

Upcoming Events & Alerts

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Funds Available for Biking and Walking (Applications due December 1, 2017)

- The Idaho Transportation Department is soliciting applications for walking and biking projects to be funded with nearly \$8 million available through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). Eligible projects include on and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, those that improve access to public transportation, and Safe-Routes-To-School.
- Eligibility is contingent on a project sponsor's cash-only match of 7.34%, right-of-way availability and environmental requirements that do not exceed certain thresholds.
- More information and the application form can be accessed at <http://itd.idaho.gov/alt-programs>. The application is due December 1st.

Child Pedestrian Safety Program (Applications due December 21, 2017)

- The Idaho Transportation Department and the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) are jointly soliciting applications for this program funded with \$2 million from Idaho House Bill 334. Local agencies can apply for funds up to \$250 thousand to "maintain" existing pedestrian facilities or those adjacent to an existing roadway. Projects should be targeted to a 60% share from the state program funds and 40% from local sources.
- Eligible use of the funds includes only the purchase of material and the cost of hiring a contractor.
- Projects need to be "bid-ready" within 90 days of award and completed prior to the winter of 2018.
- More information can be found at <http://idahowalkbike.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Children-Pedestrian-Program-Guidance-for-2018-August.pdf> with the application due December 21st.

Youth Service and Conservation Corps Workforce Development (Applications due January 8, 2018)

- The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is offering grants up to \$300,000 to assist States and regional transportation planning agencies to enter into contracts and agreements with qualified youth service or conservation corps to perform projects eligible under the FHWA. Cost sharing or match will not be required but it is encouraged.
- This grant opportunity is funded using monies from the Recreational Trails Program. Eligible applicants include government agencies, institutions of higher learning, and non-profit organizations.
- Applications are due Jan. 8, 2018. The funding opportunity number is 693JJ318NF00005.

National Trail System Information, Corridor Protection, and Training

- The Federal Highway System under the Recreational Trails System is providing \$200,000 to government agencies, institutions of higher learning and non-profit organizations to provide National Trail System information, Corridor Protection and Training to build capacity to better administer, manage and sustain National Trails, Scenic and Historic.
- Applications are due January 9, 2018. The funding opportunity number is 693JJ318NF00006.

Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health Grants (Proposals due January 12, 2018)

- The Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health's Employee Community Giving Fund is soliciting proposals to support several funding areas including Senior Health. In this area, grants up to \$40,000 would support promotion of active seniors, access to care through innovative transportation. Funding priorities included walkability improvements, innovative transportation models and social interaction through physical activity.
- Proposals and projects should focus on innovative transformational solutions that address system and environmental changes plus they must be sustainable after the grant funds have been used. They must also be catalytic, i.e., help launch or pilot solutions, and collaborative working with other individuals, organizations, industries or communities.
- More information can be found at <https://bcidahofoundation.org/employeefund> Proposals are due January 12th, 2018.

Pioneer Fire Salvage Logging along Hwy-21 from Idaho City to Lowman

- The Boise National Forest will be removing hazardous trees along travel routes and salvaging additional trees away from the roads until the fall of 2018. The project extends from Mores Creek Summit north of Idaho City to approximately 6 miles south of Lowman. Over the course of the project, thousands of logging trucks will be traveling on Hwy-21 on their way to lumber mills in the region.
- Tree removal within 200 feet of Hwy-21 will necessitate temporary road and lane closures for public safety, the loading of logs onto trucks, and clean-up activities.
- No work or loaded truck travel will occur on weekends and holidays on the highway. However, some hauling on Forest Service roads is to be expected. Debris should be expected on the road, though, at any time during the project.
- Given the narrow, curvy, mountainous nature of this road, the Idaho Transportation Department is strongly discouraging the use of bicycles on Hwy-21 between Idaho City and Lowman during this project due to the potential conflicts with logging trucks and/or the presence of debris on the roadway.

Bike Travel Weekend (June 1-3, 2018)

- Bike Travel Weekend is scheduled from Friday, June 1st through Sunday, June 3rd of 2018. The event will provide inspiration and support for people to bike to an overnight location. More information and registration can be found at <https://www.adventurecycling.org/resources/bike-travel-weekend/>

2018 Idaho Based Bike Tours from the Adventure Cycling Association (www.adventurecycling.org/toursbook)

- Selkirk Splendor (Self Contained, July 7-17): Sandpoint to British Columbia to Washington to Newport to Sandpoint)
- Idaho Trails Relaxed (Fully Supported, July 8-13): The Route of the Hiawatha to The Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes to Plummer.
- Family Fun, Idaho Trails (Fully Supported, July 15-20): The Route of the Hiawatha to The Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes to Plummer.
- Idaho Trails (Inn to Inn, Sept. 9-15): The Route of the Hiawatha to the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes to Plummer.