



Public Transportation Advisory Committee (PTAC) Application Form

Required for Submission

Please include the following information:

- Cover Letter
- Letters of recommendation and/or references
- Conflict of Interest Statement (attached)
- Resume that includes work experience, educational background, and any other relevant experience.

Contact Information

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Organization Affiliation (if any):

Name: Blaine County

Street Address: 201 S. 2nd Avenue #106 City/State/Zip: Hailey, ID 83333

District you are applying for:

District 1 ☐ District 2 ☐ District 3 ☐ District 4 ☒ District 5 ☒ District 6 ☐



Conflict of Interest

As a member of the Public Transportation Advisory Council (PTAC), you will be leading and participating in meetings and processes related to public transportation.

This PTAC function requires that you fully disclose any real or potential conflict of interest that may influence or appear to influence your objectivity, judgment, or decisions. Based on the specific detail of any possible conflict of interest, you may be asked to recuse yourself from elements of the evaluation and recommendation process. If at any point you determine that a conflict of interest may exist, it is your responsibility to notify the presiding PTAC chair to determine the most appropriate action.

Examples of a conflict of interest, or the appearance of a conflict of interest, exist when a council member:

- Is directly or indirectly associated with the project applicant.
- Is employed, working as an intern, or considered for employment by the project applicant.
- Is a student or volunteer with the project applicant?
- Is providing, or intends to provide, direct or in-kind financial assistance related to the applicant or project application.
- Is elected to, appointed to, or employed by an organization that is providing, or intends to provide, direct or in-kind financial assistance to an applicant or the project application.
- Is a member of a committee or board, voting or otherwise, of the project applicant?
- Participated in the preparation of a submitted project application.
- Maintains an ownership position of any type, including securities or other evidences of debt, with the project applicant.
- Has a personal relationship with someone who has an interest in the project application.

The above examples and are not intended as a complete list. If you have any questions concerning possible conflicts of interest, contact Public Transportation Program Manager prior to signing this form.

I have read and fully understand this *Conflict of Interest Statement (Attachment A)* and will immediately advise the presiding PTAC Chair or the Public Transportation Program Manager of any potential conflict during my term on the PTAC.

Andrew Mentzer

Print Name

Signature

01/31/2024

Date

ANDREW MENTZER, MPA

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Professional government and nonprofit administrator with considerable real-world experience in research, strategic planning, organizational assessment, budgeting, public policy, public relations, communications and working with and for numerous client and stakeholder types.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Policy development (city/county)
- Strategic communications
- Emergency mgmt. support (ESF-12)
- Public/nonprofit budgeting
- Strategic planning
 - Strategic assessment
 - Feasibility analysis
 - Implementation
- Survey research/data analysis
- Program development
- Partnership coordination
- Presenting to elected officials
- Technical writing
- Grant writing
- Administration/project management
- Legislative coordination

WORK EXPERIENCE

Sustainability Manager, Blaine County Government: May 2023 – present

Facilitates cross-departmental and cross-jurisdictional initiatives and planning associated with Sustainability.

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Day-to-day management of the Blaine County Recycle Center at Ohio Gulch
- Development of the Blaine County Climate Action Plan (adoption, Spring 2024)
- Successful 2024 Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) application
- Administration of successful Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant
- Administration of four local task forces related to Sustainability (stakeholder engagement)
- Administration of regional solid waste and recycling strategic initiatives
- Ketchum Sustainability Advisory Committee (KSAC) board member
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program micro-grid coordination with FEMA and national labs
- Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) coordination with state, local and federal partners
- Cross jurisdictional planning and energy code coordination
- Highway 75 coordination between agencies

Policy Consultant, Idaho Bureau of EMS and Preparedness: January 2023 – December 2023 (Contract)

12-month contract to assess the state of emergency medical services (EMS) in the state of Idaho. Worked alongside 5 other consultants—responsible for the North Central Area of Responsibility (AOR): Payette, Washington, Adams, Valley, Idaho, Lewis, and Nez Perce Counties. Developed project methodology and co-authored 846-page assessment for the Idaho EMS Bureau and Idaho State Legislature.

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Methodology development (January 2023)
- Survey development (February 2023)
- Site visits, environmental scan, and survey deployment (March-April 2023)
- Draft/revisions (May 2023)
- Final Report (December 2023) [Emergency Medical Services in Idaho Report](#)
- After Action Report (December 2023)

Policy Analyst, Idaho Governor's Office of Energy and Mineral Resources: February 2022 – March 2023

Technical expert on energy, climate, and mineral policy topics for the state of Idaho. Additional duties include performing FEMA ESF-12 emergency management support for fuels and energy, and NEPA certified project review (energy and minerals). Secondary roles include state and federal grant administration, policy development, energy sector workforce development coordination, strategic partnership/tribal and interagency coordination, coordination with the Idaho Land Board and Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, and coordination of Capitol for a Day.

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Built an inter-agency communications plan for NEPA project review
- Coordinated/co-authored an advanced energy workforce development framework for Idaho
- Authored Idaho's energy economic development framework
- Authored Idaho's Emergency Fuels framework
- Assisted with organizational chart updates, strategic partnerships and coalition building across the energy sector
- Idaho Fire Board delegate
- Project lead on statewide grid resilience task force and grant program

ON SABBATICAL 07/01/2021 - 02/01/2022

Executive Director, West Central Mountains Economic Development: September 2016 - June 2021

Administrator of day-to-day activities for a rural economic development nonprofit in McCall, Idaho and the surrounding region. Oversight of grants, partnerships, programs and projects, cradle to grave. Duties also included assisting clients with navigating Idaho Commerce's incentive programs, as well as administering various complex regional community development projects.

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Alongside city, county, state and chamber partners, management of a \$2 billion capital expenditure pipeline
- Part of the team that activated the Boise State University Community Impact Program (CIP), bringing undergraduate opportunities to the local community
- Expansive survey research and program development in housing, broadband, workforce development, early childhood industry sector development and rural business retention, alongside state agency staff
- Co-lead on establishment of Idaho's first Creative District
- Co-lead for the America's Best Communities competition, with a top 8 finish out of over 300 applicant communities nationally
- Wrote/administered over \$300,000 in state, federal and foundation grants for local projects
- Served as the conduit for regional strategic partnerships between the cities of Cascade, Donnelly, McCall and New Meadows
- Primary architect and author of Valley County's Singletrack Sidewalks pathways ordinance
- Administrator of the Payette River National Scenic Byway committee
- Designed and built out an industry leading website and resource portal that has been mirrored statewide

Apprenticeship Idaho Program Coordinator, College of Western Idaho: April 2017 - August 2018

Part time, grant funded program coordinator for the Workforce Development division's business partnership initiative. Assisted the Idaho Dept. of Labor and U.S. Dept. of Labor with setting up industry led registered apprenticeships and training programs throughout Southwest Idaho.

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Set up the statewide Kenworth Truck diesel technician apprenticeship program
- Set up the renovation technician apprenticeship for Restoration North
- Assisted leadership in the college's workforce development division with internal strategic planning and external partnership expansion for its technical advisory committees (TAC's) in plumbing, electrical and HVAC

Statewide Operations Manager, Idaho STAR Motorcycle Safety Program: June 2015 - August 2016

Managed 11 motorcycle training facilities and staff for Idaho's motorcycle licensure entity, a subsidiary of the College of Southern Idaho. Co-managed a part time staff of 64 and a full-time office staff of 3, plus assisted with program budgeting. I also ran all organizational marketing and public relations, and taught motorcycle safety classes on weekends as a licensed instructor.

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Established a new training facility in McCall, Idaho
- Assisted with master scheduling and converting legacy systems to paperless
- Daily administration of a substantial statewide training program with zero major loss or safety incidents
- Partnership development with Idaho Transportation Dept., other state training agencies and industry partners

Freelance Journalist, Boise Weekly: November 2010 - September 2018

Created print and digital content for the Boise Weekly, and regional syndicates. KEY

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Authored over 150 pieces
- Recipient of the 2012 Idaho Press Club recreation feature of the year award (1st place)

Account Coordinator, Stoltz Marketing Group: April 2014 - May 2015

Managed business and nonprofit accounts for an award-winning marketing and branding team, including creation/administration of project budgets, tracking of billable hours, and managing advertising performance metrics. Also performed public relations, copywriting, and social media management for numerous clients in healthcare, rec-tech, and manufacturing.

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Part of the creative/visioning team for myriad website, collateral, packaging, social media, guerilla, and print campaigns
- External marketing lead for the Boise Twilight Criterium
- Copywriting/editing lead for the 2015 Kryptek Outdoor Group national catalog
- Branding co-lead for the Discovery Center of Idaho's 2015 exhibition portfolio
- Managed social media for Blue Cross of Idaho

Idaho Global Entrepreneurial Mission (IGEM) Interim Project Analyst, Idaho Department of Commerce: December 2013 - April 2014

Administered the IGEM technology transfer program on an interim basis as a graduate (MPA) student after completing an internship with the Commerce Tourism Division. Assembled meeting agendas, reviewed grant applications, and worked closely with university and industry partners on funding timeframes and grant rubrics.

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Authored the annual report to the Idaho State Legislature
- Reviewed/processed over \$1 million in grant applications for projects ranging from veterinary prosthetics to agricultural logistics

Founder/Owner, Idahostel, LLC: January 2010 - September 2013

Founded and operated downtown Boise's first international traveler's hostel.

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Built a moderately successful business from scratch
- Made it into the black within 15 months of opening, despite the Great Recession
- Executed a year-long due diligence process and sold the business

Director of Real Estate Development, Whispering Hills Resort: June 2008 - December 2008

6-month contract position to stabilize, redevelop and make marketable a 5,200-acre property in Boone, North Carolina with 1,000,000sf of mixed use and residential space. Managed 6 staff and numerous construction subcontractors and consultants.

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Completed renovation of four multi-million-dollar view homes
- Completed construction of a private water treatment facility
- Completed renovation of one hotel and two restaurants
- Brought the property to market but the owner decided to retain the asset

Planner I/II, Ada County Highway District: October 2005 - August 2007

Performed staff level review and analysis of land development applications from Ada County and the cities of Boise, Garden City, Meridian, Kuna, Star and Eagle. Included right-of-way analysis and access analysis. Was eligible for Planner II status when I left this position for the private sector.

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Processed land use applications abutting over 30 miles of new development roads (policy implementation)
- Performed right-of-way and design analysis alongside other municipal and county planning jurisdictions

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Idaho Real Estate Commission license (current/inactive)
- Valley County Pathways board member (former)
- West Central Mountains Leadership Academy graduate and presenter (former)
- Idaho Knowledge Report contributor (2020)
- Idaho Community Foundation Southwest Regional Council member (former)
- FEMA ESF-12 (former)
- Shipley Group NEPA certification

EDUCATION

- Boise State University-PhD Public Policy & Administration (anticipated 2027)
- Boise State University-Master of Public Administration (2014)
- Boise State University-Graduate Cert. Community & Regional Planning (2007)
- Boise State University-Bachelor of Science, Political Science (2005)



Mountain Rides Transportation Authority
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January 30, 2024

Shauna Miller
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Re: Andrew Mentzer as District 4 Representative on the ITD's PTAC

Dear Shauna,

Please accept this letter supporting Andrew Mentzer's candidacy for District 4 Representative to the ITD's Public Transportation Advisory Council (PTAC). Mountain Rides strongly supports and endorses Andrew's candidacy and encourages you to view it favorably.

Andrew is Blaine County's Sustainability Manager. As such, he has spearheaded and engaged in a variety of important regional transportation-facing initiatives that are vital to the long-term functionality of Region 4's roadways and public transportation, including:

- Blaine County Regional Transportation Committee (BCRTC) member.
- LHTAC Thriving Communities participant (anticipated start, Fall 2024).
- Highway 75 coordination with ITD, municipalities, and Mountain Rides.
- Safe Streets for All (SS4A): Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) project lead, planning grant execution.
- Blaine County Sustainability Plan (Spring 2024; includes transportation programming).
- Region 4 Economic Development (RIVDA) Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) reviewer (2023).

Andrew brings significant expertise in strategic planning and implementation to the table and has a background in right-of-way administration at the local level. He has a good working relationship with our friends at LHTAC, our municipal partners, and our ITD District office. He is knowledgeable about public policy and grants, and brings a grounded, rational, and pragmatic thought process to his work. He is also completing his doctoral degree in public policy and administration through BSU – illuminating his enthusiasm and experience in policy research and technical writing.

Mountain Rides heartily supports Andrew's candidacy for District 4 Representative to PTAC. Public transit providers, the ITD, and grant programs will surely benefit from his engagement and counsel.

Thank you for your continuing and unwavering support for the sustainability and growth of public transportation, not only in District 4, but all across the State of Idaho.

Very truly yours,

Wally Morgus
Executive Director



BLAINE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

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Mandy Pomeroy
County Administrator

February 29, 2024

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RE: Andrew Mentzer Candidacy on PTAC, District 4

I am writing in support of Andrew Mentzer joining Idaho Transportation Department's Public Transportation Advisory Council (PTAC), Region 4. As Blaine County's Sustainability Manager, Andrew has spearheaded or participated in various important regional transportation-facing initiatives that are vital to the long-term functionality of Region 4's roadways. Some examples of these initiatives include the following:

- Blaine County Regional Transportation Committee (BCRTC) member.
- LHTAC Thriving Communities participant (anticipated start, Fall 2024).
- Highway 75 coordination with ITD, municipalities and Mountain Rides.
- Safe Streets for All (SS4A)—Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) project lead, planning grant execution.
- Blaine County Sustainability Plan (adoption, Spring 2024—including transportation programming elements).
- Region 4 Economic Development (RIVDA) Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) reviewer (2023).

Andrew brings significant expertise and experience in strategic planning and implementation to the table and has a background in right-of-way administration at the local level. He has developed strong working relationships with LHTAC, our municipal partners and our ITD District office. He is knowledgeable about public policy and grants and brings a comprehensive thought process to his work. He is also completing his doctoral degree in public policy and administration through Boise State University—demonstrating his enthusiasm and experience in policy, research, and administration.

I am pleased to submit this letter of support for Andrew to join Idaho Transportation Department's Public Transportation Advisor Council for Region 4 and I am confident he would be a valuable addition to the Council. Please reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

Mandy M. Pomeroy
Blaine County Administrator



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February 20, 2024

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RE: Andrew Mentzer Candidacy on PTAC, District 4

The Blaine County Board of Commissioners fully supports Andrew Mentzer, Blaine County's Sustainability Manager, joining Idaho Transportation Department's Public Transportation Advisory Council (PTAC), Region 4. Andrew has demonstrated a strong ability to coordinate partnerships and bring together strategic elements in a productive manner, for the benefit of Blaine County and our Southern Idaho neighbors. He is currently engaged with a handful of mission-critical projects that further demonstrate his capability in transportation planning and implementation:

- Blaine County Regional Transportation Committee (BCRTC) member.
- LHTAC Thriving Communities participant (anticipated start, Fall 2024).
- Highway 75 coordination with ITD, municipalities and Mountain Rides.
- Safe Streets for All (SS4A)— Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) project lead, planning grant execution.
- Blaine County Sustainability Plan (adoption, Spring 2024— including transportation programming elements).
- Region 4 Economic Development (RIVDA) Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) reviewer (2023).

Andrew has a good working relationship with LHTAC, our municipal partners and our ITD District office. He is knowledgeable about public policy and grants and is thoughtful and intentional in his work product. We appreciate your consideration of his candidacy.

Sincerely,

Muffy Davis
Chair

Angenie McCleary
Vice-Chair

Lindsay Mollineaux
Commissioner



Shauna Miller

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03/04/2024

RE: PTAC, District 4

Please consider my candidacy to sit on the Idaho Transportation Department District 4 Public Transportation Advisory Council (PTAC). I do so with the support of the Blaine County Board of Commissioners (BOCC), leadership from Mountain Rides Regional Transit Authority (MRTA), and the administrator of Blaine County's government. I am passionate about transportation design and functionality, bringing to the table significant experience working on grants, strategy and implementation.

Background: An Idaho native and former transportation planner (ACHD, 2005 – 2007), I have nearly 20 years of policy, leadership, strategy and implementation experience, mostly in Idaho. In my current role as Sustainability Manager for Blaine County, I work with ITD, municipalities and our local road and public works departments in or around transportation / infrastructure topics. I hold a Master of Public Administration degree from Boise State University and am currently in the public policy and administration doctoral program (also at Boise State).

Current relevant initiatives:

- Blaine County Regional Transportation Committee (BCRTC) member.
- LHTAC Thriving Communities participant (anticipated start, Fall 2024).
- Highway 75 coordination with ITD, municipalities and Mountain Rides.
- Safe Streets for All (SS4A)—Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) project lead, planning grant execution.
- Blaine County Sustainability Plan (adoption, Spring 2024—including transportation programming elements).
- Region 4 Economic Development (RIVDA) Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) reviewer (2023).

Prior project experience:

- Advisory member: Governor's Rural 'A' Broadband Taskforce (rural right-of-way considerations).

- Valley-Adams Planning Partnership (VAPP) co-lead for LHTAC project funding prioritization (motorized and non-motorized).
- Executive Director, West Central Mountains Economic Development Council—worked on expanded transit service in Valley County and added bus kiosks.
- Policy Analyst, Governor’s Office of Energy and Mineral Resources—primarily working on NEPA coordination between and among state agencies (including ITD and DEQ on the NEVI program).

If my skillset and interests might be a good fit for the Council, I would welcome your consideration.

Gratefully,

Andrew Mentzer

Blaine County Sustainability Manager