

Leadership by Example, Elected Official

Mary May, Commission President Ada County Highway District (ACHD)

Commissioner Mary May's passion for excellence in collaborative regional transportation planning, project and budget execution strategies, and transportation innovations have produced one consistent result: success in the most challenging of times.

May's unwavering leadership and commitment to ACHD's mission, team, families, and community was instrumental in the agency's ability to fulfill the many requests and obligations received from cities, military, and first responders in Ada County during the COVID-19 pandemic. Essential infrastructure maintenance, environmental compliance, \$45,303,984 in congestion relief, and project investments in Ada County remained on course despite pandemic-related operational challenges.

Undeterred by the pandemic, her unwavering focus on community programs directly contributed to interagency solutions in support of ACHD's Safe Routes to Schools projects and other projects that leveraged ACHD's expanding bicycle and pedestrian options, with historical funding growing from \$1.5 million in 2004 to over \$9 million in 2020, all while also apportioning \$3 million in additional funds for critical sidewalk gaps. She championed Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and safe pedestrian infrastructure investments to integrate vehicle and pedestrian signalization, support ADA compliance, and add ADA staff positions.

In addition, despite the slowdown in transit operations due to the pandemic, she expanded ACHD's Commuteride footprint, as well as led ACHD's low stress bicycle network strategies, neighborhood master plan initiatives, capital construction initiatives, and most aggressive Integrated Five-Year Work Plan to date.