

Idaho Public Transportation Plan

Potential Issue Paper Topics (up to five papers)

Performance Measures

Review of how other states use performance measures to work toward effective and efficient public transportation services and/or make funding decisions

Service Standards and Guidelines

Review of standards for level and type of service used in other states to guide investment in public transportation services

Equity

Discuss how transportation equity can be measured as “horizontal” equity (i.e. does service and resource distribution roughly reflect the distribution of population around the state) or as “vertical” equity (i.e. does distribution of service and resources compensate for inequities in income, mobility and need.) Primarily look at the amount and distribution of funding for transit with regard to both total population and transportation disadvantaged groups.

Private Sector Roles

Review of role that private sector plays in public transportation in other states.

Technology

Discuss how rapid technology changes would be addressed in the statewide plan. Describe current and emerging uses of technology applicable to public transportation that have the potential to increase productivity and access (efficient and cheaper/easier to use). Identify specific or classes of technologies that have the potential to be “game-changers” in the future. Another idea for this paper is to identify improvements in highway analytics and other non-transit technologies that may affect/improve the operations of transit on the roadway system to improve safety, security operations, and other purposes, rather than focusing on transit technologies.

Other topics that arise to support decisions regarding policies or content of IPTP.