

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 334

BY TRANSPORTATION AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION; AMENDING SECTION 40-719, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE  
2 DISTRIBUTION FROM THE STRATEGIC INITIATIVES PROGRAM, TO ESTABLISH PRO-  
3 VISIONS RELATING TO LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL COR-  
4 RECTIONS.  
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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

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

9 40-719. STRATEGIC INITIATIVES PROGRAM. (1) The Idaho transportation  
10 department shall establish and maintain a strategic initiatives program.  
11 The purpose of the program is to fund transportation projects that are pro-  
12 posed by the department's six (6) districts and local units of government.  
13 Proposed projects shall compete for strategic initiative program selection  
14 and funding on a statewide basis based on an analysis of their return on in-  
15 vestment in the following categories:

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

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

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

22 (d) The repair and maintenance of bridges; ~~and~~

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

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

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

27 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 57-814, Idaho Code, the  
28 provisions of this paragraph shall only be in effect from the effective  
29 date of this act through May 31, ~~2017~~2019. ~~The state controller shall~~  
30 ~~transfer fifty percent (50%) of any excess cash balance from the gen-~~  
31 ~~eral fund to the strategic initiatives program fund upon the financial~~  
32 ~~close of the current fiscal year subject to the following criteria:~~  
33 ~~When calculating any excess cash balance the state controller shall~~  
34 ~~first provide for the ending balance as determined by the legislative~~  
35 ~~record to be carried over into the next fiscal year, plus an amount suf-~~  
36 ~~ficient to cover encumbrances as approved by the division of financial~~  
37 ~~management, and an amount sufficient to cover any reappropriation as~~  
38 ~~authorized by the legislature~~ After the close of the fiscal year, the  
39 state controller shall determine any excess cash balance in the general  
40 fund. When calculating any excess cash balance the state controller  
41 shall first provide for the ending balance as determined by the legisla-  
42 tive record to be carried over into the next fiscal year, plus an amount

1 sufficient to cover encumbrances as approved by the division of finan-  
2 cial management, and an amount sufficient to cover any reappropriation  
3 as authorized by the legislature. On July 1, or as soon thereafter as is  
4 practicable, the state controller shall transfer fifty percent (50%) of  
5 any general fund excess to the strategic initiatives fund.

6 (b) Any other appropriated moneys for funding of the strategic initia-  
7 tives program.

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

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

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

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

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