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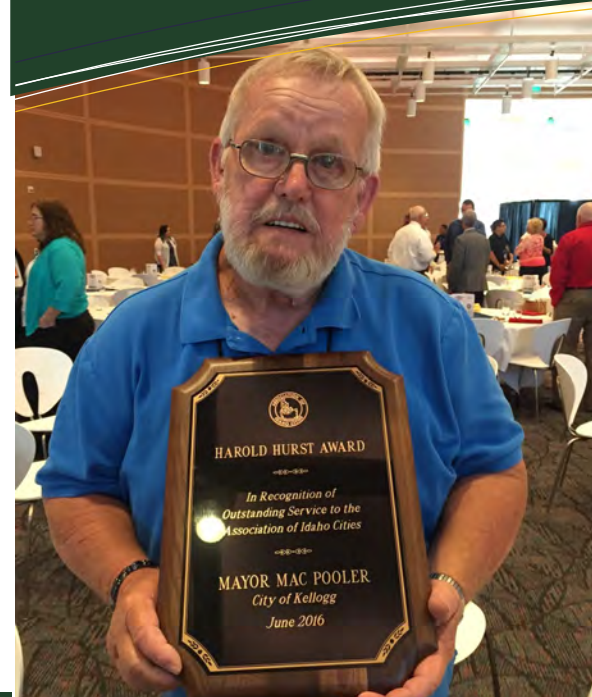
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Mayor Pooler Receives Award for Outstanding Contributions to Cities

Mayor Mac Pooler of Kellogg was honored with the Harold Hurst Award for his outstanding contributions to the Association of Idaho Cities (AIC) at the 69th AIC Annual Conference in Boise, June 22-24.

The Harold Hurst Award is given annually to a city official who demonstrates exemplary performance in city government and who has contributed to the accomplishments of the Association of Idaho Cities. The award is named for Harold Hurst, the Mayor of Heyburn for 24 years and a Past President of AIC.

Mac Pooler was born to Edward and Margaret Pooler on July 1, 1942, in Kellogg, Idaho. After graduating from Kellogg High School, Pooler attended Boise Junior College for two years. He served two years in active duty with the U.S. Army and was in the reserves for four years.

Pooler started work for Idaho Water Company in Kellogg in 1966. In 1974 he was hired as manager of the newly established Central Shoshone County Water District, a job that he had for 38 years.

Pooler served on the Kellogg City Council from 1992 to 1995 and as Mayor from 1996 to 1999. He was elected Mayor again in 2001 and has been re-elected in 2005, 2009 and 2013.

Pooler's leadership has been instrumental in Kellogg's dramatic transformation from a small mining town to a destination resort community. Kellogg had two major turning points in that process. The first one was Kellogg citizens voting to tax themselves during the depths of the 1980s mining bust to finance the world's longest gondola, which would run three miles and up 3,200 vertical feet to a mountain top ski lodge. The other turning point came during Pooler's first year as mayor when the city sold the gondola and ski hill to a resort developer. Now, Silver Mountain has \$80 million worth of investment, including 300 condo units, an indoor water park and a golf course.

There are a few particularly impressive examples of Pooler's leadership over his career of public service.

-In May 1997, a culvert on Milo Creek became plugged with rocks and debris from spring runoff, causing the creek to burst the 70-year old pipe system that carried it underground through Kellogg. Milo Creek, contaminated by mine waste, ran through city streets for five blocks before flowing into the South Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River. Homes were flooded, streets were damaged and the flood left dangerous sinkholes in its wake. Pooler was instrumental in bringing the \$12 million Milo Creek flood control project to a successful conclusion.

-In 2015, Kellogg voters approved a local option lodging tax that was dedicated to funding street maintenance.

-Kellogg voters approved an \$8 million sewer bond in November 2014 with 76 percent approval. Pooler led the effort to convince voters to finance the project and the city saved \$1.5 million by coordinating the project with road work being done by the EPA.

Pooler has served on the Governor's Drinking Water Advisory Committee, the Idaho Water Certification Board, the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council, the Idaho Rural Water Association Legislative Committee, and is a Trustee for Kellogg Elks Club. Pooler has been very engaged with AIC, serving as President and on the Legislative and Environment Committees.

Mac has been married to Mary Francis Pooler for more than 50 years. They have a son, Shannon; a daughter, Carri Dickenson, and four grandchildren. Mac coached high school football and is beloved by his former players, which include former AIC Deputy Director Leon Duce.

"I was told by my father that if you're going to live in an area, be involved," Pooler said in a profile in the AIC newsletter. "I grew up in Kellogg and have made it my home. A lot of people before me worked hard to make this town a great place to live. Now, it's my time to carry on the tradition."

We congratulate Mayor Mac Pooler for his outstanding legacy of public service.

Article from AIC News—July 7, 2016

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September Safety Events

September 18-24, 2016
National Child Passenger
Safety Week
www.nhtsa.gov

September 22-29, 2016
Fall Prevention
Awareness Week
www.stopfalls.org

September 24, 2016
Family Health and
Fitness Day USA
www.fitnessday.com

Upcoming Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location
Sept. 26-28	IAC Annual Conference	Boise Centre on the Grove
September & October	LHTAC Fall Workshops	See inside newsletter for details.
Nov. 7-12	IAHD/IACERS Convention	Sun Valley, ID
December 9	LHTAC Quarterly Council Meeting	LHTAC Office 3330 Grace St. Boise, ID 83703

www.lhtac.org



Local Highway Technical Assistance Council Members

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Mayor, City of Weiser

Mac Pooler
Mayor, City of Kellogg

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Association of Idaho Cities

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T2 Center Advisory Board

Don Barr (Chairman)
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City of Nampa Street Division

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Director
Bonner County Road & Bridge Dept.

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Post Falls Highway District

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Chris Fredericksen
Public Works Director
City of Idaho Falls

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Broom Crew Chief
Ada County Highway District

Lori Porreca, PhD, Ex-Officio Member
Community Planner
FHWA-Idaho Division

GRS-IBS Workshop

LHTAC is hosting a demonstration workshop on GRS-IBS bridge construction

The Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) applied for Incentive Funding to provide a demonstration workshop on a Geosynthetic Reinforced Soil-Integrated Bridge System (GRS-IBS) bridge construction project in southeast Idaho. The workshop will include a half day of class instruction using FHWA experts and half day of onsite observation of the construction.

GRS-IBS is an innovation to help reduce bridge construction time and cost. GRS-IBS projects can be built in weeks instead of months, due to the ease of construction and the use of

readily available materials and equipment. Reduced construction schedule translates into less exposure around work zones improving safety. Idaho has adopted GRS-IBS as a focus for the state.

LHTAC will collect information from the workshop and site visit to compile "Best Management Practices for GRS-IBS Bridge Construction" material to distribute to locals in the future.

The goal of this workshop is to enable Local Highway Jurisdictions (LHJs) to develop an understanding of GRS-IBS substructures, as well as the safety and financial impacts it could have in their jurisdictions. This is new technology for LHJs in Idaho. This demonstration workshop will provide an opportunity to show LHJs a lower cost bridge construction option and provide long-term cost savings for the replacement of thousands of local bridges in the state.

Would you be interested in attending? Cost of attending this workshop will be funded through the grant. At this time we are looking for a rough estimate of who would be interested in attending this workshop. If we reach our maximum amount of attendee funding we may limit the amount of attendees to only two per jurisdiction.

Please help us plan for attendance by visiting the link below and filling out your information. The focus audience for this workshop is roadway supervisors, foreman and employees.

We are tentatively planning to hold two, single day, workshops in November. Once the construction timeline is set we will confirm and release the final dates.

RSVP here <http://grsibs.rsvpify.com/> with your contact information.



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

Hand Deliver Deadline	Postmark Deadline	Program
November 17, 2016	November 15, 2016	Local Rural Highway Investment Program (LRHIP)
January 9, 2017	January 5, 2017	Federal-aid Rural
January 9, 2017	January 5, 2017	Federal-aid Bridge
January 19, 2017	Electronic Application	Local Highway Safety Improvement Program (LHSIP)

During the month of September and October LHTAC staff will host eleven workshops where you can hear a firsthand update from LHTAC on pertinent information regarding the local transportation community. We will be discussing funding applications (Rural, Urban, Bridge, LRHIP, and LHSIP), 129,000 Pound Truck Routes, new reporting methods for Highway Distribution Account (HDA) funds, updates on the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP), and Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP). These FREE workshops are open to everyone: sponsors, clerks, consultants, local elected officials etc.

More information on workshops can be found on our website. <http://lhtac.org/lhtac-news/lhtac-workshops-fall-2016>



Safety Fest

Safety Fest of the Great Northwest is in its 11th 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.

2017 Safety Fest Dates

Boise, ID

Dates: January 24-27, 2017 (Registration begins November 2016)
<http://www.safetyfest-boise.org/>

Post Falls, ID

Dates: February 22-24, 2017
<http://www.nic.edu/websites/default.aspx?dpt=65&pageId=3835>

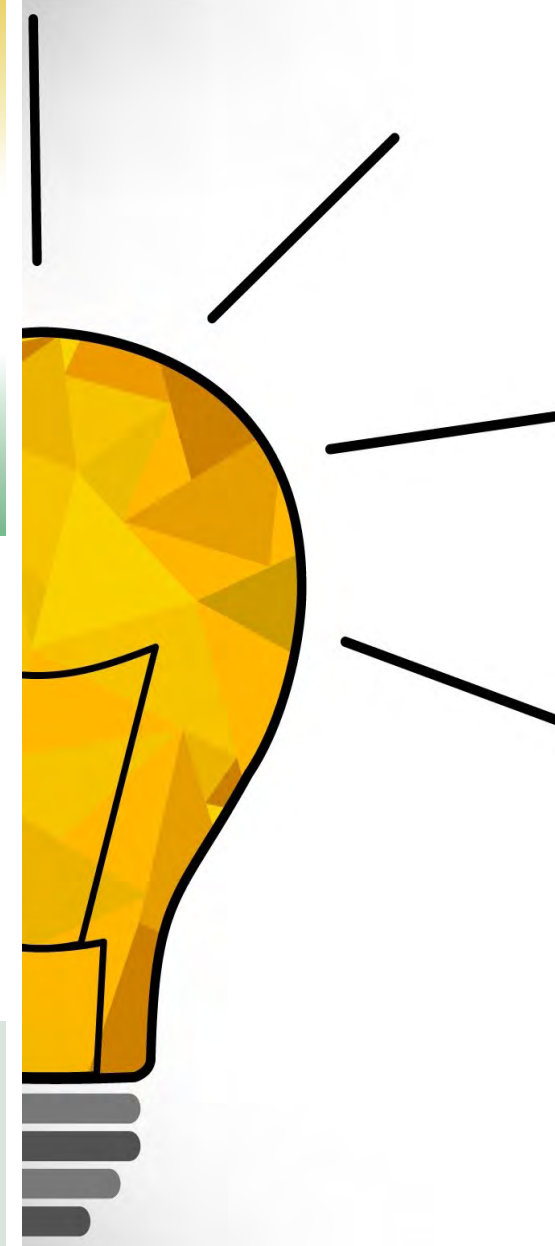
Twin Falls, ID

Dates: TBA
<http://safetyfest.csi.edu/>

Pocatello, ID

Dates: April 4-6, 2017
<http://safetyfest-pocatello.org/>

The Local Highway Technical Assistance Council hosts the Pocatello Safety Fest and manages the vendor show for the Boise Safety Fest. For information on being a sponsor or vendor at the Boise or Pocatello contact dchristensen@lhtac.org. For questions regarding the other Safety Fests please visit their websites listed above.



Innovation Idea Award Winners Announced

The Local Highway Technical Assistance Council strives to recognize, reward and share innovation ideas!

For 2016 we are awarding 2 jurisdictions an 1 individual. Jurisdictions will be recognized at their association's conference in the fall and given the chance to host a discounted T2 Center Course for their employees with lunch provided by LHTAC. The individual award includes a \$250 cash prize, a free T2 Center Course, and recognition in front of their commissioners meeting and the Highway District Conference.

Jurisdiction Winners

Boundary County: Sand Bag Filler Chute

Post Falls HD: Swing Sweep

Individual Winner

ACHD, Bryant Hurt: Hurt Slip Form

Our winning innovations, as well as the runner ups, will be showcased in the upcoming months LHTAC Tech News.

<http://lhtac.org/category/innovation-idea-award/>

Two New Board Members Join the T2 Center

The LHTAC T2 Center is part of a national program known as the Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP). We provide training and technical assistance to meet the needs of highway jurisdictions in Idaho. The T2 Advisory Board is comprised of nine members from all areas of the state. They meet twice a year with a goal to foster a safe, efficient, and environmentally sound surface transportation system by improving skills and increasing knowledge of the transportation workforce and decision makers. The Board promotes best practices in an efficient and effective manner through strong partnerships and communications.

New T2 Advisory Board Members

Rich Regnier, Foreman, *Hagerman Highway District*
 Don Hutson, Director, *Bonner County Road and Bridge*

Road Scholar and Master Graduates



Dan Brower (Scholar & Master)
Bonner County Road & Bridge
Pictured with Jeff Miles, LHTAC Administrator



Mark Reed (Scholar & Master)
Bonner County Road & Bridge
Pictured with Jeff Miles, LHTAC Administrator



Ron Carey (Master)
Bonner County Road & Bridge
Pictured with Jeff Miles, LHTAC Administrator



Kurt Stockton (Master)
Bonner County Road & Bridge
Pictured with Jeff Miles, LHTAC Administrator



Ralph LeGrand (Scholar)
Bonner County Road & Bridge
Pictured with Jeff Miles, LHTAC Administrator



Jerry Ramirez, Brian Hjelm, Jeremie Neville, Bruce Tibbitts, Brian Covert, Mike Carter, Matt Swearingen, Stacey Field, Kirt Williams (All Masters)
Jefferson County Road & Bridge
Pictured with Dave Walrath, Public Works Administrator & Scott Ellsworth LHTAC Federal-aid Manager

Road Scholar and Master Graduates



Ronnie Hendricks (Scholar)
City of Jerome
Pictured with LHTAC Liaison Lan Smith & Mayor Dave Davis



Nathan Baskett (Scholar & Master)
Highway District #1



**Josh Davis
Cary Allison (Both Scholar & Master)**
Payette County Road & Bridge



**Rick Wade
Ken Harvey
Mitch Bradley (All Scholars)**
City of Rigby



**Johnny Mallea (Master)
Telby Black (Master)
Wesly Dodge (Master)
Fred Miller (Scholar & Master)
Luis Lasuen (Master)**
Not pictured: JD Whitted (Scholar), Reed Booth (Road Scholar), Michael Knox (Master), Ryan Markham (Scholar), James Swenson (Scholar), Aaron Martin (Scholar), Michael Davison (Scholar)
Mountain Home Highway District
Pictured with Wayne Herbel, LHTAC Federal-aid Engineer



**Jerry Bisom (Scholar)
Matt Gossard (Scholar)
Patrick Dorris (Scholar)
Max Freeburg (Scholar)**
Valley County Road & Bridge



John Stinson (Scholar)
City of Pierce
Pictured with Jeff Miles, LHTAC Administrator

Workshop Schedule

Join us for a half-day workshop
overviewing our programs.

These workshops are FREE and
We encourage everyone to
attend (sponsors, consultants,
elected officials, etc.)

Tuesday, September 27
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
LHTAC Office
3330 Grace Street
Boise, ID (Lunch Provided)

Wednesday, September 28
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
American Legion Building
2046 Highway 95
Council, ID (Lunch Provided)

Thursday, September 29
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
City of Jerome Public Library
152 East Avenue A
Jerome, ID (Lunch Provided)

Monday, October 3
1 to 4 p.m.
Arco Butte Business
Incubation Cntr.
159 N. Idaho Street
Arco, ID

Tuesday, October 4
8 to 11 a.m.
City Hall Chambers
420 North Bridge Street
St. Anthony, ID

Tuesday, October 4
2 to 5 p.m.
American Falls District Library
308 Roosevelt Street
American Falls, ID

Wednesday, October 5
9 a.m. to noon
Caribou County Fire Dept.
655 East 2nd Street
Soda Springs, ID

Tuesday, October 11
1 to 4 p.m.
Columbia Bank Sandpoint Cntr.
2nd Floor Auditorium
414 N. Church
Sandpoint, ID

Wednesday, October 12
8 to 11 a.m.
Fire Station 3
1500 N. 15th Street
Coeur d'Alene, ID

Wednesday, October 12
2 to 5 p.m.
City Hall Chambers
206 East 3rd Street
Moscow, ID

Thursday, October 13
8 to 11 a.m.
Super 8
801 W. S. 1st Street
Grangeville, ID

REMEMBER!
Workshop attendees can earn one
Road Scholar/ Master Program
Elective Credit



An RSVP is appreciated, and helps us plan for refreshments and seating, but not required to attend. Visit our website at www.lhtac.org/lhtac-news/lhtac-workshops-fall-2016 for links to RSVP.

Email: lhtac@lhtac.org **Phone:** 208.344.0565 **Web:** www.lhtac.org

Road Scholar and Master Graduates



Front Row Commissioner Hansen, Jay Sjurson (Master), Jerry Radandt (Master), Dan McClain (Master), Tammie Hauger (Master), Bryant Hurt (Master), and Nick Noble (Master).

Back Row Commissioner Baker, Mark Paskewitz (Master), Jake Berryman (Master), Josh Carver (Master), Commission President Goldthorpe, and Commissioner Arnold.
Ada County Highway District



Gary Sievers (Scholar)
City of Bancroft
Pictured with Mayor William Lester & LHTAC Liaison Lan Smith.



Ken Owen (Scholar)
Justin Burge (Scholar)
Travis Wyman (Scholar)
Cory Zehr (Scholar)
Jason Zimmerman (Scholar)
Ada County Highway District
Pictured with Commissioner Hansen, Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Arnold, & Commission President Goldthorpe.



Mike Beard (Master)
Ryan Vestal (Master)
Tom Abbott (Master)
Not pictured Bruce Zohner (Master)
Teton County Road & Bridge
Pictured with Commissioner Kelly Park, Road Supervisor Clay Smith, Commissioner Cindy Reigel, & Commissioner Bill Leake.

More Road Scholar and Master Graduates on Page 8

T2 Center Fall Course List



Dates	Class	Location	Road Scholar
NORTHERN IDAHO Registration Opens September 13			
10/4/2016	Communications	Coeur d'Alene	Road Scholar
10/5/2016	Conflict Resolution	Lewiston	Elective
10/6/2016	Pavement Maintenance 1	Lewiston	Road Scholar
10/13/2016	Roads 101	Coeur d'Alene	Elective
10/18/2016	Contract Administration	Sandpoint	Elective
10/19/2016	Roadway Safety Audits	Lewiston	Elective
10/20/2016	Pavement Maintenance 1	Coeur d'Alene	Road Scholar
11/9/2016	ATSSA Traffic Control Technician	Coeur d'Alene	Road Master
11/10/2016	Roadway Drainage	Lewiston	Road Master
11/15/2016	Roadway Materials	Coeur d'Alene	Road Scholar
11/16/2016	Roadway Materials	Lewiston	Road Scholar
11/29-30/2016	Speed Limits & Speed Zones	Coeur d'Alene	Road Master
12/1/2016	Basic Math	Lewiston	Road Scholar

Dates	Class	Location	Road Scholar
WESTERN & SOUTH CENTRAL IDAHO Registration Opens September 14			
10/4-5/2016	Environmental BMP	Mountain Home	Road Master
10/6/2016	Contract Administration	Boise	Elective
10/12-13/2016	Speed Limits & Speed Zones	Mountain Home	Road Master
10/17/2016	ATSSA Traffic Control Technician	Mountain Home	Road Master
10/18/2016	Basic Math	Twin Falls	Road Scholar
10/19-20/2016	Speed Limits & Speed Zones	Boise	Road Master
10/20/2016	Disaster Response & Preventing Runovers & Backovers	Mountain Home	Elective
10/25/2016	Roadway Materials	Boise	Road Scholar
10/24/2016	Basic Math	Council	Road Scholar
10/26/2016	Roadway Drainage	Boise	Road Master
10/26/2016	Gravel Roads	Twin Falls	Elective
10/27/2016	Pavement Maintenance 2	Boise	Road Master
10/27/2016	Conflict Resolution	Twin Falls	Elective
10/31/2016	ATSSA Traffic Control Technician	Boise	Road Master
11/1/2016	Roadway Safety Audits	Twin Falls	Elective
11/3/2016	Winter Maintenance	Mountain Home	Elective
11/16/2016	Communications	Boise	Road Scholar
11/17/2016	Roadway Materials	Council	Road Scholar
11/17/2016	Pavement Maintenance 1	Twin Falls	Road Scholar

Dates	Class	Location	Road Scholar
EASTERN IDAHO Registration Opens September 15			
10/5/2016	Roadway Safety Audits	Pocatello	Elective
10/18/2016	Roadway Drainage	Ammon	Road Master
10/19/2016	Pavement Maintenance 1	Pocatello	Road Scholar
10/26/2016	Communications	Pocatello	Road Scholar
10/27/2016	Roadway Materials	Ammon	Road Scholar
11/2-3/2016	Speed Limits & Speed Zones	Pocatello	Road Master
11/15/2016	ATSSA Traffic Control Technician	Ammon	Road Master
11/16/2016	Pavement Maintenance 2	Pocatello	Road Master

Classes tend to fill up fast.
Visit our website to register for fall classes
<http://t2.lhtac.org>

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.

Don't see a class you need in your area? Contact idahot2@lhtac.org to make a request for the spring schedule. You can also make requests through our Course Management System at <http://t2.lhtac.org>.

