

Overview and Background

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Program Management Team for Safety Rest Areas

- ITD HQ StaffMaintenance Systems Program Manager
Roadside Program Manager
- ITD District Staff.....Safety Rest Area Liaisons
District Representatives (6)

ITD's Safety Rest Area Program History

ITD Board Policy

- The Idaho Transportation Board adopts the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program that includes Safety Rest Area improvements.
- The Transportation Department shall provide safe, secure, sanitary and reliable safety rest area facilities spaced at appropriate intervals at strategic locations on the state highway system.
- Joint funding and participation partnerships may be negotiated with other public entities on safety rest areas.
- Visitor Information Centers are the result of safety rest area partnerships and should be incorporated into Gateway Safety Rest Areas.

ITD Administrative Policy

- Safety Rest Areas shall be located directly on roadway right-of-way of the State Highway System and provide convenient and safe rest and relief from the fatigue of travel.
- Each facility shall be constructed and maintained to provide a viable, reliable service to the traveling public; and make a favorable impression about the state of Idaho and the department.
- Visitor Information Centers located with Gateway Safety Rest Areas should provide traveler information and services.
- The Idaho Department of Commerce (IDC) will manage advertising publications, as well as staffing the Visitor Information Center within the Gateway Safety Rest Areas through properly executed cooperative agreements.
- The Mtce Systems Program Manager is responsible for developing and updating the Visitor Information Center agreements with IDC.

Rest Area Styles

- There are 3 general styles (or levels) of rest area facilities:
 - Basic Plus

- Deluxe – Located on medium to high volume state or interstate highways, provide full service facilities, climactic conditions, and at least one family assist restroom.
- Gateway – Located near important regions or tourist entrances into the state and include all the amenities of a Deluxe Safety Rest Area, as well as provide an adequate space for a staffed Visitor Center.

ITD's Safety Rest Area History

Why the Safety Rest Area Program was Established

- Safety Rest Area projects were often secondary to other department priorities

Result:

- Last new safety rest area constructed in 1999
- Last safety rest area reconstructed in 2005 (D4) and 2006 (D3), last one before that was in the 1980's
- Last safety rest area rehabilitated was in 2000, last one before that was in the 1980's
- 10 or more safety rest areas are 35+ years old
- Need for Statewide consistency in planning, development, and establishing priorities.
- Integrate traveler safety and information support system

Program Focus over the Past Six Years

- Develop program plans such as site studies and statewide information planning
 - Incorporate the Traveler Service System (511)
 - Develop an interpretive plan to share the "Idaho Story"
 - Link safety rest areas with other statewide traveler and tourism information about Idaho
 - Integrate scenic byways, historical markers, local facilities, etc.
- Seek additional partnership opportunities to leverage funding through long-term, multi-agency and/or private sector partnerships, such as the "Oasis" Program.
- Development of a consistent approach for project delivery.
 - *Create statewide design guidelines and standard specifications directly applicable to safety rest area projects*

Direction and Support for the Safety Rest Area Program

- Designed and Reconstructed 9 safety rest area projects.
- Construction is almost complete for Dubois project.
- Final RA project is scheduled for 2012-2014
- Plan to install Security Cameras and WiFi at Safety Rest Areas.

Safety Rest Area Partnership Opportunities

- All Gateway SRAs/VICs: Dept of Commerce and ITD
- Camas Prairie: Nez Perce Tribe, Winchester State Park, City of Winchester, and private land owner
- Lolo Pass (Gateway): Montana DOT and U.S. Forest Service
- Lost Trail (Gateway): Montana DOT
- Big Lost River: BLM and INL
- Bonnars Ferry Visitor's Center: City of Bonners Ferry

- McCammon OASIS: Flying
- Dubois (Gateway): Possibly RSVP (Retired & Senior Volunteer Program)?
- Vending Machines: Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Additional Partnerships

- Invasive Species Outreach & Education
 - Idaho Weed Awareness Coordinator
 - Invasive Species Coordinator
 - Idaho Dept. of Parks & Recreation

These partnership opportunities provides literature to promote invasive species awareness at selected rest area locations.

Vision: A Program focused on integrating all those elements which allows ITD to connect with our customers by presenting Idaho's rich history and scenic geography with an experience that highlights traveler safety and the best quality of life in Idaho.

REST AREAS

HISTORICAL MARKERS

ENHANCEMENTS

SCENIC BYWAYS

LOCAL REST AREAS/CENTERS

I-90 Huetter RA/VIC



US 12 Lolo Pass RA/VIC



US 93 Lost Trail Pass RA/VIC



I 84 Snake River View RA/VIC



Snake River View, Eastbound

This rest area on I-84 at milepost 1 has restrooms, a family assist restroom, picnic tables, drinking fountain, telephone, vending machines, pet area, a Visitor Information Center, including a patio area with a scenic view overlooking the Snake River. Caretaker on site.

I-15 Cherry Creek RA/VIC



I-15 New Dubois Rest Area/VIC

