



Transportation, Housing, Urban Development Appropriations Requests

The following requests are Idaho-related projects supported and sponsored by Senators Crapo and Risch:

Project Name: 21st Street Interchange Transportation, ID

Amount Requested: \$2,320,000

Recipient: The College of Idaho

Location:

Public Interest: Improvement in traffic flow, community access and safety.

Description: Completion of the road from Interstate 80 to the College of Idaho campus.

Project Name: Advanced Wireless Sensing Technologies for Air, Water, Road, Highways, and Bridges Systems

Amount Requested: \$2,000,000

Recipient: Boise State University

Location: Boise

Public Interest: Safety: early warning of pending failure.

Description: This is a multi-year project, with the goal of deploying at least one thousand sensor nodes. The desired output of work funded through this competition is a robust, deployable, cost effective, and accurate sensing system for the measurement of air quality, fatigue, corrosion, stress, usage, damage, and other performance variables. Current sensing technologies, while well developed in controlled laboratory environments, have not yielded tools for producing real-time, in-situ data that are comprehensible for infrastructure decision-makers. The objective of this project is to develop sensing technology for monitoring of air pollutant, dam and canal conditions, road and highways conditions, and predict failure of bridges Systems. This system can protect the infrastructure for a fraction of the cost of conventional inspection system.

Project Name: Boise Airport Runway Improvements

Amount Requested: \$2,750,000

Recipient: Boise Air Terminal

Location: Boise

Public Interest: Improve visibility and safety for aircraft operations at BOI.

Description: This ongoing project will improve visibility and safety for aircraft operations at Boise Air Terminal (BOI). Most important is the alignment of the east ends of the airport's primary runways, which will prevent landings that currently occur on the wrong runway due to pilots seeing one runway first. The project will also allow BOI to avoid most runway crossings at mid-field, improving safety. In addition to these safety concerns, the runway improvements will allow BOI to avoid congestion and delays – improving the facilities for air carriers, cargo, and general aviation.

Project Name: Boise Congestion Mitigation

Amount Requested: \$7,000,000

Recipient: Idaho Transportation Department

Location: Boise

Public Interest: Congestion reduction and safety improvements.

Description: Acquire systems to better analyze congestion and improve traffic operations.

Project Name: City of Rocks Back Country Byway

Amount Requested: \$2,000,000

Recipient: Idaho Transportation Department

Location: Boise

Public Interest: Project will improve safety and improve maintainability.

Description: This 16.7 mile long project is located on the popular City of Rocks Back Country Byway in Cassia County, Idaho which provides the only direct access to the City of Rocks National Reserve. When fully completed, the project will pave a 1.0 mile gravel segment, reconstruct 15.7 miles of deficient roadway, correct deteriorated road and slope conditions, provide a wider road with shoulders and guardrail, and improve the road's alignment by reducing the number and severity of sharp curves and steep grades. These improvements will increase safety for the driving public and provide safer access for bicycle and pedestrian traffic. These improvements will also significantly reduce the amount of on-going maintenance required to keep the route usable.

Project Name: City of Twin Falls Main Avenue Enhancement Project

Amount Requested: \$560,000

Recipient: City of Twin Falls

Location: Twin Falls

Public Interest: City of Twin Falls is currently working to develop the specific program for Main Avenue redevelopment, create a low-interest loan pool for private property reinvestment, and expand the Urban Renewal Agency RAA's TIF revenue area so the City can assist with public infrastructure improvements.

Description: Main Avenue served as the heart of the Twin Falls downtown for many years. At the time of its revitalization in the 1970s, Main Avenue was considered one of the better small main streets in the country. Most of the retail storefronts are still occupied, however vehicular and foot traffic is reduced, street trees are dying, landscaped areas are in poor condition, there is inconsistency in the quality and maintenance of storefronts. This funding would be used to plan and reconstruct the streets, streetscape, and landscaping for a 3-block area along Main Avenue.

Project Name: Clearwater Valley Hospital: Road to Health

Amount Requested: \$500,000

Recipient: Clearwater County Commissioners

Location: Orofino

Public Interest: Builds a new access road to ensure efficient access to a frontier hospital adjacent to and serving public lands.

Description: To build a new access road to ensure efficient access to a frontier hospital adjacent to and serving public lands. This road is essential to improving health care services in the county. The road is the first phase required to construct an expanded primary care clinic and add services at the hospital. The project is an innovative partnership between county, city, state, and private entities.

Project Name: Coeur d'Alene Transit Center

Amount Requested: \$2,000,000

Recipient: Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization

Location: Coeur d'Alene

Public Interest: The project would provide a park and ride facility, restrooms, shelters and other passenger amenities, along with limited office space.

Description: Construction of a centrally located transit center within the Coeur d'Alene metropolitan area is essential to efficient operation and continued development of our fledgling public transportation system in Kootenai County. The project would provide a park and ride facility, restrooms, shelters and other passenger amenities, along with limited office space. The center will be used by Citylink Public Transportation, Kootenai Area Transportation System, Medicare transportation providers, Greyhound and other inter- and intra-regional transit operators.

Project Name: College of Southern Idaho Student Safety Initiative

Amount Requested: \$500,000

Recipient: College of Southern Idaho

Location: Twin Falls

Public Interest: Will result in a safe traffic pattern on North College Road that can be used by vehicles and pedestrians alike.

Description: The College of Southern Idaho (CSI) owns approximately eighty acres of farmland that borders the campus to the north across a busy two lane road (North College Road). As city traffic increases, the City of Twin Falls' master plan calls for North College Road to be expanded to a four lane road with speeds in excess of 35 miles per hour. The City of Twin Falls has agreed to an alternate route to address traffic by creating an alternate, more appealing route for through traffic via Cheney Road; if such a route could be established, the city would allow the college to make North College Road pedestrian-friendly through modifications and to use traffic calming schemes to slow travel to 25 miles per hour making it similar to other interior campus roads. CSI is currently building a Health Science and Human Services Building on the north border of the eighty acres, when the building is completed in 2010, the college will face significant safety issues for students and staff in crossing this busy thoroughfare.

Project Name: Combustion of Alternative Biofuels

Amount Requested: \$782,250

Recipient: University of Idaho

Location: Moscow

Public Interest: Improve energy efficiency and development of alternative forms of energy.

Description: Study biofuels combustion.

Project Name: Construction of US-95
Amount Requested: \$20,000,000
Recipient: Idaho Transportation Department
Location: Boise
Public Interest: Congestion reduction and safety improvements.
Description: Road Construction and improvements.

Project Name: Deyo Reservoir and Wetlands Project
Amount Requested: \$800,000
Recipient: Friends of Deyo Reservoir/Wetlands,
Location: Moscow
Public Interest: Will immediately put local contractors and crew to work in the construction phase. Upon completion, the local economy will be stimulated with added business and revenue to local stores, gas stations, motels and B&B's. It also presents potential for new business development and existing business growth. Studies show that recreation at a lowland lake reservoir of this size can generate in excess of \$500,000 annually to the rural economy. The environmental arena is met in providing an adequate water source for fighting nearby forest fires. The reservoir and surrounding area will allow for trails, developed and primitive camping, birding and wildlife viewing, outdoor educational opportunities and areas allowing for preservation and interpretation of nearby historic areas.
Description: For a 60 acre reservoir and 30 acre wetland area.

Project Name: Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership Building
Amount Requested: \$250,000
Recipient: EICAP
Location: Idaho Falls
Public Interest: The consolidation would create a One-Stop Center for low-income and senior clients to take advantage of the food warehouse, register for Head Start, attend a Head Start classroom, attend a Caregiver Support Group or Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group, qualify and apply for Energy Assistance or Weatherization, or volunteer in one of the many programs.
Description: For the Planning, Design and Remodel of a building consolidating services into one facility. This would then make EICAP a One-Stop facility for clients.

Project Name: FH-24, Banks to Lowman
Amount Requested: \$5,000,000
Recipient: Idaho Transportation Department
Location: Boise
Public Interest: Congestion reduction and safety improvements.
Description: Design and construction of additional stage of rock fall mitigation and safety improvement projects.

Project Name: Fuelcell Commuter Locomotive Demonstration

Amount Requested: \$2,000,000

Recipient: Motive Power

Location: Boise

Public Interest: Increased energy efficiency of the transportation sector, increased national energy security by reducing dependency on imported oil, improved environmental quality, and positioning the project partners into leadership roles in advanced rail transportation.

Description: Develop a 2.0 megawatt (continuous power) hydrogen fuelcell commuter locomotive.

Project Name: Goose Lake Road Reconstruction

Amount Requested: \$750,000

Recipient: Brundage Mountain Resort

Location:

Public Interest: Improve road safety.

Description: Road Construction and improvements.

Project Name: I-84 Exit 29 (Franklin Road) Local System Improvements

Amount Requested: \$1,840,000

Recipient: City of Caldwell

Location: Caldwell

Public Interest: Improvement of this corridor will ease the commute for those living in the City of Caldwell but working in the cities of Boise, Meridian, or Nampa.

Description: Construction of roadway improvements.

Project Name: I-84, Broadway Ave. to Gowen Rd. Widening

Amount Requested: \$10,000,000

Recipient: Idaho Transportation Department

Location: Boise

Public Interest: Congestion reduction and safety improvements.

Description: Road Construction and improvements.

Project Name: I-84, Caldwell to Nampa Widening

Amount Requested: \$16,000,000

Recipient: Idaho Transportation Department

Location: Boise

Public Interest: Congestion reduction and safety improvements.

Description: Road Construction and improvements.

Project Name: Idaho Transit Coalition Bus and Bus Facilities

Amount Requested: \$6,815,427

Recipient: Idaho Transit Coalition

Location: Boise

Public Interest: Idaho is a rural state whose transit customers are served primarily by small systems. These systems must depend upon these funding programs in order to meet increasing service demands, replace outdated equipment and facilities, and to provide additional opportunities for customers and individuals with disabilities to use public transportation.

Description: Vehicle procurement; maintenance facilities; communications equipment and transit centers

Project Name: Julia Davis Park: The Second Century

Amount Requested: \$700,000

Recipient: City of Boise

Location: Boise

Public Interest: Julia Davis Park is located in Boise's downtown core and along the Boise River across from Boise State University. A 68-acre urban space, it is home to such organizations as the Idaho Historical Museum, Boise Art Museum, Idaho Black History Museum, Discovery Center, Zoo Boise, Gene Harris band shell.

Description: For parks and recreation construction.

Project Name: Petroleum Terminal Facilities Relocation Feasibility Study

Amount Requested: \$350,000

Recipient: City of Boise

Location: Boise

Public Interest: Pre-disaster assessment/study for mitigation and relocation of the Boise, Idaho Petroleum Terminal Facilities to identify and evaluate all critical issues; including, security and environmental risks, costs, opportunities and conditions to mitigate or remove the disaster and environmental risks associated with the current location of the petroleum terminal facility and all associated fuel storage suppliers in Boise, Idaho.

Description: For a pre-disaster study for mitigation and relocation of the Boise, Idaho Petroleum Terminal Facilities.

Project Name: Pioneer Corridor

Amount Requested: Idaho Transportation Department

Recipient: City of Boise

Location: Boise

Public Interest: The Pioneer Corridor Project is a CCDC priority, and the agency continues to refine the overall design, meet with area stakeholders and actively pursue financing to complete the vision. The project location is in downtown Boise, Idaho, stretching from the Boise River at the Ann Morrison Park Footbridge easterly into the center of downtown. Recently the agency secured the first part of a \$500,000 STEP award from the Idaho Transportation Department toward the project and work has begun. Within the past several years CCDC purchased two key properties that came on the market, considered necessary for part of the roadway relocation.

Description: Road construction and improvements.

Project Name: Pocatello Animal Shelter

Amount Requested: \$500,000

Recipient: City of Pocatello

Location: Pocatello

Public Interest: The Pocatello Animal Shelter – in addition to serving the needs of the city's 50,000 residents – is the largest facility in Southeast Idaho, servicing the areas of Bannock County and American Falls. Shelter officials also assist Caribou, Bingham and Power counties by providing basic animal welfare and sheltering services.

Description: For an animal shelter to provide basic animal welfare and sheltering services.

Project Name: Pocatello Regional Airport Terminal Expansion and Remodel Project

Amount Requested: \$2,500,000

Recipient: City of Pocatello

Location: Pocatello

Public Interest: The project will replace an existing "T" covered walkway with a new building that provides a centralized secure holding area with restrooms and other amenities integrates baggage screening into the check-in process and upgrades the terminal appearance.

Description: Airport upgrade.

Project Name: Port of Lewiston

Amount Requested: \$525,944

Recipient: Port of Lewiston Container Dock Expansion

Location: Lewiston

Public Interest: The Port of Lewiston exports agricultural and timber products from Idaho, Montana, Washington, Oregon, the Dakota's and Wyoming. Expansion will allow two barges to be moored and serviced by dock workers and provide additional barge capacity to accommodate increasing container volumes and ease congestion at the Port. For 2006 and 2007, container volumes increased by 118%.

Description: For a 150-ft expansion to the container dock facilities.

Project Name: Railroad Signaling Back-Up Power

Amount Requested: \$1,100,000

Recipient: Motive Power

Location: Boise

Public Interest: Improve safety of rail crossings.

Description: Product development and field implementation of signaling power supply equipment.

Project Name: Restoration of Panida Theater / Building of the Panida Little Theater

Amount Requested: \$700,000

Recipient: Panida Theater

Location: Sandpoint

Public Interest: The historic Panida Theater, named for the people of the Panhandle of Idaho, is the premier performing arts facility of rural North Idaho. The Panida Theater was built in 1927 and is operated by the non-profit (501-C3) Panida Board of Trustees, chosen annually by a community vote.

Description: For a theater renovation.

Project Name: Rexburg Community Greenways Project

Amount Requested: \$990,398

Recipient: City of Rexburg

Location: Rexburg

Public Interest: For years, the Teton River which meanders through much of the City has provided an open air classroom for local schools and naturalists, with access being unlimited in many areas because of property vacancies. With the surge in building in the area, the river front classroom is being pressed by development and threatened along with the fishing, canoeing, and lazy days floating. The requested funding would provide the city with a means of insuring access to these remarkable natural resources for generations to come.

Description: For parks and recreation construction.

Project Name: Senior Center Remodel and Enhancement Project

Amount Requested: \$250,000

Recipient: Blaine County Senior Council, Inc.

Location: Hailey

Public Interest:

As one of only two nationally certified senior centers in the State of Idaho, we reflect best practices. The remodel and enhancement of the existing building will allow this vital social organization to continue to provide at a level of “best practices” as we meet the changing needs of the new face of retirement.

Description: For the renovation of the Blaine County Senior Center.

Project Name: SH-16 Extension, I-84 to SH-44

Amount Requested: \$40,000,000

Recipient: Idaho Transportation Department

Location: Boise

Public Interest: Congestion reduction and safety improvements.

Description: Road Construction and improvements.

Project Name: SH-75, Timmerman to Ketchum

Amount Requested: \$30,000,000

Recipient: Idaho Transportation Department

Location: Boise

Public Interest: Congestion reduction and safety improvements.

Description: Convert two lane roadway to four lane.

Project Name: The Boise Greenhouse, a business incubator that focuses on sustainable practices and renewable energy

Amount Requested: \$275,000

Recipient: City of Boise

Location: Boise

Public Interest: This project would provide a multi-faceted wealth of benefits for the City and its citizens.

Description: For a rehabilitation of a municipal building to reflect the theme of supporting alternative energy resources and technologies.

Project Name: Treasure Valley High Capacity Alternatives Analysis

Amount Requested: \$2,000,000

Recipient: Valley Regional Transit

Location: Boise

Public Interest: Will analyze the I-84 travel corridor in Ada and Canyon Counties, Idaho and examine options for preservation of alternative rights-of-way in the same corridor including existing rail corridors. The project includes an alternatives analysis of the I-84/184 corridor which will study, in detail, congestion and travel patterns. Recommendations will be made regarding the most appropriate transportation investments in the corridor. Investments to be analyzed are likely to include: bus rapid transit, high occupancy vehicle lanes, transportation system management strategies, and passenger rail (light rail or commuter rail). Preservation activities include pre-acquisition study and negotiations related to the preservation of alternative rights-of-way in the I-84/184 travel corridor.

Description: Alternative analysis and pre-acquisition study.

Project Name: Treasure Valley Transit Facilities

Amount Requested: \$400,000

Recipient: Valley Regional Transit

Location: Boise

Public Interest: Transit infrastructure is a critical element to a successful transit system. These facilities will create a positive identity for Valley Regional Transit today and into the future.

Description: Complete site location or for environmental work on sites already in public ownership.

Project Name: US 95 Intersection Improvements

Amount Requested: \$6,600,000

Recipient: Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization

Location: Kootenai

Public Interest: Congestion reduction and safety improvements.

Description: Road Construction and improvements.

Project Name: US-2, Dover Bridge, Bonner County

Amount Requested: \$40,000,000

Recipient: Idaho Transportation Department

Location: Boise

Public Interest: Significant safety improvements, as well as improved commercial, logging, commuter, and recreational traffic flow.

Description: Road Construction and improvements

Project Name: US-20, Thornton Interchange

Amount Requested: \$2,000,000

Recipient: Idaho Transportation Department

Location: Boise

Public Interest: Congestion reduction and safety improvements.

Description: Road Construction and improvements.

Project Name: US-30, McCammon to Topaz

Amount Requested: \$20,000,000

Recipient: Idaho Transportation Department

Location: Boise

Public Interest: Congestion reduction and safety improvements.

Description: Road Construction and improvements.

Project Name: US-93, Twin Falls Alternate Route, Stages 2 and 3

Amount Requested: \$51,000,000

Recipient: Idaho Transportation Department

Location: Boise

Public Interest: Congestion reduction and safety improvements.

Description: Road Construction and improvements.

Project Name: US-95, Thorncreek to Moscow

Amount Requested: \$40,000,000

Recipient: Idaho Transportation Department

Location: Boise

Public Interest: Reduce rural congestion, reduce accident rates and severity along the corridor.

Description: Road Construction and improvements.

Project Name: WERC, Mountain Home, ID, for planning, design, and construction of an energy efficient, multi use community center

Amount Requested: \$1,200,000

Recipient: Western Elmore County Recreation District

Location: Mountain Home

Public Interest: Mtn. Home AFB will host the Singapore Air Force to bed down and train pilots on a long-term basis. The associated personnel will become a part of the community and require a fitness/civic center. Most of these personnel and their families will live in town because of the decrease in availability of Base housing. Mountain Home itself has grown by 20% over the past 3 years and is slated for 1400 more homes in the next year. Marathon Cheese opened a packaging plant in January 2007 and plans to employ over 500 skilled workers. Veteran population continues to increase and Mountain Home has the largest per capita population of veterans. With our severe winters, it makes it very difficult to drive to Boise to receive needed warm-water therapy or other therapies that will be provided at the WECRC in collaboration with the local doctors and physical therapists.

Description: For a fitness/civic center for residents of Mountain Home Air Force Base.