

# IDAHO

## Current Condition of Transportation:

- Driving on roads in need of repair costs Idaho motorists \$568m a year, or \$519 a year per motorist<sup>1</sup>
  - ASCE road grade of C-<sup>2</sup>
  - Motor vehicle crashes cost Idaho \$856m per year, or \$661 for each resident, in medical costs, lost productivity, travel delays, and other costs<sup>3</sup>
  - 214 fatalities in 2013<sup>4</sup>
- 40% of Idaho's major urban highways are congested<sup>5</sup>
- Vehicle travel on Idaho's highways increased by 62% from 1990 to 2013, and its population increased by 26%<sup>6</sup>
  - Traffic congestion costs American motorists \$121b a year in wasted time and fuel<sup>7</sup>

## Commerce:

- 66% of \$38b worth of commodities delivered annually from sites in Idaho is transported by trucks on the state's highways<sup>8</sup>

## Need for Federal Investment:

- 68% Federal Share of ID Highway Capital Program<sup>9</sup>
- National Interstate Backlog of \$185.24b on 47,575 miles of interstate.<sup>10</sup>
  - National Highway System (NHS) backlog of \$424.5b on 227,224 miles of the NHS.

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FAST Act            *What this does for Idaho*

## Prioritize Bridge Reconstruction and Safety:

- Expands funding eligibilities to bridges off the NHS in order to reach the growing number of deteriorating bridges:
  - ID's 406 structurally deficient bridges - 20% of the state's bridges are structurally deficient or functionally obsolete<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> TRIP

<sup>2</sup> ASCE

<sup>3</sup> TRIP

<sup>4</sup> FHWA

<sup>5</sup> TRIP

<sup>6</sup> Ibid.

<sup>7</sup> Ibid.

<sup>8</sup> Ibid.

<sup>9</sup> AASHTO

<sup>10</sup> AASHTO and FHWA

<sup>11</sup> FHWA

- Current ASCE grade of D+<sup>12</sup>

### **Improving Commerce**

- Over the life of the bill (FY2016-FY2020), ID will receive \$45,751,097 in addition to growth of the existing programs for freight.
- This new formula-based Freight Program will ensure federal dollars for the state by prioritizing spending on interstate for projects in the national economic interest.
- In addition to the National Freight Program, ID, through the Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects (NSFHP), a \$4.5 billion discretionary grant program, will be able to compete for funding to address major projects of high importance to a community, a region, or the country. This will provide much needed funding for projects that are too big to get off the ground due to constraints on traditional funding. Furthermore, NSFHP has a rural set-aside and equitable geographic distribution of funds. This will ensure a balance of where federal dollars are directed, making sure rural projects see the light of day as well as the major projects that will greatly benefit the national economy.

### **Long-Term 5-Year Certainty:**

- Total share over 5 years of the FAST Act: \$1,640,475,943 that the state would not get otherwise.
  - 85 projects at risk without federal investment<sup>13</sup>
  - Major State Projects that can benefit from the FAST Act:
    - **Karcher-Middleton Road** safety improvement project, which has been referred to as the “critical intersection” due in large part to its high number of traffic accidents<sup>14</sup>
    - **Bob Barton Rd - 1950E to 2200E, Wendell** - Resurfacing<sup>15</sup>
- FAST delivers 5 years of certainty. 36 short term extensions since SAFETEA-LU have impeded on ID’s ability to properly plan and budget for transportation projects.
- Building off NEPA reforms accomplished in MAP-21, FAST is cutting red tape and accelerating project delivery to increase ID’s ability to efficiently finish projects.
- FAST gives ID the ability to prepare for the next 50 years. With a focus on innovation, ID can better deploy technology to improve the state transportation network.

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<sup>12</sup> ASCE

<sup>13</sup> AASHTO

<sup>14</sup> [http://www.idahopress.com/members/federal-funding-shortfall-falls-on-other-projects/article\\_6ff380ea-6d3d-11e4-82c1-93106ebdfef0.html](http://www.idahopress.com/members/federal-funding-shortfall-falls-on-other-projects/article_6ff380ea-6d3d-11e4-82c1-93106ebdfef0.html)

<sup>15</sup> AASHTO