

Leadership by Example, Elected Official

Recipient:

Idaho State Senator Bert Brackett

Description:

In his first year as Chairman of the Idaho Senate Transportation Committee, Senator Bert Brackett has demonstrated political courage and leadership to tackle Idaho's transportation funding challenges.

Senator Brackett authored and introduced a series of transportation funding proposals that signal the first, bold step toward implementing recommendations from the 2009 Governor's Task Force on Modernizing Transportation Funding in Idaho.

Senator Brackett's proposals will help the entire state, including Canyon and Ada Counties. Additionally, he is keenly aware of the importance of an efficient transportation network in and through the Treasure Valley and its connection to the broader economic engine of the state. Certainly adequate transportation funding is a key to implementing the *Communities in Motion* regional long-range transportation plan, and Senator Brackett is boldly moving that policy discussion forward through his legislative actions.

Additionally, as a then-member of the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee, Senator Brackett was a lead proponent of the GARVEE transportation funding program—a program from which the Treasure Valley has benefitted greatly.