

ORIENTATION 102: TRANSPORTATION IN IDAHO

Idaho's integrated transportation system is overseen by multiple agencies, including:

- The Idaho Transportation Department;
- Counties;
- Highway districts; and
- Cities.

The Idaho Transportation Department

- Has about 1,700 employees statewide.
- Duties include:
 - Administering the state highway system, including interstates;
 - Constructing, maintaining, and repairing state highways and bridges;
 - Licensing drivers; and
 - Registering vehicles.
- Agency head is the Idaho Transportation Board.
 - Seven members, including chair, are appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate.
 - Six members represent Idaho's six transportation districts and serve six-year terms.
 - The chair represents the state at-large and is appointed to an indefinite term.
 - The board appoints a director to supervise day-to-day operations of the department.

Local Transportation System

- Administered by counties, cities, and highway districts.
- Counties have jurisdiction over county highways; cities have jurisdiction over streets and alleys within city boundaries.
- Highway districts are created by county commissioners and must be wholly located within a county.
- Highway districts oversee the highway system within the district but may cooperate with an adjoining county or highway district.
- There are 63 highway districts in Idaho.
- The Ada County Highway District is the only countywide district and was created by voters.

FAST FACTS

The Big Picture

In Idaho, there are:

- Over 60,000 miles of roads
- About 90,000 lane miles
- About 4,000 bridges
- About 1,900 rail lines
- 126 public-use airports
- 1 port (Lewiston)
- 1.14 million licensed drivers
- 1.7 million registered vehicles and trailers

ITD Oversees:

- About 5,000 miles of highway
- Over 12,000 lane miles
- Over 1,800 bridges
- 12 ports of entry
- 31 rest areas
- 31 scenic byways
- 31 airstrips