

Idaho Transportation Department Research Program

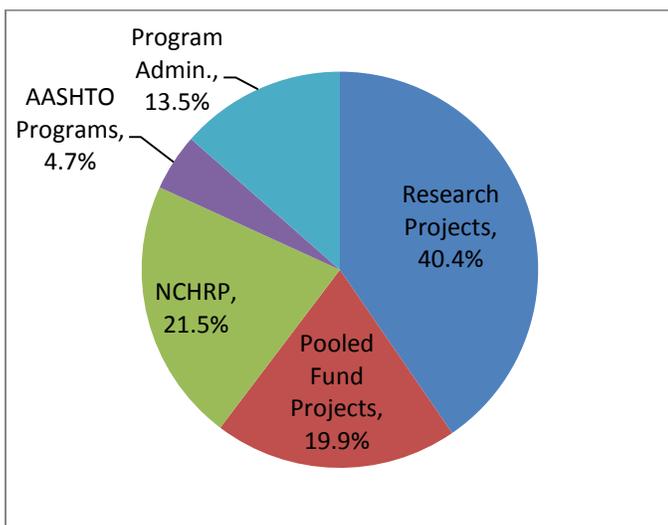
❖ Who We Are

The Idaho Transportation Department's Research Program is located within the Division of Engineering Services. The program coordinates and supports research, development and technology transfer activities addressing ITD's strategic goals and initiatives. The Research Program enhances ITD's ability to deliver efficient and effective transportation services by offering practical solutions to problems facing the Department. Through development and implementation of new tools, technologies and practices, the Research Program is supporting ITD's quest to be the best.

❖ How We Are Funded

ITD Research Program is funded primarily with federal State Planning and Research (SPR) dollars and the required state matching funds. State dedicated funds and funds from other sources, such as Highway Safety Flex Funds, are used as needed for projects.

For FY15, the Research Program budget totals almost \$1.4 million. Program funding is allocated as illustrated below.



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Boise, Idaho

❖ What We Do

Research Program staff oversee research, development and technology transfer efforts supported with SPR funds. This work includes:

- Identifying department research needs and priorities
- Project selection
- Contract development and management
- Research project management
- Facilitating implementation of research results

We also coordinate ITD's involvement in national and regional transportation research efforts including:

- Multi-state "pooled fund" studies in which the department and other state DOTs share resources to address common research needs
- National research programs, like the National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP)
- PacTrans, a collaborative regional university transportation center that serves the Pacific Northwest

Program staff manage the department's transportation library, which includes research reports from past ITD studies, as well as from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Transportation Research Board (TRB) and other state DOTs. Information about library holdings is available from our web-based library catalog (<http://207.67.203.81/I90013Staff/OPAC/>). The

Resource Center Librarian regularly distributes information about new research reports, upcoming webinars and planned conferences to department staff. In addition, the librarian and other program staff conduct literature searches for researchers and ITD staff.

The Research Program coordinates the development of ITD's annual SPR work program, which outlines planning and research activities scheduled for the coming year. We also compile an annual report of agency accomplishments with SPR funds.

❖ Staff

ITD's Research Program consists of two full-time and one part-time staff, including a Research Program Manager, Senior Research Analyst/Librarian and Research Administrative Assistant.

The department's Research Advisory Council (RAC) reviews research and pooled fund requests submitted by department staff and sets project funding priorities. The council includes members of the department's Executive Team, and representatives various department divisions/districts.

ITD staff members from a variety of program areas and districts serve as project managers and technical advisory committee members, helping to guide research projects and facilitate implementation.

❖ External Partners

Program staff work closely with the FHWA's Idaho Division Office. We meet with our key research contact on a bi-monthly basis. In addition, FHWA staff members serve as advisors for each research project.

ITD's Research Program also has formal partnerships with Boise State University, Idaho State University, and the University of Idaho with its National Institute for Advanced Transportation Technologies (NIATT). Much of the research supported through ITD's Research Program is done by our partners at these universities. We also contract with universities in other states and with private consultants when appropriate.

We work collaboratively with other state DOTs, and are actively involved in the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' Research Advisory Committee.

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