

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1063

BY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO PROVIDING MONEYS FOR HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE;  
AMENDING SECTION 40-719, IDAHO CODE, TO EXTEND AN EFFECTIVE DATE;  
AMENDING SECTION 13, CHAPTER 322, LAWS OF 2017, TO EXTEND A SUNSET DATE;  
PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 40-719, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

40-719. STRATEGIC INITIATIVES PROGRAM. (1) The Idaho transportation department shall establish and maintain a strategic initiatives program. The purpose of the program is to fund transportation projects that are proposed by the department's six (6) districts and local units of government. Proposed projects shall compete for strategic initiative program selection and funding on a statewide basis based on an analysis of their return on investment in the following categories:

(a) Safety, including the projected reduction of crashes, injuries and fatalities;

(b) Mobility, including projected traffic-flow improvements for freight and passenger cars;

(c) Economic opportunity, including the projected cost-benefit ratio for users and businesses;

(d) The repair and maintenance of bridges;

(e) The purchase of public rights-of-way; and

(f) Children pedestrian safety on the state and local system.

(2) There is hereby established in the state treasury the strategic initiatives program fund to which shall be deposited:

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 57-814, Idaho Code, the provisions of this paragraph shall only be in effect from the effective date of this act through May 31, 2019~~24~~<sup>24</sup>. After the close of the fiscal year, the state controller shall determine any excess cash balance in the general fund. When calculating any excess cash balance the state controller shall first provide for the ending balance as determined by the legislative record to be carried over into the next fiscal year, plus an amount sufficient to cover encumbrances as approved by the division of financial management, and an amount sufficient to cover any reappropriation as authorized by the legislature. On July 1, or as soon thereafter as is practicable, the state controller shall transfer fifty percent (50%) of any general fund excess to the strategic initiatives fund.

(b) Any other appropriated moneys for funding of the strategic initiatives program.

1 (c) Unless otherwise specified, moneys transferred into the strate-  
2 gic initiatives program fund after May 30, 2017, shall be apportioned as  
3 follows:

4 (i) Sixty percent (60%) to projects proposed by the Idaho trans-  
5 portation department's six (6) districts; and

6 (ii) Forty percent (40%) to local units of government for the pur-  
7 pose of operating a strategic initiatives program administered  
8 by the local highway technical assistance council established in  
9 section 40-2401, Idaho Code.

10 (d) The strategic initiatives program for local units of government  
11 shall be exempt from the requirements contained in subsection (1) (c) of  
12 this section.

13 (3) Interest earned on the investment of idle moneys in the fund shall  
14 be paid to the fund. All moneys in the fund shall be used for funding the  
15 strategic initiatives program.

16 SECTION 2. That Section 13, Chapter 322, Laws of 2017, be, and the same  
17 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 SECTION 17. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency  
19 is hereby declared to exist, Sections 6 and 7 of this act shall be in  
20 full force and effect on and after passage and approval. Sections  
21 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 of this act shall be in  
22 full force and effect on and after July 1, 2015. Section 7 of this  
23 act shall be null, void and of no force and effect on and after May  
24 31, 2019~~24~~. Sections 8 and 9 of this act shall be in full force and  
25 effect on and after May 31, 2019~~24~~.

26 SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this act are hereby declared  
27 to be severable and if any provision of this act or the application of such  
28 provision to any person or circumstance is declared invalid for any reason,  
29 such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of  
30 this act.

31 SECTION 4. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby  
32 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its  
33 passage and approval.