



Interagency Working Group (IWG) Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2024, 1:00 pm MT/12:00 pm PT
Idaho Transportation Department, Conference Room: ONLINE ONLY

Chair: Skyler Beebe
Vice Chair: Amanda Ames

- I. Call to Order (Chair)
- II. Roll Call (Chair)

IWG Representatives	
Skyler Beebe, Chair	Community Transportation Association of Idaho
Janet Miller	Idaho Commission on Aging
Richelle Tierney	Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities
Dan Mallory	Idaho Department of Health & Welfare, Division of Medicaid
Terry Gammel	Idaho Department of Labor
Heather Haugen	Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Ron Duran	Idaho Transportation Department, Public Transportation Office
Amanda Ames, Vice Chair	Idaho Workforce Development Council
Ex-Officios	
Jerry Miller	Idaho Department of Commerce
Kevin Wallior	Idaho Veterans Services
Wenonah Holt	Nez Perce Tribe
Additional Attendees	
Ben Schumacker	Idaho Transportation Department, Public Transportation Office
Connie Edwards	Idaho Transportation Department, Public Transportation Office
Sam Carroll	Idaho Transportation Department, Public Transportation Office
Shauna Miller	Idaho Transportation Department, Public Transportation Office
Mollie McCarty	Idaho Transportation Department
Colleen Rosson	Shoshone County
Terri Lindenberg	Treasure Valley Transit & CTAI
Kade Marquez	GIFT
Lila Klopfenstein	COMPASS
Wally Morgus	MRTA
Kim MacPherson	MRTA
Nicole Stern	ACHD Commuteride
Donna Griffin	SPOT Bus

- III. Approval of Minutes (Chair) Vote – Approved
 - Member Ames motioned to approve, Member Gammel seconded



- IV. Public Comment – None
- V. Safety Share (ITD-Miller) – Distracted Driving/Engaged Driving
- VI. PT Office Update (ITD-Duran)
 - Focus on Congressional and One-Time Application cycle
 - District 4 Updates
 - Changes to being an urbanized area
 - Magic Valley MPO
 - Identifying needs in Twin Falls
 - Safety initiative with the Department of Health & Welfare
 - 2024 Public Transportation Summit
- VII. IWG 2023-2025 Goal Review (Chair) – No Changes
- VIII. Vice Chair Election (Chair) Vote – Approved
 - Member Duran nominated Member Ames, Member Ames accepted
 - Member Duran motioned to approve, Member Miller seconded
- IX. Annual Charter Review (Chair) – No Changes
- X. Agency Initiatives/Projects – Informational Only
 - Community Transportation Association of Idaho (S. Beebe) – We have been working as a group with multiple different public transit agencies and other groups across the state. It has been a great opportunity to come together and learn each other's needs. In coordination with ITD-PT on the 2024 Public Transportation Summit that's coming up and the committee that is working to kind of steer that in the directions that we go. If you haven't had the chance and opportunity to attend, I think this year will be a great time and opportunity to attend and really come together to identify needs and find strength in each other as we work towards strengthening the state of Idaho.



- Idaho Commission on Aging (J. Miller) – We are running a pilot in our Area I for consumer directed transportation. Where people can select their own transit provider. We are hoping that someone in this group can help with potential additional funding sources.
- Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities (R. Tierney) – We are currently doing a few of our advocacy and outreach programs. Partners in Policy Program that is advocacy, education and information for family members and adults with disabilities and what's unique about this particular session is it's all and a Spanish and so geared towards the Spanish speaking populations. Coordinating with the Utah DD Council as well. Direct care workforce crisis in Idaho. Legislative session work as well.
- Idaho Department of Health & Welfare, Division of Medicaid (D. Mallory) – Not much has changed since our last meeting. The new contract that was issued to MTM for NEMT did go live in September. There weren't really a whole lot of changes fundamentally. Working on onboarding technological changes and enhancements that benefit all stakeholders. As part of our policies, we expanded from 100 to 200 miles for what is considered long distance travel. We also implemented a review process in seeking to make transportation safer and more reliable for our minors under 14. Dave Welsh left the department at the end of December.
- Idaho Department of Labor (T. Gammel) – No updates at this time.
- Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (H. Haugen) – No updates at this time. Continue to provide services on an individualized basis.
- Idaho Workforce Development Council (A. Ames) – Updating our state plan for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Transportation is very much a workforce issue. So that involves going around the state for some listening sessions and hearing what the needs are statewide for workforce training, transportation etc. Waiting on some legislation to move forward.



- Idaho Department of Commerce (J. Miller) – We are going through an agency reorganization. We're taking our International Team and our Business Retention and Expansion Team and merging them into a Business Services Team. This will be more industry focus than regionally focused as we have been in the past and then I'm currently heading up an effort within commerce to create a Rule services team. Our primary mission will be to help administer some of the programs here at commerce that are directly related to rural communities like our Idaho Gem grant program and our role Idaho economic Development Professionals program. Provided that some legislation before the House passes, Commerce will also be taking on a bigger role and will be the home for the Idaho Rule Partnership.

Third annual Idaho Rule Success Summit: <https://ruralsummit.idaho.gov/>

May 1-2, 2024

Shoshone Bannock Hotel & Event Center, Fort Hall, ID

This will be a collection of agency folks, both state and federal, as well as local elected officials and other stakeholders that have an interest in what's happening in rural Idaho. We're going to have some great speakers come in from the outside, from the Federal Reserve, from DC, from USDA Rural development and from the Small Business Administration. Great opportunity to get your messages and your words out in front of a rural constituency. We still have some booth spaces available, so if you just click on that link that it posted in the chat, that will direct you to. If you want to sign up for the conference, or if you want a booth, or if you want to sponsor a table, all that information is there. We hope to bring next year's conference in 2025 up to somewhere in either North, Central or North Idaho. So our plan is just to kind of move this around on an annual basis and try to reach as many, many corners of the state as we can.

I had the opportunity of meeting with the new state director for USDA Rural Development, Dick Rush, who is no stranger to state government. He was the director for the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, previously was the State Director for the USDA Farm Service Administration. He has a big interest in rural capacity and partnering with agencies to see how we can help each other build capacity and rural areas and make our rural communities more competitive when it comes to competing for grant opportunities both at the state and at the



federal level and helping educate local elected officials on how they can do a better job of leveraging the limited resources that we have here in the state of Idaho and balancing grant opportunities for offered by different agencies off of each other. He is very interested in this topic and issue and has a lot of influence to help us leverage summer resources out of the Fed's for those types of activities.

We've been helping a couple communities apply for some federal funding through the RAISE Grant Program. Specifically, I've been working with the City of Payette for probably a good chunk of better part of a year to help them get some capital dollars to help implement a downtown revitalization plan that we help them put together. We are waiting to see the outcome of that. If that seems to work out well for us, then that will give us a model we can take to other real communities that are looking to do similar downtown revitalization projects.

- Idaho Veterans Services (K. Wallior) – no updates at this time
- Nez Perce Tribe (W. Holt) – our highway project is underway. Looking good, lot of working going on down there. We are operating full service. Short on staff. It has become difficult with FMCSA ELDT requirements. Class B CDL with passenger endorsement requirements. Hired a new office specialist who is helping performance reporting requirements.

XI. Next Meeting Agenda Review (Chair)

- Goal Review
- 2024 Public Transportation Summit
- Human Trafficking Refresher Training

XII. New & Future Business (Chair)

XIII. Adjourn (Chair)

- Member Ames motioned to adjourn, Member Mallory seconded