

Leadership by Example, Elected Official

Name of Individual: Senator John McGee

Description: Senator John McGee's commitment to improving the transportation infrastructure of the State and the Treasure Valley has been unmatched in recent years. As chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee, Senator McGee has been a supporter of the COMPASS plan and has championed alternative funding sources to address the backlog of transportation needs facing Idaho.

Senator McGee was one of the original co-sponsors of the GARVEE bill which has allowed the State to build critical road projects using bonds secured by federal highway funds. The results have totaled over \$679 million in GARVEE bonding authority, 58% of which has/will go to funded projects in the Treasure Valley during the last 4 years. In a time when the state faces record unemployment, GARVEE will create over 1,200 jobs over the next two years.

Senator John McGee continues to be a champion of the need to improve our infrastructure in order to better serve the citizens and businesses of the Treasure Valley. Senator McGee has acted to unite leaders of Canyon and Ada counties in working together to solve the shared transportation issues facing both. It is his recognition of the need for cooperation between communities and his vision for the future that makes Senator McGee a deserving recipient of the COMPASS Leadership in Motion Award.