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**Law goes into effect July 1st**

HB611 Agendas and Posting

Requires governmental entities to post meeting notices and agendas to website or social media pages.

*Only if the entities already have a webpage.*

Requires all agenda items requiring action to be designated as "action items."

Prohibits a meeting agenda from being amended after the meeting started for items which require action and were not on the agenda at the start of the meeting unless an emergency exists.

Note: Governor's transmittal letter calls upon legislature to define the term "emergency" in 2019.

**LHTAC Received MiM Platinum Status Once Again!**

May in Motion (MiM) is a month long campaign through ACHD-Commuteride and Valley Regional Transit to promote alternative transportation in the workplace. LHTAC employees participated once again this year and we encourage other agencies to join the movement.

Don't forget smart transportation choices shouldn't just happen in May.



- Find that carpool buddy that happens to live down your street
- Hop on the vanpool or bus you follow to work every day
- Brush off the bike hanging in your garage (don't forget to air up the tires)
- You could borrow your child's skate board and relive your youth on the way to work.

**Why participate?**

- You're saving moo-la! (gas, mileage, new tires, oil changes, and parking add up)
- Your health...get cardiovascular exercise by riding bike or walking to work
- Reduce your stress levels
- Reduce traffic congestion
- Improve the air quality

<https://www.commuteride.com/>

<http://www.valleyride.org/>

**Check out a few short videos ACHD is using to promote smart transportation.**

ACHD Commuteride shows you how 30 people trading in their single occupancy vehicles for smart transportation modes of vanpool and transit helps everyone on the road. <https://youtu.be/eyrJ4S8BdM>

ACHD Commuteride spoofs themselves with this mockumentary about the many acronyms Transportation Demand Management professionals use. <https://youtu.be/IYKedYmqiPQ>



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**Upcoming Calendar of Events**

Date	Event	Location
September 3	Labor Day	Office Closed
August 10	Innovation Idea Award	Deadline—Electronic
September 14	Council Meeting	LHTAC Office Boise, ID
October	LHTAC Workshops	Various Locations Around Idaho

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

Monday to Thursday  
7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday  
7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Free Retroreflectivity Kit**

LHTAC is providing up to two 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 kit or if you have questions please email us at [LHTAC@LHTAC.org](mailto:LHTAC@LHTAC.org).

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



## Local Highway Technical Assistance Council Members

### Association of Idaho Cities

**Diana Thomas, Chair**  
Mayor, City of Weiser

**Mac Pooler**  
Mayor, City of Kellogg

**Robert Berlin**  
Mayor, City of Roberts

### Idaho Association of Highway Districts

**Gilbert Hofmeister, Vice Chair**  
Commissioner, Power Co. Highway District

**Terry Werner**  
Commissioner, Post Falls Highway District

**Neal Gier**  
Commissioner, Buhl Highway District

### Idaho Association of Counties

**Todd Smith, Secretary/Treasurer**  
Commissioner, Madison County

**Mark Rekow**  
Commissioner, Gem County

**Don Ebert,**  
Commissioner, Clearwater County

## Ex-Officio Members

*Seth Grigg, Executive Director*  
Association of Counties

*Jessica Harrison, Executive Director*  
Association of Idaho Cities

*Nick Veldhouse, Executive Director*  
Idaho Association of Highway Districts

## LHTAC Staff

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Wayne Herbel, P.E., Federal-aid Engineer  
Muhammad Zubery, P.E., Federal-aid Engineer  
Bryan Martin, P.E., Federal-aid Engineer  
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Craig Herndon, Federal-aid Engineer Assistant  
Heather Parker, Federal-aid Project Coordinator  
Rebecca Howell, Construction Coordinator  
T. Matt Koster, P.E., Construction Staff Engineer  
Megan Kautz, P.E., Construction Staff Engineer  
Bev Williams, Construction Records Inspector  
Karissa Hardy, P.E., Environmental Engineer  
JoEllen Ross-Hauer, Environmental Planner (Part-Time)  
Kevin Kuther, P.E., Safety Manager  
Amanda LaMott, Safety/TAP Engineer  
Brian Wright, P.E., Safety Engineer  
Lorie Cover, T2 Training Coordinator  
Matthew Syphus, Database & GIS Analyst  
Nancy Ziebarth, Financial Specialist and Council Liaison  
Dawn Christensen, Communications Officer  
Megan Mattson, Financial Assistant  
Susan Kiebert, Local Communication Coordinator (Part-Time)  
Lan Smith, Local Liaison (Part-Time)  
Doug Chase, P.E., T2 Instructor (Seasonal)

## T2 Center Advisory Board

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City of Nampa

**Jason Topp**  
Bonner County

**Rich Regnier**  
Hagerman Highway District

**Joe Lish**  
Assistance Operations Manager  
Bannock County

**Mike Cram**  
Idaho Transportation Department

**Chris Frederickson**  
City of Idaho Falls

**Rich Myers**  
Ada County Highway District

**Lori Porreca, PhD**  
FHWA-Idaho Division

**Jeff Miles, P.E.**  
LHTAC

## Local Peer Exchange Webinar - Procurement Options for LPA's

Wednesday, August 1, 2018  
1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

**Presenters:**  
Laura Ellen, Missouri DOT  
"MoDot's LPA On-Call Consultant Process"

David Millikan, Texas DOT  
"Overview of TxDOT Local Agency Procurement Requirements"

**Overview:**  
You are invited to the third nationwide Local Programs Peer Exchange webinar. At this webinar we will be discussing consultant and contractor procurement options for local public agencies.

Several states will be on hand to discuss the procurement options they employ to assist local agencies with Federal-aid project delivery.

This will be an interactive discussion, so please plan to attend and bring your questions.

Please register for Local Programs Peer Exchange National Webinar - Procurement Options for LPAs on Aug 1, 2018 1:30 PM EDT at:  
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2801878175286347522>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

**Contact:**  
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 **Wellness**

70 MILLION AMERICANS  
SUFFER FROM A SLEEP  
DISORDER. DO YOU?



NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH 2018  
[nsc.org/nsm](http://nsc.org/nsm)



 **Driving**

SEAT BELTS SAVED NEARLY  
15,000 IN 2016. BUCKLE UP  
EVERY RIDE.



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## Innovation Idea Award

Submissions Due August 10, 2018

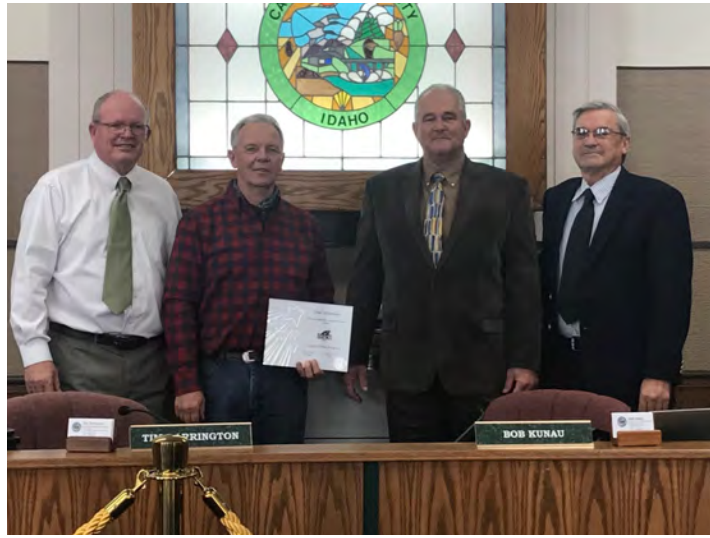
The Local Highway Technical Assistance Council would like to recognize, reward and share your ideas for innovation!

Examples of innovations include cost saving techniques, developing new technology and resource sharing. Individual awards, include \$250 cash and one FREE T2 Center Course and will be presented to the recipient before their council or commission.

Recognition for the most innovative jurisdictions will be presented at the affiliated Association meeting(s) in the fall and presented at the National LTAP Conference. These awards will include the opportunity to host a discounted T2 Course at their location with lunch provided by LHTAC.



## Road Scholar and Master Graduates



Dee Yeaman (RS)  
Cassia County *Pictured with his County Commissioners.*



Casey Miller (RS) and Bob Ohmie (RS)  
Twin Falls Highway District



## Rural Roundabouts are Saving Lives

The National Center for Rural Road Safety is hosting a **FREE**, 1.5-hour online webinar.

Thursday, July 19, 2018 from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM Mountain/1:00 PM to 2:30 PM Eastern

### Webinar Description

This webinar will provide an overview of the safety and design of rural roundabouts in the United States. It will include case studies of rural roundabouts on local and state highways as well as the safety experience.

### Webinar Outcomes

At the conclusion of this webinar, participants will be able to:

- State the risks of rural intersections
- Name examples of rural roundabouts in the US
- Summarize the benefits of roundabouts on rural roadways

### Target Audience

This training is directed towards a very broad safety audience including, but not limited to, law enforcement, planners, engineers, first responders, elected officials, public health, tourism agencies, and safety culture experts. Participants should have some basic familiarity with transportation safety.



**Contact:** Jaime Sullivan with Rural Road Safety Center at 774-571-3503 or [info@ruralsafetycenter.org](mailto:info@ruralsafetycenter.org) to register.

## New Staff at LHTAC

We would like to welcome our newest employees: Brian and Megan.



### Brian Wright, P.E. Safety Engineer

Brian came to us from the City of Nampa where he managed water, sewer and roadway projects for the City from design through construction.

He also worked for Parametrix designing transportation projects, the largest one was the I-84 interchange at Meridian Road in Meridian, Idaho.

Since joining the Safety Team he has hit the ground running with Local Highway Safety Improvement Program (LHSIP) projects as well as Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) projects.

When we asked Brian, "What do you like best about working here?" He replied with, "The staff and culture at LHTAC are fantastic. I enjoy helping local organizations by delivering projects and technical assistance."



### Megan Mattson Financial Specialist

Megan began work at LHTAC June 25<sup>th</sup>. She joined our administration team and is responsible for greeting the public in person and by telephone, answering inquiries, and providing information. She will be working closely with our Administrative Manager to provide a variety of financial functions.

Megan brings over 10 years of customer service and administrative expertise to LHTAC. She has lived in Boise her whole life and is excited to work with local jurisdictions statewide. Megan is ready to get to know the staff and interact with the consultant community, locals and other agencies we talk to daily!

## 100 Deadliest Days of Summer

The so-called 100 days of summer fall between Memorial Day and Labor Day, when school is out. In a study published by the American Automobile Association, researchers found the average number of deadly teen driver crashes climbs 15 percent during this time period compared to the rest of the year. Teens are also three times as likely as adults to be involved in a deadly crash during these 100 days. AAA found that top factors in deadly teen crashes are: distracted driving, not buckling up and speeding.

<https://newsroom.aaa.com/tag/100-deadliest-days/>

# First Female to Chair LHTAC Council

## Mayor Diana Thomas

Diana Thomas was born and raised in Idaho and devoted 35 years of her career life to education. Following her decision to leave education, Mayor Thomas served as Washington County Commissioner for over 6 years and was appointed by Governor Otter to the legislature to complete a term. Mayor Thomas was re-elected Mayor of the City of Weiser in November of 2015 and her 4-year term ends in December of 2019. She currently sits on the Weiser Memorial Hospital board of trustees, the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council board, and her church board of trustees. She is a graduate of Leadership Idaho Agriculture (LIA) which works to directly cultivate leaders in agriculture – our state's biggest and most influential industry. Mayor Thomas was honored with the Harold Hurst Award for her outstanding contributions to the Association of Idaho Cities (AIC) at the 71th AIC Annual Conference in Boise, June 21<sup>st</sup>, Thomas and her husband of 53 years have 2 sons and 3 grandchildren.



**Mayor Diana Thomas**  
@weiserite

former teacher, school administrator, mom and grandmother, Mayor of Weiser, ID, National Oldtime Fiddle Capital.

Weiser, ID  
cityofweiser.net

*"I appreciate the work the staff and board at LHTAC do to provide a quality resource to local entities. I have learned the difficulty of balancing the financial resources with the needs for improvements on the roads in our state. I have also learned the narrow line we walk to follow the directives from our partners at the state and federal level and still help our local government needs. I appreciate how LHTAC staff advocate for the locals. It is sometimes difficult to help those who don't ask for help but expect immediate answers when a problem arises. Balancing time and resources are always a challenge." Mayor Thomas*

You can follow her on twitter @weiserite

**Weiser, Idaho** is a small rural community of 5,507 located in southwest Idaho and the home of the National Oldtime Fiddle Contest and Festival. Located at the confluence of the Weiser and Snake Rivers.



Mayor Thomas receiving the Harold Hurst Award

## LHTAC's First Female Council Chair

Mayor Thomas has served on the LHTAC Council since September of 2014. At the recent Quarterly Council Meeting Mayor Thomas was elected Chair and her new position will take effect July 1<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Thomas will be LHTAC's first female Chair! This is not the only time she has been the first female in a position of leadership. She is the first elected female mayor for the City of Weiser. And she was also the first female administrator at a small school district she led in the 90's.



Lukas Ellis (RS)  
Nathan Riblett (RS)  
City of Ammon  
Pictured with Scott Ellsworth (LHTAC)



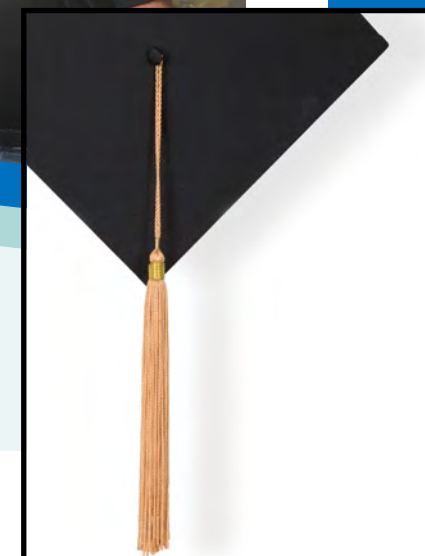
Albert Stamper (RM)  
Evergreen Highway District  
Pictured with Chairman Humphrey



Chad Stevens (RS)  
City of Newdale  
Pictured with Lan Smith (LHTAC) and Mayor Martineau

## Road Scholar & Road Master Program

The Idaho Road Scholar & Road Master Program is a way for local road professionals in our state to be recognized for successfully completing a series of training courses. The program curriculum is designed to provide participants with the fundamentals of safety, management, and advanced technologies, as well as exposure to a wide variety of other topics relevant to the transportation field. Through this program, the local agencies will also be provided an opportunity to develop the agencies' greatest asset – its employees.



LHTAC T2 CENTER  
Idaho Road Scholar & Road Master Program

# Road Scholar and Master Graduates



Daren Dahlke (RS)  
Abel Aguilar (RS)  
City of American Falls



Rex Williams (RS)  
Oneida County

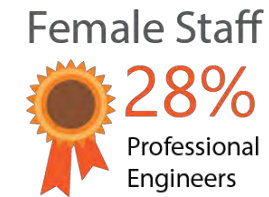


Cody Baird (RS)  
Glenn Moore (RS)  
Lindsey Quillin (RS)  
Blaine County Road and Bridge



Rob Owen (RS)  
Buhl Highway District

## LHTAC Employee Statistics



- 48% Female Staff
- 28% of our Female Staff are Licensed Engineers
- Out of our Engineers on Staff, 40% are females



LHTAC is governed by a Council and led by an Administrator. The Administrator is assisted by a 3-person management team 2 of which are women; Laila Kral the Deputy Administrator and Susan Lasuen the Administrative Manager.

## Women at LHTAC

LHTAC encourages the advancement of women in transportation through a number of venues. LHTAC staff members volunteer at and support the Idaho Future City competition, where junior high students (approximately 50% female) design all aspects of a city which is heavily influenced by transportation. The teams are led by a mentor, providing the opportunity for female mentors to leave a lasting impression on female youth. LHTAC also promotes continuing education through a tuition reimbursement program and the involvement in professional societies and organizations. Currently, 6 LHTAC staff members are involved with the WTS SW Chapter. WTS attracts, sustains, connects and advances women's careers to strengthen the transportation industry.

## Radar Traffic Data Collection

LHTAC has Automated Traffic Recorders (ATRs) available to loan out to Local Highway Jurisdiction. Jurisdictions have the ability to borrow multiple ATRs and will be loaned out on a first come first served basis. Each recorder or group of recorders includes a laptop with the necessary software, mounting hardware and batteries. LHTAC personnel are available to assist with initial setup and field placement, if needed. The traffic recorders are capable of measuring speed, volume and lengths of vehicles and can be used to conduct speed studies. The data gathered with the traffic recorders is the property of the Local Highway Jurisdictions.

If you would like to use the ATRs or have questions about them please contact Brian Wright [bwright@lhtac.org](mailto:bwright@lhtac.org) or Rebecca Howell [rhowell@lhtac.org](mailto:rhowell@lhtac.org) at LHTAC.



# LHTAC Local Roads Photo Contest

## Winners Announced

THEME: *A TRIP ON LOCAL ROADS*

Thank you everyone who sent in photos! The winner of this year's photo contest is Jake Hall from HMH Engineering. His photo has been published as our next cover photo on the LHTAC website and will be used in the FY18 Annual Report. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place photos will be printed, framed and displayed in the LHTAC office with credit to the photographers. All photos submitted will be used in future LHTAC marketing materials, including the 2019 LHTAC promotional calendar.

### 1st Place

**Photo Taken By:** Jake Hall, HMH Engineering

**Key Number:** 11683

**Photo Description:** Pence Bridge—Fish Hatchery Road

**Sponsor:** Lost River Highway District



### 2nd Place

**Photo Taken By:** Rebecca Howell, LHTAC

**Key Number:** 9521

**Photo Description:** Middle Fork Bridge

**Sponsor:** Boise County

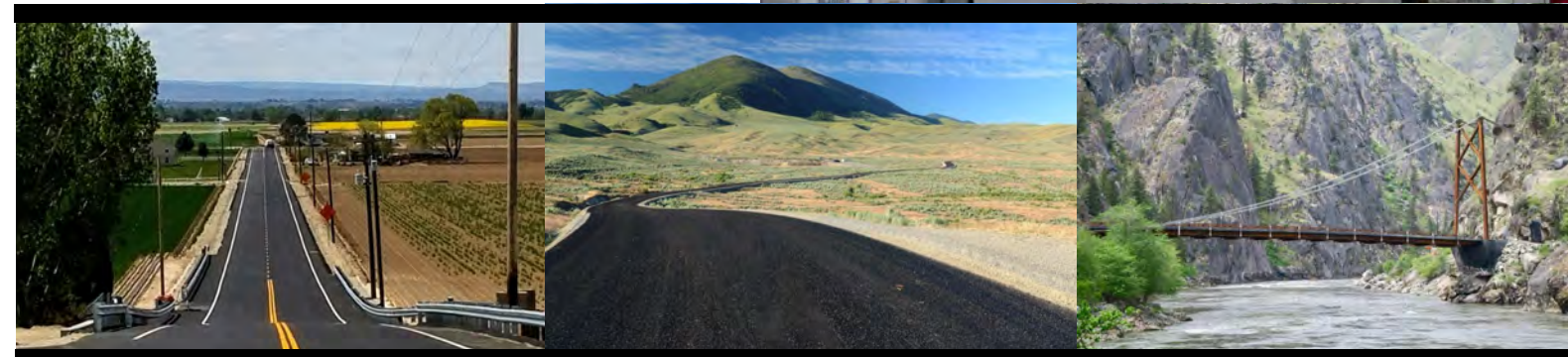
### 3rd Place

**Photo Taken By:** Mary Malone, Bonner County Daily Bee

**Key Number:** 9171

**Photo Description:** Schweitzer Basin Cutoff

**Sponsor:** City of Sandpoint



### Runner-Ups

**Photo Taken By:** Rebecca Howell, LHTAC

**Key Number:** 13054

**Photo Description:** Farmway Rd/HWY 44

**Sponsor:** Notus-Parma Highway District

**Photo Taken By:** Jay Davis, Lemhi Co

**Program:** LRHIP

**Photo Description:** Landfill Road

**Sponsor:** Lemhi County

**Photo Taken By:** Jerry Flatz, JUB

**Program:** FLAP

**Photo Description:** Manning  
Crevice Bridge

**Sponsor:** Idaho County