

## LHTAC Projects Since Inception

Total Projects by ITD District	LRHIP	Federal-aid
ITD District 1	74	127
ITD District 2	91	72
ITD District 3	114	106
ITD District 4	88	80
ITD District 5	77	44
ITD District 6	76	81

## Program Administered by LHTAC

New projects added this fiscal year for each program as listed below:

Local Rural Highway Investment Program (Grant)	
FY17 Projects	35
FY17 Funds	\$2.8M

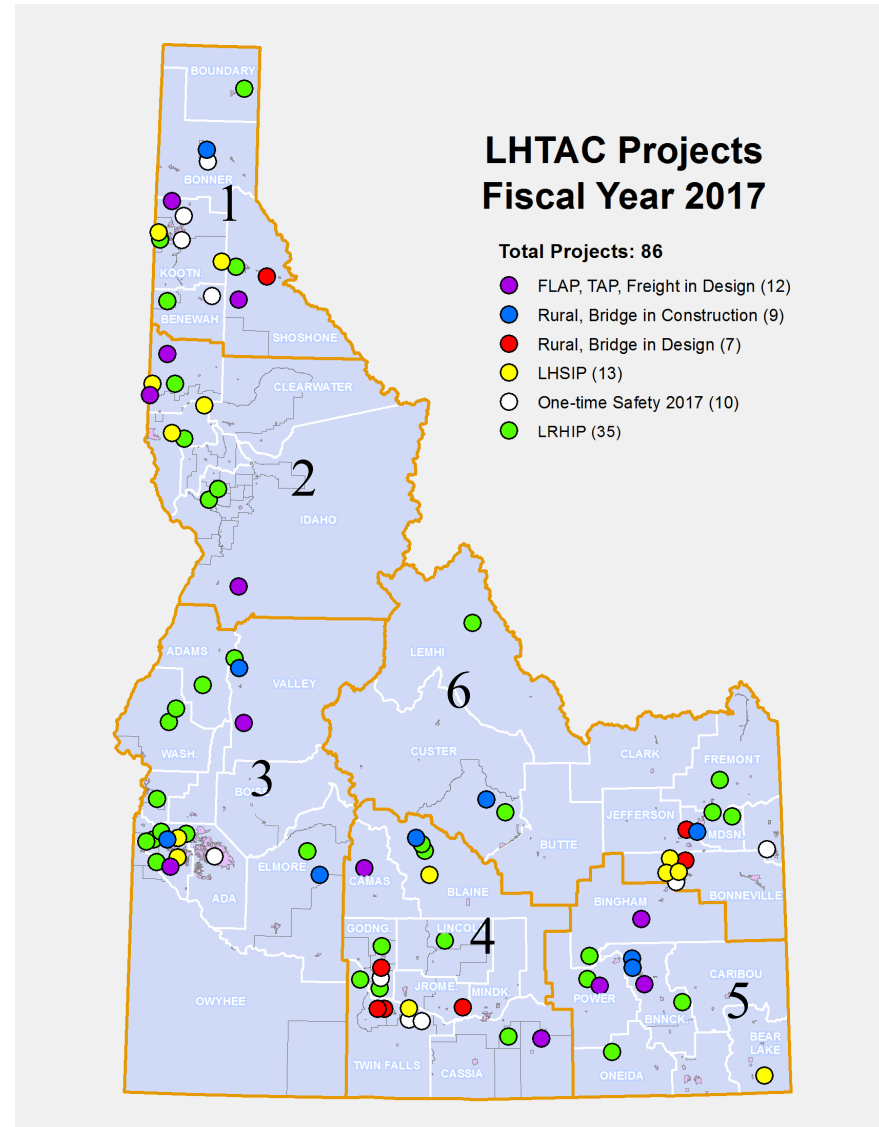
Local Highway Safety Improvement Program (Federal-aid)	
FY17 Projects	13
FY17 Funds	\$8.3M

Federal-aid Bridge		Federal-aid Urban		Federal-aid Rural		Construction Administration	
New Projects	2	New Projects	0	New Projects	5	FY17 Projects	9
New Funds	\$3.2M	New Funds	\$0M	New Funds	\$11.7M	FY17 Funds	\$17.8M

One-Time Safety Program—Local		One-Time Safety Program—Joint W/ITD	
New Projects	7	New Projects	3
New Funds	\$1.35M	New Funds	\$2.65M

## Other Projects Administered

Federal Lands Access Program (WFL)	Transportation Alternative Program (ITD)	Freight Program (ITD)
New Projects	FY17 Projects	New Projects
2	9	1
New Funds	FY17 Funds	New Funds
\$18.3M	\$3.9M	\$4.3M



# LHTAC

## Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Report



Pine Bridge  
Mountain Home Highway District

Greetings,  
I am happy to report on another successful year for Local Highway Technical Assistance Council. We met our commitment to design and deliver an additional \$2.5 million dollars in one time safety projects in approximately 6 months. It's very rewarding when you excel at projects that will save lives on Idaho's local road system. We dedicated a significant amount of resources to helping the local jurisdictions with roadway disasters from the rough winter. We provided technical assistance, participated on the Emergency Relief Fund Panel and developed FHWA emergency projects. Our training and outreach programs continue to excel with a growing number of Road Scholar and Road Master graduates. LHTAC's Innovation Awards show how local jurisdiction employees save money each day with innovations that at times even lead the nation.

After your review of the report, I look forward to answering any questions you may have.

Thank you for your service to the citizens and the State of Idaho.

Jeff R. Miles, PE  
LHTAC Administrator  
208-344-0565

## LHTAC Background

The Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) was established under Chapter 24, Title 40, Idaho Code in 1994. The Council and staff continue to assist the 288 Local Highway Jurisdictions (LHJs) statewide on local best management practices and provide funding programs.

LHTAC is funded by a small portion (1/3 of 1%) of the local share of the state's Highway Distribution Account, and is governed by equal representation of city, county and highway district elected officials from all corners of the state.

## Serving the locals and finding solutions

## WHO WE SERVE

There are currently 288 Local Highway Jurisdictions (LHJs) with road ownership in Idaho. This number may fluctuate yearly.





### +\$2.5M Extra Funds for Safety

#### One-Time Safety

Due to an increase in available federal dollars, LHTAC was authorized to distribute an **additional \$2.5M** towards safety projects. Eligibility was based on Local Highway Jurisdictions (LHJs) with a Fatal or Serious Injury crash.

LHTAC delivered seven one-time safety projects and met the goal of having all projects ready to bid by August 1, 2017. It took incredible cooperation between LHTAC, ITD, local project sponsors, and design consultants to deliver a successful program with a compressed development window.

#### Emergency Relief Fund (ERF)

LHTAC served as a member of the Emergency Relief Fund (ERF) panel. ERF was established by 2017 Legislature to provide emergency funds to Cities, Counties and Highway Districts road and bridge repairs. LHTAC has been instrumental in advertising the program and aiding jurisdictions through the process.



#### Special Training and Outreach

LHTAC Staff was able to provide an enormous amount of outreach over the last year. During our Annual Fall LHTAC Workshops (11) we reached **237** locals at presentations throughout all corners of the state.

LHTAC worked to secure funding and pursued partnering opportunities to bring workshops and courses to local jurisdictions. FHWA provided subject matter experts on the topics and sponsored travel costs for several of the workshops.

- Geosynthetic Reinforced Soil-Integrated Bridge System (GRS-IBS) Workshop
- Safe Transportation for Every Pedestrian (STEP) course
- Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP) workshop
- Designating Truck Routes on the Local System course



#### Technical Assistance

During the last year LHTAC provided over **2,200 hours** of technical assistance and personal outreach to local highway jurisdictions statewide. Everyone at LHTAC provides technical assistance during the year.

#### Items Include:

- Freight
- 129,000 Truck Permits
- Local Road Inventory
- Speed Studies
- Traffic Counts
- North Idaho Urban Cabinet
- Federal Highways Emergency Relief
- Regional Transportation Meetings



#### Current Council Members

##### Counties (Commissioners)

- Mark Rekow —Gem County
- Todd Smith—Madison County
- Don Ebert—Clearwater County

##### Cities (Mayors)

- Robert Berlin—City of Roberts
- Diana Thomas—City of Weiser
- Mac Pooler—City of Kellogg

##### Highway Districts (Commissioners)

- Gilbert Hofmeister—Power County HD
- Neal Gier—Buhl HD
- Terry Werner—Post Falls HD

##### Ex-Officio Members

- Seth Grigg, Executive Director, Idaho Association of Counties
- Jessica Harrison, Executive Director, Association of Idaho Cities
- Nick Veldhouse, Executive Director, Idaho Association of Highway Districts

#### FREE—Tools for Locals

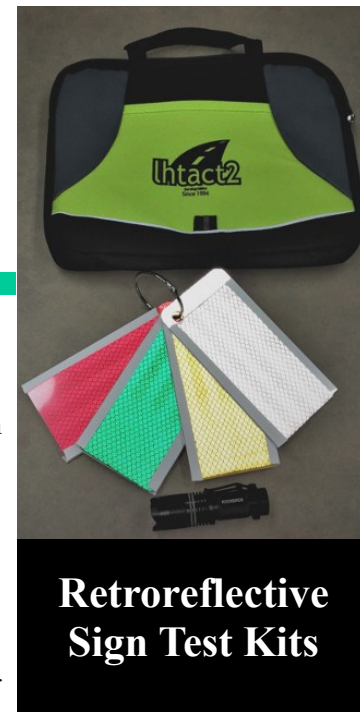
The Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) establishes minimum standards for the retroreflectivity of signs, or how brightly the signs reflect light. To measure this, a costly piece of equipment is needed. To make it affordable for local agencies to be in conformance, LHTAC developed Retroreflective Sign Test Kits. LHTAC assembled the kits and distributed them to LHJs at no cost. The kits include sign panels dulled down to minimum standards, a flash light, instructions and a bag to hold everything.

#### Local Strategic Initiatives (Local SI)

During the 2017 Legislative Session, the Surplus Eliminator was approved for two additional years adding the Local Strategic Initiatives Program and the ability to spend money on Children Pedestrian Safety projects. LHTAC and ITD agreed to administer a joint Children Pedestrian Safety Program with up to \$2M in awarded as \$250K grants. The Local Strategic Initiatives program awards grants up to \$1M to local agencies. LHTAC reached out to local highway jurisdictions, the consulting community and legislators when developing the applications. The applications, published in September, focused on safety, mobility and construction readiness while tying to maintenance related projects. Outreach through 11 funding workshops, presentations at conferences, transportation meetings, and through numerous email blasts was extensive. LHTAC received

- **80** applications requesting over **\$56M** in funds for the Local Strategic Initiatives program
- **71** applications requesting over **\$12M** in funds for the Children Pedestrian Safety program

A list of the rankings for each program is available on the LHTAC website



Retroreflective Sign Test Kits



#### 2017 Innovation Idea Award Jurisdiction Winner—ACHD Remote Vehicle Camera Inspections

Bruce Wong, ACHD Director, with award winners: Dennis Meredith, Gary Inselman, Lawrence Korgan

#### LHTAC Innovation Idea Award

LHTAC's goal is to recognize Local Highway Jurisdictions and their employees for innovative ideas and efficient practices.

2017 Winners:

##### Jurisdiction Winners

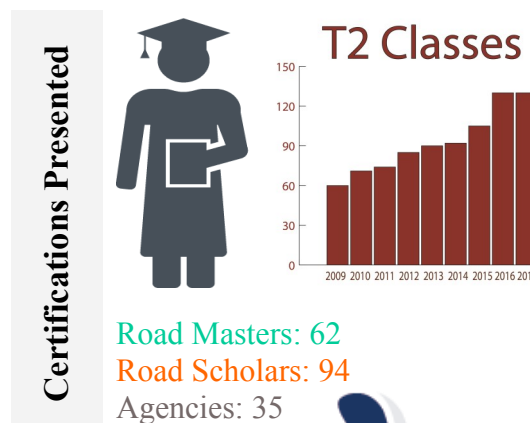
- Ada County Highway District: Remote Vehicle Camera Inspections
- Clearwater County: Ditching Bucket

##### Individual Winners

- Ada County Highway District: Dump Bed with Secure Tool Mounts, Bruce Adams
- City of Moscow: Inland NW Streets Maintenance Co-op, Tyler Palmer

##### Spotlight Winners

- City of Blackfoot: Scrap Snow Groomer
- City of Twin Falls: Paver Pan



**T2 Center**  
Taught 130 Courses  
Filling 2,200 Seats

