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BOARD POLICY 4030
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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT RURAL (STBGR) EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to authorize the Director to exchange Local Federal-Aid Surface Transportation Program Rural apportionments for State Highway Account monies and to establish a Local Rural Highway Investment Program for programming these funds.

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.

The Director is authorized to exchange Local apportionments of Federal-Aid Surface Transportation Block Grant Rural (STBGR) apportionments for State Highway Account dollars. This exchange will provide the opportunity for small cities, counties and highways districts to improve their level of investment in their public highway and street infrastructure under the Local Rural Highway Investment Program (LRHIP) as established below.

All Federal-Aid STBGR apportionments exchanged by the Idaho Transportation Department for State Highway Account dollars shall be used on State Highway construction projects. All State Highway Account dollars exchanged for STBGR apportionments shall be provided to the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) for use under the LRHIP.

Effective Federal Fiscal Year 2021, October 1, 2020, the maximum STBGR apportionments exchanged will be limited to \$ 5,000,000 after reductions for any Federal obligation authority limits applied to STBGR apportionments. The rate of exchange shall be .80 State Highway Account dollars for each STBGR apportionment dollar. Not more than \$ 4,000,000 is annually available for exchange from the State Highway Account. Annually, an exchange agreement shall be executed with the LHTAC wherein LHTAC may request the amount of STBGR apportionments to be exchanged subject to the above maximum limit.

There is hereby established a Local Rural Highway Investment Program governing the use of State Highway Account dollars exchanged under this policy. The Director is authorized to establish such administrative policies as necessary to enable the administration of the Program by LHTAC. The following minimum criteria are to be applied in the use of the pool of State Highway Account dollars provided under the Local Rural Highway Investment Program:

- Projects funded must be on a rural public highway outside urban areas with populations of 5000 or greater.
- The local highway jurisdiction must be assessing property taxes, or using a substitute property tax (forest funds, sales tax, payment in lieu of taxes, etc.), for funding roads and bridges.

All funds expended shall be done so in accordance with the State of Idaho Procurement Laws

The continuation of this policy is contingent upon the continued availability of federal funding. This policy is subject to review by the Idaho Transportation Board in the event of changes in state or federal funding or related funding requirements.

Approved by the Board on:



Date 4-16-2020

Bill Moad
Board Chairman