

Get to know us: ITD Public Transportation

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ITD's Public Transportation team, from L to R: Ben Schumacker, Connie Edwards, Ron Duran, Shauna Miller, and Sam Carroll.

Getting to know ITD Public Transportation Manager Ron Duran and his team.

"I love playing a part in a system that helps get people where they need to go. It is incredibly fulfilling to help execute ITD's mission of 'Your Safety, Your Mobility, Your Economic Opportunity' through the lens of Public Transit," said Duran, who has managed the section since December 2019.

ITD-PT is committed to fostering a safe, mobility focused public transportation program throughout Idaho that promotes economic growth and opportunity for all of Idaho's travelers. Public transportation is a vital part of Idaho's multimodal transportation system offering transportation options that relieve congestion, helps maximize capacity on roadways, improves air quality, reduces fuel consumption, and connects people of all ages and abilities with their surrounding communities.

There are 49 transit agencies in Idaho that operate a statewide fleet of 617 vehicles. These agencies annually provide more than 1.9 million passenger trips, and travel over 7 million miles.

"Our team manages the grants and contracts for agencies that provide public transportation throughout Idaho who receive funding through Federal Transit Administration (FTA). These agencies provide transportation for rural, small urban and large urban communities," Duran explained. "Additionally, we have programs that serve our elderly and disabled populations. We also manage capital projects for buying buses, building infrastructure such as transit facilities, bus stops, and shelters. We also have funding for fleet maintenance."

The team consists of:

Shauna Miller, Senior Transportation Planner, who has been with ITD-PT since May 2012.

"Public transportation is so much more than just moving people; it's generating a greater quality of life for many individuals in our communities by offering safe mobility. It generates an abundance of opportunities for economic development through connections between our citizens and local businesses."

Sam Carroll, with ITD-PT since May of 2022 as a Grants & Contracts Officer.

"Transit in Idaho is a crucial piece of infrastructure that provides freedom of mobility to people across the state. Transit agencies depend on state and federal funds to keep vehicles moving and work diligently to serve the people of their communities. The supporting role our office plays for these agencies is very gratifying".

Connie Edwards has been with ITD-PT since May of 2023 as a Grants & Contracts Officer.

"It touches my heart to see what our providers do for our communities. They work tirelessly to find funds to stay on the road for their riders. They are engaged with the needs of the community they serve and look for ways to help those who need their services. I feel honored to just play a small part in that."

Ben Schumacker has been with ITD-PT since June of 2023, as a Grants & Contracts Officers.

"It's a great feeling to be a part of the systems that connect our communities and people around the state."

This space going forward will be spotlighting our transit providers – Who they are, their story and how we can help them grow and service more of our communities.