



TRUCKING ADVISORY COUNCIL (TAC)

Purpose

This policy implements Board Policy 4042 concerning the activities of the Trucking Advisory Council.

Legal Authority

Idaho Code 40-307 – For the administration of their function, the Board may employ such persons as are deemed necessary.

Idaho Code 40-314(3) – Authority of Board to exercise powers necessary to implement the provisions of Title 40.

Coordination/Communication with the Board

Idaho Code authorizes the Idaho Transportation Board to establish internal structures deemed necessary for the administration of its duties. Under this authority, the Idaho Transportation Board utilizes the Trucking Advisory Council (TAC) to assist and advise the Board on issues of safety, mobility, and economic vitality.

The Trucking Advisory Council shall advise the Board on issues and policies concerning freight transportation, trucking safety, and services in Idaho. Such advice shall include laws, rules, regulations, policies, and procedures affecting motor carrier operations within the State of Idaho. The TAC shall provide leadership, recommend law, administrative rule, and/or procedural changes to improve customer service, promote safe trucking practices, identify transportation needs, recommend highway safety improvements, and promote coordinated freight transportation systems.

Proposals for recommended legislation shall be prepared and submitted to the Board, within the Department's schedules. Pending Board approval, such proposals may be included in the Department's legislative package.

Bylaws of the TAC outlining procedures and meeting attendance guidelines shall be drafted by the members and submitted to the Transportation Board for approval within six months of the first meeting.

The TAC shall develop partnerships and coordination efforts with the Idaho State Police, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, State Tax Commission, statewide trucking organizations, other organizations with trucking members and interests, and safety coalitions.

The Department's Division of Motor Vehicles shall provide administrative support to the TAC. At least once a year, the TAC shall formally present to the Board an update/report on TAC recommendations, activities, goals, and objectives.

TAC Membership

The Board shall appoint seven members - one member for each of the six Transportation Department districts plus one member to serve as Chair for an initial three year term. After this initial appointment expires, the subsequent Chair shall be elected by the six remaining Council members to a three year term. The Board shall then appoint a replacement Council member from the elected Chair's district, so that the Council has full representation for each of the six districts.

The Board shall appoint TAC members from recommendations submitted by the Motor Vehicle Administrator in consultation with the trucking industry. The Motor Vehicle Administrator shall solicit and accept recommendations from the general trucking industry as well as statewide trucking organizations, organizations with trucking members and interests, and safety coalitions.

Each member shall serve a three-year term, except that the initial appointment may be for one to three years, structured to allow two members to be appointed or reappointed each year. All appointments shall expire on December 31, after their respective one- two- or three-year appointment. The TAC shall meet a minimum of two times per year, with additional meetings as needed. The members shall be reimbursed for attending the TAC meetings according to the provisions of Section 59-509 (m), Idaho Code. The TAC members shall also be reimbursed by the Department for travel and expenses according to the limits specified in Section 67-2008, I.C.

Signed _____
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Director

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