



Interagency Working Group (IWG) Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2025, 1:00 pm MT/12:00 pm PT
Idaho Transportation Department
Conference Room: Teton Conference Room

Chair: Amanda Ames
Vice Chair: Skyler Beebe

1. Call to Order (Chair)
2. Roll Call (Chair)

| IWG Representatives | |
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| Skyler Beebe | Community Transportation Association of Idaho |
| Janet Miller | Idaho Commission on Aging |
| Ali Stolzman | Idaho Department of Education |
| Dan Mallory | Idaho Department of Health & Welfare, Division of Medicaid |
| Heather Haugen | Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation |
| Ron Duran | Idaho Transportation Department, Public Transportation Office |
| Amanda Ames | Idaho Workforce Development Council |
| Ex-Officios | |
| Jerry Miller | Idaho Department of Commerce |
| Additional Attendees | |
| Ben Schumacker | Idaho Transportation Department, Public Transportation Office |
| Connie Edwards | Idaho Transportation Department, Public Transportation Office |
| John Suess | Idaho Transportation Department, Public Transportation Office |
| Melinda McAlister | Idaho Transportation Department, Public Transportation Office |
| Shauna Miller | Idaho Transportation Department, Public Transportation Office |
| Amy Schroeder | Idaho Transportation Department |
| Dan McElhinney | Idaho Transportation Department |
| Mollie McCarty | Idaho Transportation Department |
| Grant Pelly | ACHD Commuteride |
| Lila Klopfenstein | COMPASS |
| Kade Marquez | GIFT |
| Jules Belyea | Idaho Department of Commerce |
| Chris Usher | Lewiston Transit |
| Suzanne Seigneur | Lewiston Transit |
| Terri Lindenberg | Treasure Valley Transit |



3. Approval of Minutes (Chair) Vote – Approved
 - Member Beebe motioned to approve, Member Miller seconded
4. Safety Share (ITD-Miller) – Red Light Safety
5. PT Office Update (ITD-Duran)
 - Staffing Update
 - Transit Day at the Capitol
6. 2025 Meeting Change (ITD-Miller) Vote – Approved
 - Member Beebe motioned to approve, Member Duran seconded.
 - September meeting date changed from 09/09 to 09/16
7. IWG 2023-2025 Goal Review (Chair) – No Changes
8. IWG 2026-2028 Goal Workshop (Chair)
 - 2023-2025 Goals
 - i. Goal 1: Broaden representation for all districts and continue to explore participation of additional State agencies.
 - ii. Goal 2: Identify opportunities to bridge funding gaps by sharing projects with the group.
 - iii. Goal 3: Identify transportation barriers and establish actionable items that the group can do to aid in overcoming those barriers.
 - Proposal to keep all previous goals but include more specific deliverables/actions
 - Goal 1 Discussion:
 - i. Expand representation without adding more members
 - Have a representative agency present at each meeting to educate everyone on their particular programs to identify opportunities to bridge gaps. Also, potential to identify areas of new matching funds.
 - Move from high level overview of goals into a more discussion



9. Agency Initiatives/Projects – Informational Only

- Community Transportation Association of Idaho (S. Beebe) – Transit Day at the Capitol our feedback was it was a very good meeting. We had Legislators attend. Suzanne, was one of the presenters. It was a great meeting. I think there was a lot of great education that happened. If you would like to have one of the booklets you go to our website. You can also view the recording of the meeting. There's materials and some of the presentations that were given. I think it touched on a lot of really good things for advocating for public transit and the mobility needs that we have across the state, which is in pretty dire straits in some circumstances, of the needs of community members. Hopefully this will be an annual meeting going forward.
- Idaho Department of Education (A. Stolzman) – We have proposed transportation legislation that we're tirelessly working on to get to the House Floor. Besides financial implications to reimbursement for local education agencies the transportation piece revised in the use of what is typically considered non-conforming vehicles, which is your white fleet, your small transit vans and activity vehicles. Proposed legislation to incorporate training for those drivers. Currently LEAs can't put anybody behind the wheel of those vehicles and transport students to any activity, whether it's academically related or athletically related. We're asking for Idaho Code to have standards in place in order to assure that we're transporting those students in the safest way possible, which is driver training, driver physicals, very similar to what you see with CDL holders, just without the CDL requirement. The other project we have coming up is on April 8th. We're running a Statewide Stop Arm Violation Day where bus drivers will, from that one day, report to the State any stop arm violations that happen. The data is submitted to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for a national survey collection. And so we'll be educating everyone on what they're looking for on that day and how to collect that data.
- Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (H. Haugen) – Our agency remains in an order of selection to new applicants for services. We do still have the availability to serve high school students under a different type of case than our traditional cases.



- Idaho Workforce Development Council (A. Ames) – We are keeping our eyes on legislation as well. Workforce Training Opportunities. Currently, the STEM Action Centre and the Workforce Development Council are merging. We will be starting that transition here over the next few months remaining two separate agencies under one umbrella under the Governor's Office. And incorporating more of those opportunities together to kind of expand our reach for workforce training and connecting education opportunities for individuals and employers statewide. We have a quarterly Council meeting tomorrow to discuss policy workforce training opportunities. Idaho launch is a big one for students and for adults, again moving through some of those in demand careers and where they align with the outlook for the State and industry.
- Idaho Department of Commerce (J. Miller) – The Idaho Rural Success Summit is April 30th through May 1st at the Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort and Hotel in Worley ID. This will be a gathering of rural service providers and real estate holders from across the State. We have some pretty exciting sessions planned for this event. Touching the areas of place making so you can't talk about place making without talking about mobility and public transportation. We're also going to have a session on pedestrian walkability and have some good ideas and best practices from other parts of the state to share as part of this. We're expecting about 300 in attendance. This is a great opportunity to make a lot of contacts in one place. Registration is open now. We still have a few booths left, so if that's something that you might be interested in, then please go to our website or reach out to me directly. The Idaho Rural Partnership is still alive. It's now housed within the Idaho Department of Commerce under the umbrella of my team, the rural services team. In the next, 6 months or so, we're looking to revive the Community Assessment Program. It'll be similar to the old community reviews, we're looking at doing them differently and a lot more economically. We also have a new Idaho Real Partnership page, up and running on the Commerce website under the Rural Services tab. There is a resource tab, if you're looking for funding opportunities or looking for partners in certain areas, there's a good chance if we've had an interaction with them and you'll find them there. In the data section we have posted a number of different free open source data sources that you can take a look at to see if there is data to help answer the questions that you need for your report or for your grant application.



10. Next Meeting Agenda Review (Chair)
 - 2026 – 2028 Goal Setting
 - 2025 Public Transportation Summit
 - Human Trafficking Refresher Training

11. Adjourn (Chair)