

Board Report

September 2018

Thank you Chairman Whitehead.

And good morning members of the Idaho Transportation Board.

On August 29th, Brandye Hendrickson, Acting Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, presented the Idaho Transportation Department with a check for \$90.2 million dollars at a ceremony in Nampa.

This was a grant from the federal **Infrastructure for Rebuilding America Program**.

Governor Otter and several local officials attended the event, as you will see in these two videos.

I have completed most of the 2018 Director Visits with employees.

I visited with the employees in District 6 in July.

In August I visited with the Headquarters Administration employees.

Next week I will visit District 3.

And on September 28 I will visit with employees at headquarters, which will complete all of my Director visits for the year.

On August 21st the department hosted the second meeting of the Governor's Autonomous and Connected Vehicle Testing and Deployment Committee.

The meeting was held at the District 3 office in Garden City.

In addition to presentations on cybersecurity, infrastructure needs, safety, testing, and certification, the committee members also viewed the following video.

The Office of Communication produced it to show some of the automated-vehicle technology that is already in use.

The committee's next meeting is scheduled in October.

The Governor's Executive Order requires the committee to submit its first report to his office by November 1.

Many of the recommendations the committee will make in that report will address ways to protect the safety of the traveling public.

Which will be a crucial part of testing and deploying automated and connected vehicles in Idaho.

As you saw in the video, the future of automated travel is coming quickly.

And we are working to make sure Idaho will be ready.

On August 30, the department took a major step forward in protecting the safety of our employees.

It was an important day for the department.

And we coordinated an exciting statewide event.

So everyone at ITD could make the switch from orange to yellow safety vests at the same time.

As you can see, the last four weeks have been filled with good news and exciting activities.

But before I close this month's Director's Report, I have one more item to share.

Chief Deputy Scott Stokes has been a champion for Safety since his first days at the department as a young engineer.

During his entire career at ITD he has been a tireless advocate for highway safety.

One of Scott's major interests is understanding how engineering and operating decisions influence driver behavior.

And how driver behavior should influence engineering and operations.

His efforts to improve highway safety gained national attention, and I am proud, and pleased, to report that the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators has presented Chief Deputy Stokes with the **2018 AAMVA Lifetime achievement award**.

This is a very special and well-deserved honor.

So much so that it prompted some of the people who have worked on safety issues with Scott over the decades to step in front of the camera to say a few words.

AAMVA presented the award during their annual conference on August 23rd in Philadelphia.

Please join me in congratulating Chief Deputy Scott Stokes for a lifetime of outstanding advocacy for highway safety.

Mr. Chairman and members of the board.

This concludes my August Director's Report.

It is now my distinct pleasure to introduce Chief Deputy...

... and winner of the 2018 AAMVA Lifetime Achievement Award, Scott Stokes.