

Upcoming Events & Alerts

Funding Available for Infrastructure Improvements to Reduce Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes Involving Pedestrians and Bicyclists

- The Idaho Transportation Department is now soliciting applications for funding from the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). The intent of this solicitation is aimed at reducing Fatal and Serious Injury (Type A) crashes involving pedestrians and bicyclists through infrastructure improvements. \$1.4 million is available for this effort.
- Eligibility for these one-time funds is based on the number of Fatal and Serious Injury crashes per jurisdiction using five year crash data from 2011 through 2015.
- This federally funded program will require a local cash-only match not less than 7.34%. Projects selected will need to be construction-ready by July 1, 2017. The application deadline is November 4th, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. Mountain Time.
- The application and additional details can be found at <http://itd.idaho.gov/ContractingServices/TAP/default.htm> All questions regarding the application and the process should be submitted to ITDAltContracting@itd.idaho.gov

Road Construction on I-90 from Mullan to Lookout Pass (Expected to be complete by October 21, 2016.)

- Two-lanes on I-90 from Mullan, Idaho to Lookout Pass on the Montana state line are being reconstructed. The remaining lanes open to traffic are narrow with no shoulders making this section extremely hazardous for bicyclists. To safely accommodate cyclists, ITD is providing a free shuttle service which can be accessed by using telephones set up at each end of the project. The number is 208-755-3230.
- There are also a couple of alternative routes to avoid the shuttle and the construction:
 - Northern route (going eastbound) Take Exit 43 off I-90 to Kingston/Enaville. Travel through Kingston, Enaville, Prichard and Murray to Thompson Pass. Continue over the pass to Thompson Falls, MT. Go south on Hwy-200 through Plains and Paradise, MT. Turn west on Hwy-135 to St. Regis. Rejoin I-90 in St. Regis. The road is paved all the way, very scenic and frequently used by cyclists.
 - Southern route (going eastbound) Please note there is no viable southern option for road cyclists. However, if bicycles are set up for gravel, i.e., a mountain bike or a bicycle with at least 700x32c tires; there is a much shorter detour—only 11.5 miles to the Lookout Pass Ski Area in Montana on I-90. The route is the NorPac Trail. Details can be found at http://friendsofcdatrails.org/maps/for_all/09_NorPac_Trail.pdf

National Bike Travel Weekend (June 2-4, 2017)

- National Bike Travel Weekend will be held the first weekend in June. This event, partially sponsored by the Idaho Department of Commerce's Visit Idaho initiative, will inspire people to bike to an overnight location for one or two nights. More information will be forthcoming at www.biketravelweekend.org.

Adventure Cycling Association's Idaho Based Bicycle Tours for 2017

- In addition to their cross-country and long distance bicycle tours, e.g., the Trans America, Northern Tier and Lewis & Clark etc., the non-profit Adventure Cycling Association is sponsoring some Idaho based bicycle tours in 2017.
 - Selkirk Splendor I Tour an extended version of the "International Selkirk Loop" from Sandpoint to Canada and back via Washington state from July 8 to July 18. Self-contained.

- Idaho Trails Relaxed Tour the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes and the Route of the Hiawatha from July 9 to July 14. Fully supported.
- Family Fun Idaho Trails Tour the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes and the Route of the Hiawatha from July 16 to July 21. Fully supported. Adults must be accompanied by a child and vice-versa.
- Selkirk Splendor II Tour an extended version of the "International Selkirk Loop" from Sandpoint to Canada and back via Washington State from July 22 to August 1. Self-contained.
- Information on all of the Adventure Cycling Association's bicycle tours can be found at <https://www.adventurecycling.org/>

Bike Your Park Day (September 30, 2017)

- Bike Your Park Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 30, 2017. This event, partially sponsored by the Idaho Department of Commerce's Visit Idaho initiative, encourages people to explore their public lands and parks by bicycle. More information will coming soon at www.bikeyourparkday.org.