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**Power County Highway District 2018 Innovation Idea Winner
Presented at IAHD Annual Conference**
They were 1 of 3 local agency winners for 2018

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Winter Holiday Safety

Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed.
Turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

FACTS

One-third of home decoration fires are started by candles.

Two of every five decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.

nfpa.org/education

Upcoming Calendar of Events

Date	Event
December 24-25	Office Closed
January 1	Office Closed
January 7	Bridge, Rural, and Urban Transportation Planning Applications Due
January 17	LHSIP Application Due
January 22-24	Boise Safety Fest
February 20-22	Post Falls Safety Fest
March 8	LHTAC Quarterly Council Meeting
March 19-21	Idaho Falls Safety Fest
March 25-27	Twin Falls Safety Fest
April 9-11	Pocatello Safety Fest

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Idaho Local Bridge Bundling Grant



LHTAC hired a consultant which jointly prepared an application for a Competitive Highway Bridge Program (CHBP) grant request with assistance from ITD. The request is for 8 critical local bridges in Southern Idaho, 4 bridges are in Southwest Idaho and 4 are in the Southeast. Grouping the bridges geographically provides a centralized construction area so contractors can focus on the bridges by region and minimize impacts from mobility between project sites. This can lead to a reduced overall project cost and schedule. Because these bridges are owned and maintained by LHJs, the bridges are purposely scattered across southern Idaho in various locations to avoid over extending any single local entity beyond their financial ability.

The bridges have reached their design life and are classified as being in poor condition. LHTAC plans to use the innovative Geosynthetic Reinforced Soil-Integrated Bridge System (GRS-IBS) technology to successfully implement this project which will allow a project to be built in weeks instead of months, due to the ease of construction and the use of readily available materials and equipment. **The total estimate for this project is \$9,426,000 of which \$8,634,216 is requested in federal assistance through this CHBP grant.**

Bridge Technical Assistance

LHTAC has provided technical assistance to LHJs by analyzing the current condition of their bridge inventory. In close collaboration with the ITD Bridge Section, we have provided recommendations for rehabilitation or replacement on local load posted and structurally deficient structures. Using this information, we have assisted LHJs as they prioritize which structures to rehabilitate with their local funds and which bridges they should submit Federal -aid applications for replacement. The bridges they can rehabilitate can often be accomplished with minor engineering and their own forces. LHTAC's technical assistance helps locals address the looming local bridge crisis.

For more information contact Amanda LaMott at 208-344-065 or alamott@lhtac.org.

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2019 Safety Fests

Come 2019, Safety Fest of the Great Northwest will be on its 14th 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. Regional registration websites are listed below.

Note: LHTAC provides this information as a courtesy to inform locals of this free training opportunity. LHTAC only hosts the Pocatello Safety Fest.

Boise, ID

Dates: January 22-24, 2019 (**Registration closes December 21, 2018**)

Location: Boise State University's Student Union Building

Post Falls, ID

Dates: February 20-22, 2019

Location: NIC Workforce Training Center

Idaho Falls, ID

Dates: March 19-21, 2019

Location: College of Eastern Idaho

Twin Falls, ID

Dates: March 25-27, 2019

Location: College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts

Pocatello, ID

Dates: April 9-11, 2019

Location: Red Lion Conference Center

Lewiston, ID

Dates: November 5-8, 2019

Location: Lewis-Clark College Williams Conference Center

For more information visit our website

www.lhtac.org/training/safety-fest/

Local Strategic Initiatives And Child Pedestrian Safety

The LSI program awards grants up to \$1M to local agencies. The projects focus on safety, mobility and commerce while still being classified as maintenance. LHTAC and ITD jointly funded the CPS Program with up to \$2M awarded as \$250K grants for projects addressing "children pedestrian safety on the state and local system."

2019 Applications
Due 12/6/18

LHTAC Received:

LSI
92 Apps
Requesting \$69.8M

CPS
65 Apps
Requesting \$12.7M

Aging Cherrylane Bridge slated for replacement—Federal grant would fund much of long sought-after project

By JOEL MILLS of the Lewiston Tribune



After years of unsuccessful applications, Nez Perce County has been awarded the federal grant it needs to replace Cherrylane Bridge.

County Road and Bridge Department Director Mark Ridinger confirmed the \$15.75 million federal Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development, or B.U.I.L.D., grant Monday, the full amount requested. That grant program recently replaced the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, or T.I.G.E.R., grant program.

The grant would have covered the entire estimated cost of construction if it had been awarded in 2013, the first year the county applied for T.I.G.E.R. funding. But that cost has inflated in recent years, with a total projected budget of \$20.8 million.

Ridinger said the county should be able to add its own funding sources to bridge funding from the state’s Local Highway Technical Assistance Council and contributions from the Nez Perce Tribe to make up the difference.

“Between all the parties involved, we’ll make it happen,” he said. “That’s quite a bit of money to come up with, but we’ll figure it out.” The county’s required match for this type of grant is 7.34 percent, or \$1,156,050.

The groups involved in the project have been working since 2002 on a replacement for the bridge, which crosses the Clearwater River near Myrtle. Construction on the single-lane span began in 1919, and it is now rated as structurally deficient with a rating of 30 out of 100, Ridinger said.

It is also under severe weight restrictions, with only 4.7 tons allowed per axle. Ridinger said that keeps vehicles like loaded dump trucks and cement trucks from accessing the area for frequent residential building projects. It also hampers agriculture since loaded grain trucks can’t cross. And the Nez Perce Tribe’s fish hatchery across the river from U.S. Highway 95 can’t use it for its loaded tankers.

“They have to go around,” Ridinger said. “(The county) can’t even take gravel trucks across there, so everybody has to do a long detour. This is going to be huge, in terms of getting loads across the river.”

The new bridge will be approximately 800 feet long and be constructed of concrete, with several piers across the river for support. It will also have two lanes and be built about 70 feet upstream from the existing bridge. Ridinger said all the right-of-way needed for construction has been acquired, and environmental work has been approved. It should take one to two years to complete, with construction possibly beginning in 2020.



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 will be posted online this month and available to download at www.lhtac.org. Below you will find upcoming application deadlines.

Hand Deliver Deadline

January 7, 2019
January 7, 2019
January 7, 2019
January 17, 2019

Postmark Deadline

January 3, 2019
January 3, 2019
January 3, 2019
Electronic Application

Program

Federal-aid Bridge
Federal-aid Rural
Federal-aid Urban Transportation Plan
Local Highway Safety Improvement Program (LHSIP)

Make your request now for spring T2 Center classes!

We are currently in the process of planning our spring classes. The class schedule will be announced January 31, 2019 and registration will open the beginning of February.

**If you would like to request a course in your area, now is the time!
Please submit all requests by January 11, 2019.**

Login to your T2 Center Account at <http://t2.lhtac.org/>. Use the **Course Request** feature under the **Account Info** tab.

If you are having problems with the course request feature, you can always submit your requests through email to idahot2@lhtac.org.

Road Scholar and Master Graduates



John Blake (RS)
Nathan Hines (RS)
Andy Brodhecker (RS)
City of McCall
 Pictured with
 Lan Smith—LHTAC Local Liaison
 Jackie Aymon—City of McCall Mayor
 Chris Malvich—City of McCall Street Superintendent



Chad Larson (RS)
City of Sandpoint
 Pictured with Laila Kral—LHTAC Deputy Administrator



Walter Dixon (RS) and Kerry Lawton (RS)
Wendell Highway District
 Pictured with Scott Ellsworth—LHTAC Federal-aid Manager



Charles Marvin (RS), Brian Dalton (RM), and Eric Farrens (RM)
Washington County
 Pictured with Lan Smith—LHTAC Local Liaison and Kirk Chandler—Washington County
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Bruce Leeper (RS)
Valley County
 Pictured with Lan Smith—LHTAC Local Liaison and
 Gordon Cruickshank—Valley County Commissioner



Matt Gossard (RM) and Max Freeburg (RM)
Valley County
 Pictured with Lan Smith—LHTAC Local Liaison and
 Gordon Cruickshank—Valley County Commissioner

Announcing LHTAC T2 Center's – Leadership Development Program

The LHTAC Council and T2 Advisory Board have moved forward with developing a new training program within the T2 Center. The Leadership Development Program is aimed at emerging leaders within the local agencies. These leaders can be at any level from road crewman, to clerks, to crew chiefs to supervisors. The program does not have prerequisites from the other two T2 Programs – Road Scholar and Road Master; it is a standalone program.

The first class in the Leadership Development Program can be found on the spring schedule titled "Transition to Leadership – Guiding a Highway Agency".