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Idaho Needs Sustainable Transportation Funding Now!



I traveled the state this week listening to business leaders and local officials about the need for a sustainable transportation funding solution to save Idahoans' time and keep them safe on our roads.

Idaho is the fastest growing state in the nation.

We simply **WILL NOT** keep up with that growth if we, as elected leaders, do not invest strategically and **SUSTAINABLY** in our roads.

We have an obligation as elected leaders to confront the growing list of unfunded transportation projects across Idaho with a SUSTAINABLE funding plan moving forward.

We MUST take steps NOW to preserve your precious time and make our transportation system safer.

I am actively working with my legislative partners on a plan RIGHT NOW.



What business leaders are saying about the need for a sustainable transportation funding solution NOW!



"Hardly a weekday goes by that we look out our showroom window about 4:30 in the afternoon and see traffic, mostly eastbound, either creeping past or at a standstill on I-90."

*Eve Knudtsen
Knudtsen Chevrolet
Post Falls, Idaho
Kootenai County*

My "Building Idaho's Future" plan for one-time transportation funding boost now law

Last week, I signed [House Bill 308](#) into law, the latest of my "Building Idaho's Future" bills that make strategic one-time investments in critical state priorities. House Bill 308 directs \$126 million to help advance bid-ready transportation projects across Idaho.

I appreciate my partners in the Legislature – especially the floor sponsors, Senator Jim Woodward and Representative Scott Syme Wendy Horman – for recognizing the need to fund unmet transportation needs and propel our state forward.

But our work is far from done. Now we must shift to settling on a sustainable transportation funding solution so we can save Idahoans' time, keep everyone safe on our roads, keep up with growth, and make our state's economy even stronger.

House Bill 308 appropriates \$126 million accordingly:

\$118 million for contracted infrastructure improvements that will be split 60/40 with local jurisdictions

\$2 million for railroad safety projects

\$4 million for community airports

\$2 million for pedestrian safety improvements

"Building Idaho's Future" is my plan to use Idaho's record budget surplus to provide Idahoans historic tax relief and make strategic investments in transportation, education, broadband, water, and other critical areas to propel our state forward.



GIVING YOU BACK YOUR TIME AND MONEY

*Gov. Brad Little wants to boost Idahoans' prosperity
and safeguard one of our citizens' most
precious commodities: their time.*

**\$80
MILLION**

BIG PROJECTS
for
SAFE ROADS
and to
SAVE YOU TIME

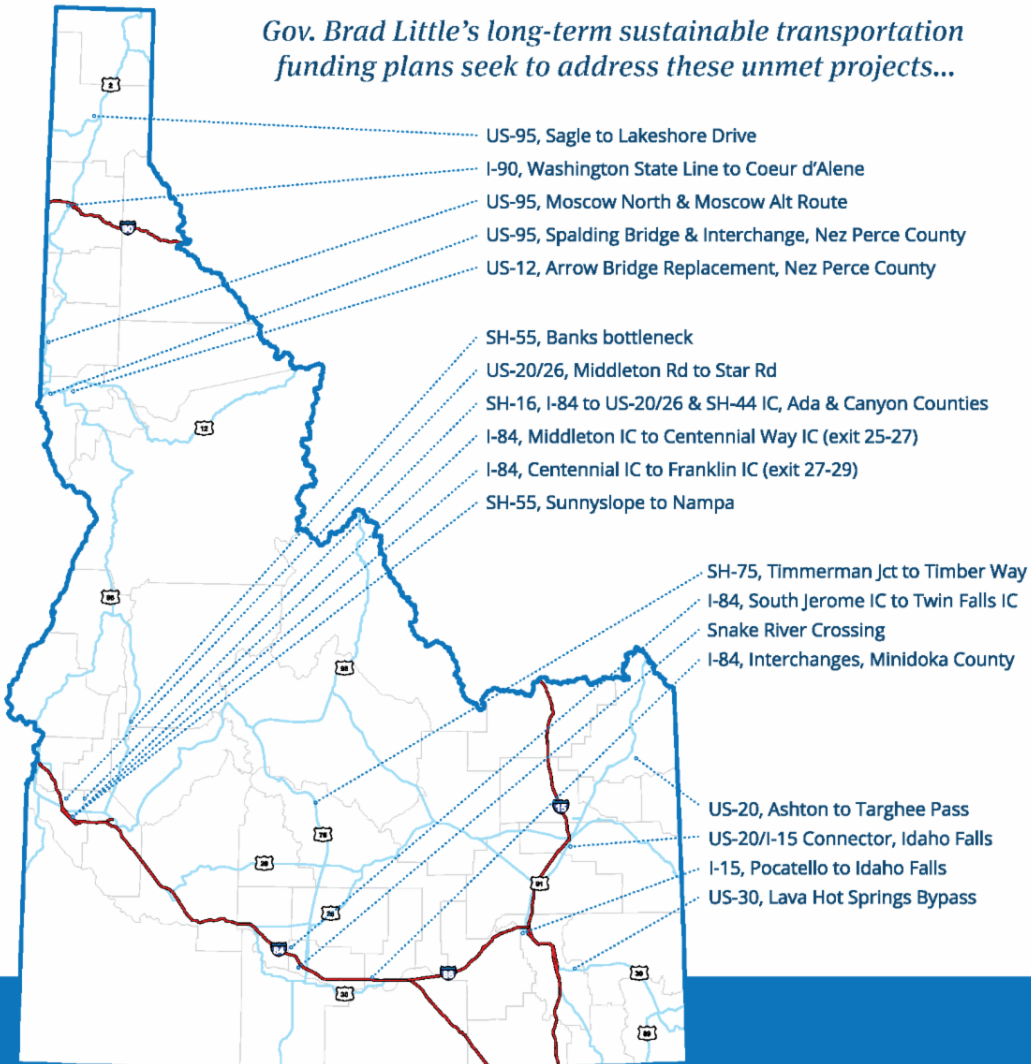
**\$160
MILLION**

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