Meeting Date: August 22, 2019

Consent Item: [ ] Information Item [ ]

Amount of Presentation Time Needed: 10 minutes

**Subject**

Local Rural Highway Investment Program- Proposed Changes

**Background Information**

Annually, the Idaho Transportation Department exchanges Local Federal-Aid Surface Transportation Program Rural apportionments for State Highway Account dollars. The local apportionments are provided to the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) for utilization under the Local Rural Highway Investment Program (LRHIP). The Local Rural Highway Investment Program accomplishments are presented to the Idaho Transportation Board, early in the calendar year, annually. The program is outlined in policies 4030/5030 Surface Transportation Program Rural (STPR) Exchange Program (attached).

The rate of exchange hasn’t been updated in many years. Recently, LHTAC requested that the Department consider two changes: 1) a rate change from .6167 to .80 and 2) a federal cap increase from $4,540,295 to $5,000,000. The Department has evaluated this request along with other scenarios and assessed impacts to LHTAC as well as the Department for each option as shown in the table below:

Following evaluation, the Department recommends Option D would be in the best interest of the Department and our partners, the local highway jurisdictions. These changes reflect the current environment while providing added flexibility, in the areas of project planning, match use and standards.

**Recommendations**