



HIGHWAY SAFETY FUNDS

Federal-Aid

Each year, Federal Highway Safety Funds are distributed to the State of Idaho Transportation Department. The Chief Engineer is authorized to approve the dispersal of these funds to various projects and programs throughout the department, per certain criteria and restrictions. Highway Safety Funds allotted to the State of Idaho shall be allocated to projects based on prioritized needs determined by the following criteria:

PROGRAMS	JURISDICTION	SYSTEMS	PRIORITY CRITERIA
Bridge * Replacement and Rehabilitation	State or Local	All Public Roads or Streets	Projects are selected statewide based on FHWA Sufficiency Ratings. Bridges with Sufficiency Ratings of 50 or below are eligible for replacement. Those with Sufficiency Ratings of less than 80 are eligible for rehabilitation.
Hazard Elimination	State or Local	All Public Roads or Streets	Projects are selected statewide based on potential for accident reduction measured by: 1. Number of Accidents 2. Safety Benefit/Cost Ratio 3. Accident Rates 4. Site Studies to Verify Need
Rail-Highway Crossings **	State or Local	All Public Roads or Streets	Projects are selected statewide based on Priority Index Formula (FHWA approved).

* 35% of the Bridge funds allocated to Idaho shall be available for local projects; a minimum of 15% must be expended off-system. Over the Highway Development Program period, the goal will be to expend 15% to 20% on local on-system projects.

** Surface improvements shall be funded only as part of another improvement, e.g., road or rail construction, or major profile change in grade crossing.

District Engineers shall recommend state bridge replacement project priorities and shall coordinate with local officials in recommending local bridge replacement priorities.

Hazard Elimination and Rail-Highway Crossing project priorities shall be developed by District Engineers in coordination with local officials and, when appropriate, with the Traffic Supervisor and the Highway Program Manager.

Use of local government forces for construction of highway safety improvement projects may be found to be in the public interest. The decision to allow use of local forces will be made on a project-by-project basis.

State-funded

Each year, State Railroad Grade Crossing Protection Funds are distributed to the Idaho Transportation Department in the amount of \$250,000. The Chief Engineer is authorized to approve dispersal of these funds for various projects based on certain criteria. These include but are not limited to: warning projects; including advanced railroad signing, cross bucks, signals, and railroad inventories. This also includes education grants to rail-highway safety education organizations not to exceed \$25,000 annually and other related safety improvements.

A priority listing, based on the following criteria, will be developed and used as a guide in selection of projects to be funded: **Existing Protection, Average Daily Traffic, Number of Trains per Day, Number of Tracks per Crossing, Through Night Trains, Sight Restrictions, Number of Accidents.**

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This policy based on:

- Section 40-310, 312, 314, 317, 320 and 62-301, 303, 305, 306 and 307, Idaho Code
- Title 23, Sections 130, 144 and 152, USC, amended by the Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1987
- Board Policy B-19-07, HIGHWAY SAFETY FUNDS
- Decision by the Department Director

Department-wide supervision and coordination assigned to:

- Chief Engineer, and Assistant Chief Engineer (Operations) Assistant Chief Engineer (Design)

Direction for activity and results assigned to:

- Traffic Supervisor, District Engineers and the Highway Program Manager

Department procedures contained in:

- FHWA Program Manuals 6-8-2-1, 8-2-1, 6-6-2-3, 6-7-4-1 and 8-2-3-7
- Idaho Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)
- Traffic Manual, Chapter 12-105.01 and .02

Former dates of A-19-07:

7/16/85, 10/27/88, 3/31/89 (combined with rescinded A-19-06), 5/11/89, and 3/12/90

Cross-reference to related Administrative Policies:

- A-04-06, USE OF STATE FORCES ON BETTERMENT PROJECTS
- A-06-28, AUTHORITY FOR PROJECT EXPENDITURES
- A-11-01, HIGHWAY PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT
- A-12-16, TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES
- A-14-01, DAMAGED OR OBSOLETE RAILROAD CROSSING SIGNALS AND GATES
- A-19-01, FINANCING CONSTRUCTION OF STATE HIGHWAYS IN CITIES
- A-19-05, LOCAL FEDERAL-AID FUNDS
- A-19-08, LOCAL BRIDGE INSPECTION FUNDS