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LHTAC Staff at the Ronald McDonald House

Equipment Exchange:

We offer assistance to local highway jurisdictions in need to sell, receive and/or exchange property.

www.lhtac.org/resources/equipment

Safety Edge:

FHWA owns an attachment for an asphalt paver that makes the safety edge. This equipment is available on loan to LHJs through the LHTAC office. Please contact us if you would be interested in using it.

LHTAC Gives Back to the Community

The Staff at the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council spent an afternoon volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House in Boise. The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Idaho, Inc. offers a temporary home away from home for families of ill or injured children receiving treatment at Boise medical facilities. Some of the volunteers prepared dinner and dessert for the guests of the house, while others were busy raking leaves, disinfecting toys, cleaning out the attic, washing baseboards and even deep cleaning the BBQ.

“It makes me realize how very thankful I am for my healthy children at home,” said Susan Lasuen, LHTAC’s Administrative Manager. “Being able to volunteer as an organization was a great teambuilding experience. And knowing what we were doing was directly and positively impacting families was so worthwhile.”



Roxann Hansen was busy preparing meatloaf for 20.



Scott Ellsworth and Susan Lasuen take a quick break from cleaning for a selfie with Ronald.

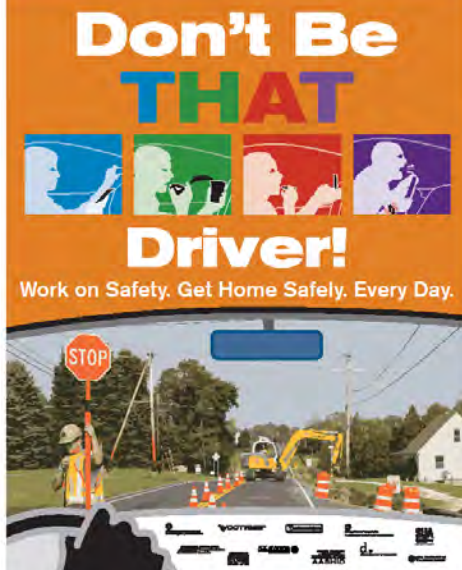
Just Announced:
Application rankings
have been released
and are posted online
at www.lhtac.org

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National Work Zone Awareness Week

April 11-15, 2016

2016 National Work Zone Awareness



Upcoming Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location
March 21-23, 2016	Twin Falls Safety Fest	315 Falls Ave. Twin Falls, ID 83303 www.safetyfest.csi.edu
April 5-7, 2016	Pocatello Safety Fest	1555 Pocatello Creek Rd. Pocatello, ID 83201 www.safetyfest-pocatello.org
April 23-29, 2016	2016 AIC Spring Academy For City Officials	www.idahocities.org/events
June 2, 2016	T2 Advisory Board Meeting	LHTAC Office 3330 Grace St. Boise, ID 83703
June 9, 2016	LHTAC Council Bus Tour	Twin Falls Area
June 10, 2016	LHTAC Council Meeting	Location TBA Twin Falls, ID

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Idaho Transportation Department

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FHWA-Idaho Division

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Pocatello Safety Fest

April 5-7, 2016

A **FREE** SAFETY AND HEALTH TRAINING EVENT FOR THE EDUCATION OF THE NORTHWESTERN REGION'S FRONT LINE WORKERS, SUPERVISORS AND MANAGERS OF ALL LEVELS. THIS EVENT FOCUSES ON METHODS TO REDUCE HAZARDS THAT MAY CAUSE FATALITIES, INJURIES AND ILLNESS.

Who's Invited:

Local Highway Jurisdictions; contractors, small and large; construction and general industry; professional technical educators; and anyone who desires to improve the safety performance of their business.

Location:

Red Lion Hotel Conference Center
1555 Pocatello Creek Road
Pocatello, Idaho 83201

Registration is open and classes are filling up fast!

www.safetyfest-pocatello.org

Public Comments on LHTAC's Funding Applications will be taken March 14-28, 2016.

The Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) will be accepting comments and suggestions for improvements on our current funding applications. Areas open for comment include: the application process, format of applications, questions/scoring etc.

Comments must be submitted to lhtac@lhtac.org by March 28, 2016. Please use LHTAC APPLICATION COMMENTS in the subject field of the email.

Prior to new applications coming out in fall of 2016, the LHTAC Council will review and take into consideration the comments received. Changes to applications will be approved at the September Council meeting and will appear in the final release of applications in fall of 2016.

Your feedback is important to us.
Thank you for taking the time to comment.

FEEDBACK



Road Master Graduates



Jayme Russell
Ada County Highway District
Pictured with Commissioner Hansen, President Commissioner Goldthorpe, Commissioner Arnold, Commissioner Woods (VP), and Commissioner Baker



Justin Clapp
West Point Highway District

New Federal-aid Engineers Bring LHTAC Back to Full Staff



Welcome Bryan Martin and Muhammad Zubery!

LHTAC is pleased to announce that we've recently hired two new employees to fill our vacant staff positions.

They will be working as part of the Federal-aid Design team, covering separate regions of the state. Our Federal-aid Engineers assist Local Highway Jurisdictions (LHJs) in preparing projects and applications for submission for federal funding participation, provide project administration and oversight of consultants, contract bid documents and documents for constructing transportation projects. They are also responsible to assist LHJs with technical assistance and provide resources relating to their transportation issues.

Muhammad Zubery comes to us with 20 years of experience in the transportation field. Most recently Muhammad was working for the Idaho Transportation Department in District 3. When asked what transportation project he has worked on that has been the most rewarding he said, "The Broadway Bridge in Boise. I learned a lot while working on this project." Muhammad comes from a family of engineers. After watching his 2 older brothers, he decided nothing would be better than to follow in their footsteps. Muhammad has been living in Boise since 1997 and loves spending time with his family. They enjoy biking, camping and skiing.

Bryan Martin is joining the team with 15 years of experience in the private sector at a civil engineering consultant firm and an additional 6 years at the Idaho Transportation Department. When asked what aspects of transportation and road building are his favorite, Bryan specified that he particularly enjoys hydraulics and bridge/culvert projects. Bryan is looking forward to assisting and serving LHJs. He is especially excited that his primary assignment will focus on Northern Idaho - ITD D2 area. Growing up in Lewiston and graduating from University of Idaho makes Bryan very familiar with the area and he looks forward to working with the LHJs that make up that community. When Bryan isn't working, he enjoys camping with his wife and four children. Bryan also enjoys big game hunting, ATV riding and running trails to stay in shape.

We are excited to have Muhammad and Bryan join the team. We are finally back at our full staff level. With five full-time engineers on the design team, they will each be assigned a specific area of the state. Idaho has 288 LHJs and our goal is to support each and every one of them.

For questions please contact Scott Ellsworth, our Federal-aid Manager, at 208-344-0565 sellsworth@lhtac.org.

You can find a full listing of our employees and our organization chart on our website.

Road Scholar & Road Master Program

The cities, counties and highway districts are responsible for the majority of roads within the state of Idaho -- over 32,000 miles of highways, roads and streets. These highways, roads and streets are seeing an ever-increasing traffic demand.

With the increased demand and new technologies comes the need for more diverse skills and knowledge necessary for maintenance and preservation activities on the roadways. The transportation professionals that are constructing and maintaining these roadways need to be recognized for their efforts at keeping up-to-date on the new technologies and skills required to construct and maintain effective highway systems.

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**



T2 Center Spring Class Schedule

Road Scholar Graduates

The LHTAC T2 Center is pleased to announce the spring course schedule. **Registration is now open!** Please login to our new course management system to check your account and register for classes.

NORTHERN IDAHO			
Date	Class	City	Road Scholar Program
03/22/16	NEW! Contract Administration	Grangeville	Elective
03/23/16	NEW! Contract Administration	Coeur d'Alene	Elective
03/24/16	NEW! Road Safety Audit	Coeur d'Alene	Elective
03/28/16	ATSSA Flagger Certification - CLASS FULL	Lewiston	Road Scholar
03/29/16	ADA Compliance	Lewiston	Elective
03/30/16	Roadway Drainage - CLASS FULL	Coeur d'Alene	Road Master
03/31/16	Small Structure Inspection & Maintenance	Coeur d'Alene	Elective
04/12/16	Supervising with Confidence	Lewiston	Elective
04/13/16	NEW! Conflict Resolution	Coeur d'Alene	Elective
04/14/16	Supervisory Skills	Coeur d'Alene	Elective
4/19/16	Roadway Safety Plus/Excavation and Trenching/ Confined Space	Coeur d'Alene	Elective
04/19/16	Pavement Maintenance 2	Lewiston	Road Master
04/20/16	Asphalt Paving Materials	Orofino	Elective
04/20/16	Retroreflectivity for Signs	Coeur d'Alene	Elective
04/21/16	Retroreflectivity for Signs	Lewiston	Elective
05/10/16	Plantmix Paving Workmanship	Coeur d'Alene	Elective
05/11-12/16	Environmental BMP	Moscow	Road Master
WESTERN IDAHO			
Date	Class	City	Road Scholar Program
03/14/16	ATSSA Flagger Certification – CLASS FULL	Boise	Road Scholar
03/14/16	ATSSA Flagger Certification	McCall	Road Scholar
03/15-16/16	Environmental BMP - CLASS FULL	Weiser	Road Master
03/17/16	Pavement Maintenance 1 - CLASS FULL	Boise	Road Scholar
03/29/16	NEW! Road Safety Audit	Boise	Elective
03/31/16	NEW! Conflict Resolution - CLASS FULL	Boise	Elective
04/25/16	Pavement Maintenance 2 - CLASS FULL	Mountain Home	Road Master
04/26/16	Asphalt Paving Materials - CLASS FULL	Boise	Elective
05/04/16	Roads 101 - CLASS FULL	Boise	Elective
05/05/16	Roadway Drainage - CLASS FULL	Caldwell	Road Master
5/10/16	Roadway Safety Plus/Excavation and Trenching/ Confined Space	Boise	Elective
05/11/16	Retroreflectivity for Signs - CLASS FULL	Mountain Home	Elective
05/23/16	Road Safety 365 - CLASS FULL	Boise	Elective



Kenneth McAtee
City of Lewiston



Josh Finder
Oneida County Road & Bridge



Lance Geddes, Lynn Bingham, Kim Keller, Max Sharp
Franklin County Road & Bridge



Mike Sawyer, Nick Noble, Jerry Radandt, Jay Sjurson (kneeling), **Mike Meza, Bryant Hurt, Mark Paskewitz** (kneeling), **Mike Callaway, and Renn McAfee** (kneeling)
Ada County Highway District
Pictured with *President Commissioner Goldthorpe, Commissioner Arnold, Commissioner Woods (VP), Commissioner Baker, and Commissioner Hansen*



Rex Curry, Harvey "Butch" Duba, William "Bill" Curry, Robert "Gary" Aldous, Bart Miller, Kade Lusk, Gary Coppock, Andy Nutsch, Jerry Fletcher, James McLean, Alan Porath, Raymond Burgemeister and Joshua Zavisov.
Power County Road and Bridge

Legislative Update



Jeff Miles,
LHTAC Administrator

LHTAC was successful in preparing and delivering our House Bill 312 (HB312) report on the expenditure of local highway jurisdiction funds from the new tax law. HB312 directed LHTAC to submit a report informing the legislature on the use of the money and ongoing maintenance funding needs on the local system. This report was delivered to the Senate Transportation Committee and House Transportation and Defense Committee on January 11, 2016.

LHTAC's Annual Report and Audit was delivered to the committees on January 22, 2016. On Monday February 15th, I was able to meet with Chairman Palmer of the House Transportation and Defense Committee. I reviewed the HB312 report and our Annual Report with him. He was quite knowledgeable on the information in the reports and we had a good discussion. He explained that the two Committees had decided not to hold any joint sessions and with the fast paced legislative session there would not be an opportunity for me to present jointly.

On March 10, 2016 I had the opportunity to present to the House Transportation and Defense Committee. The presentation focused on a short overview on our organization and our accomplishments as outlined in our Annual Report. We had some positive feedback from a Representatives on the committee, and always appreciate their input and questions.

There has not been many bills this year at the Legislature dealing with Transportation or funding.



Attention Public Transportation Community— ITD Public Transportation offers \$108,000 in Scholarships for Rural Transportation

ITD-Public Transportation Office is set to launch the new Rural Transportation Assistance Program (RTAP) in March 2016. They are excited to announce new components to the Program that ITD-PT believes will enhance and benefit all Idaho transit agencies.

Scholarship Program:

This program provides assistance to subrecipients, agencies, and stakeholders to attend trainings, workshops, and conferences both within and out of Idaho. These funds can also be utilized to purchase training materials such as; videos, printed resources, and downloadable materials. These are all great tools that can be used to train current and new employees; either on a first time basis, or even as a refresher course.

All RTAP scholarship funds will be on a *first-come first-serve* basis until funds are exhausted. For full details on rules and restrictions please visit the ITD-PT Outreach website which can be found by visiting the site below.

http://itd.idaho.gov/public_transportation/outreach_program.html

Individual thresholds have been increased to allow for the opportunity to attend a wider variety of trainings.

Technical Assistance:

Also, ITD-PT will be hosting an annual training each year that specifically ties to the Department's mission of "Your Safety, Your Mobility, and Your Economic Opportunity". Stay tuned for more information on the 2016 training slated to take place later in the year.

SOUTH CENTRAL IDAHO

Date	Class	City	Road Scholar Program
03/08/16	ATSSA Flagger Certification AM – CLASS FULL	Jerome	Road Scholar
03/08/16	ATSSA Flagger Certification PM	Jerome	Road Scholar
04/07/16	Road Safety 365	Twin Falls	Elective
04/14/16	Pavement Maintenance 2	Twin Falls	Road Master
04/28/16	Effective Communications	Twin Falls	Road Scholar
05/03/16	Basic Survey	Twin Falls	Elective
05/05/16	NEW! Contract Administration	Twin Falls	Elective
05/18-19/16	Environmental BMP	Twin Falls	Road Master

EASTERN IDAHO

Date	Class	City	Road Scholar Program
03/21/16	ATSSA Flagger Certification – CLASS FULL	Rigby	Road Scholar
03/22-23/16	Speed Limits	Rigby	Road Master
03/24/16	Basic Math	Pocatello	Road Scholar
03/29/16	Small Structure Inspection & Maintenance	Pocatello	Elective
04/05/16	Basic Survey	Ammon	Elective
4/12/16	Disaster Response & Preventing Runovers and Backovers	Ammon	Elective
04/12/16	Basic Math	Salmon	Road Scholar
04/13/16	Retroreflectivity for Signs	Ammon	Elective
04/13/16	Road Safety 365	Salmon	Elective
04/14/16	Asphalt Paving Materials – CLASS FULL	Salmon	Elective
04/19-20/16	Environmental BMP	Rigby	Road Master
04/21/16	Asphalt Paving Materials	Pocatello	Elective
04/26-28/16	Motor Grader Operations – CLASS FULL	Rigby	Elective
05/03/16	NEW! Road Safety Audit	Ammon	Elective
05/04/16	NEW! Contract Administration	Ammon	Elective
05/11/16	Effective Communications	Ammon	Road Scholar
05/12/16	NEW! Conflict Resolution	Pocatello	Elective
05/16/16	ATSSA Flagger Certification	Pocatello	Road Scholar
05/17/16	Road Safety 365	Pocatello	Elective

Do you have a class request for a specific class in your area?

If you have 15* or more students to commit to a class and haven't seen it offered in your area, call us to request it. We can add additional classes to meet the needs of your group. Call the T2 Center and ask for Lorie 208-344-0565.

U.S. Transportation Secretary Foxx Announces \$500 Million in Eighth Round of TIGER Funding

“The TIGER program funds vital transportation projects that provide real benefits to communities all across the country. Every year, we see hundreds of compelling applications that have the potential to improve people’s access to economic opportunities, make people safer, and improve their well-being.” said Secretary Foxx. “I am proud that for seven rounds, TIGER has been able to make a valuable contribution to improving our nation’s transportation infrastructure, and I look forward to this year’s competition.”

Like the first seven rounds, FY 2016 TIGER discretionary grants will fund capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure and will be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant impact on the nation, a metropolitan area, or a region.

The 2016 TIGER grant program will continue to make transformative surface transportation investments by providing improvements over existing conditions. The grant program will focus on capital projects that generate economic development and improve access to reliable, safe and affordable transportation for communities, both urban and rural.

Applications are due April 29, 2016. For more information on how to apply, please visit www.transportation.gov/TIGER.



Hosted by Northwest Tribal Technical Assistance Program



TIGER
GRANTS

How to Compete for TIGER Discretionary Grants—Rural and Tribal Applications Webinar

Listening Session

Tuesday, March 22, 2016
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
EWU Riverpoint Campus, RM 226
668 N. Riverpoint Blvd.
Spokane, WA 99204

The NWTTAP has set up a location for a listening session. There is no fee for this event. Please register at the site below if you are interested in attending.

Register: www.ewu.edu/nwttap/training/tiger-grants

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New Publication!

You can download a copy of “Guidance—Managing Flagging Operations on Low-Volume Roads” from Work Zone Safety at www.workzonesafety.org/ or you can request a hard copy from LHTAC by emailing dchristensen@lhtac.org.

Be sure to include your mailing address and the amount of copies you need.

