Highway District
 Leslie Likes (Road Master)
 Pictured with Charmain Tondee



IAHD'S DAY AT THE CAPITOL GET INVOLVED! FEBRUARY 17-18, 2021

The IAHD's Day at the Capitol program was designed to bring interested representatives from each highway district to Boise to experience and get involved with Idaho's legislative process. The program will aid in opening lines of communication with legislators to discuss pertinent issues facing highway districts.

The Day at the Capitol program provides an opportunity to:

- Become engaged with Idaho's legislative process
- Have meetings with state legislators representing your highway district's jurisdiction
- Discuss important issues and legislation that impact highway districts
- Strengthen relations with fellow highway professionals

2021 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

If you would like to be part of our Day at the Capitol please contact bibiana@iahd.com or 208-345-5176.

2020 Innovation Idea Awards

Agency/Individual	Title	Award
Jeff Farner, City of Nampa	Street Sweeper	Individual
Jay Davis, Lemhi County	Idaho Programmatic Project	Individual
Independent Highway District	Extending Centerline Marking Life	Individual

On behalf of the selection committee for the Innovation Idea Award, congratulations to all our 2020 honorees!

It was our pleasure to see so many outstanding nominations from local highway jurisdictions around the state. The nominations we received illustrated how hard the transportation community is continuously striving to develop both time and cost-saving efficiencies.

ROAD SCHOLAR/ROAD MASTER PRESENTATIONS

The T2 Center has refrained from in-person presentations due to health recommendations and the lack of employee travel. To continue to recognize employees, the T2 Center has temporarily transitioned to mailing out awards and official letters to the governing bodies and employee supervisor. T2 staff has been working through the list of awaiting jurisdictions and began calling them in order of longest time waiting for recognition to determine if they preferred a mailed award or to wait for in-person presentations. If you would like your agency's awards mailed vs waiting for in-person presentations you may contact the T2 Center at IdahoT2@lhtac.org.

Since September, 22 Roads Scholars and 9 Road Masters were mailed awards at 11 agencies.

These submissions, along with the runner ups, will be highlighted on our website. You can find past submissions on our website under the **News** tab- within the **Innovation Idea Award** category.

