



## **TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) is to preserve and create in Idaho more livable communities where roads blend with and preserve the natural, social, and cultural environment, by providing for a variety of alternative transportation projects through current or successive federal highway acts.

### **Legal Authority**

- Idaho Code 40-312(2) – Authority of Board to promulgate rules for the expenditure of all moneys appropriated or allocated by law to the Department or the Board.
- Idaho Code 40-317 – Authority to enter into cooperative agreements with the federal government and local governments.
- Idaho Code 40-702(5) - Establishment of the state highway account to include all federal surface transportation funds received from the United States government.

### **Programming of Projects**

The Director or delegate shall determine the eligible project types for the annual program and outline the percentage of funding spent on each. The project types will be determined based on historical project types representing the highest demand of alternative transportation needs.

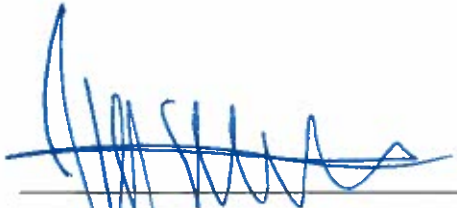
Projects will be selected on a competitive statewide application process and evaluated for feasibility and federal eligibility by a recommendation committee made up of relevant expertise and local agency representation.

### **Program Management**

The Director or delegate shall coordinate with the districts, recommendation committee and the sponsoring agencies, when advancing and delaying projects based on project readiness. Delays and advances must conform to the available funding for a given year and will be approved by the Idaho Transportation Board.

Every effort will be made to expend TAP funds in the program, but in the event that there are unused funds in a single fiscal year, unused funds may be transferred to other eligible programs. Transfers shall not exceed allotted limits set by federal regulation. A prioritized process will be developed to use the obligation authority associated with unused TAP funds, placing an

emphasis on TAP projects where possible. All obligations of unused TAP funds are to be completed prior to August 1<sup>st</sup> of the given fiscal year.



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Jerry Whitehead  
Board Chairman

Approved by the Board on:

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