



Transportation Terminology

Like any profession, the transportation planning has its own acronyms and terminology. To help you understand what our documents, we have compiled an explanation of the most frequently used ones below.

ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
BTPO	Bannock Transportation Planning Organization; sometimes called “BPO” or Bannock Planning Organization.
Construction (<i>TIP term</i>)	For TIP purposes, it includes elements like Construction Engineering (CE) and project Construction (CN), Construction Engineering by LHTAC (CL), and Construction Engineering by Consultant (CC).
Development (<i>TIP term</i>)	For TIP purposes, it includes elements such as Preliminary Engineering by LHTAC (PL), Preliminary Engineering by Consultants (PC) and Preliminary Engineering (PE).
Early Development	A project which is unfunded yet desired, often associated with a Program Year of 2500 indicating there is no determined year for the project.
Federal-aid Roadway	Road that is functionally classified as a collector or higher, making it eligible for federal funding.
Federal funding	Transportation funding collected by the federal government, then distributed to the states for use on both state and local transportation projects. The main purpose of the TIP is to budget federal funding.
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)	An agency within the US Department of Transportation that provides financial and technical assistance to state and local governments for the construction, maintenance, and preservation of the nation’s highways, bridges, and tunnels.
Federal Transit Administration (FTA)	An agency within the US Department of Transportation that provides financial and technical assistance to local public transportation systems.
FY	Fiscal Year (Runs October 1 - September 30)
GARVEE	Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle (bonds).
HWY	Highway; Used with a funding program (e.g., US Hwy)
I	Interstate
I-15 ; I-86	Interstate 15 ; Interstate 86 (Interstates in the BTPO planning area)
ITD	Idaho Transportation Department. The state agency responsible for state and national highways in Idaho, such as Interstate 15 and Interstate 86, US 20 (Yellowstone Ave.), and US Highway 30. ITD receives state and federal funding for transportation projects, primarily from state and federal fuel taxes and state registration fees. District 5 is the district in BTPO’s planning area.
KN / Key Number	A unique identification number assigned to each project in the TIP.
LHTAC	Local Highway Technical Assistance Council.



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Local funding	Funding collected by local agencies, such as the City of Pocatello, City of Chubbuck, Bannock County, or Pocatello Regional Transit.
Local Match	The portion of a primarily federally funded project paid for with state or local funds. While match is required for most federally funded projects, the minimum required amount varies based on the type of funding.
MPO	Metropolitan planning organization
MS4	Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System
National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)	A law that requires the assessment of the environmental effects of proposed actions prior to making decisions on federally funded projects. A “NEPA study” refers to the documentation required for compliance with NEPA.
PD	Preliminary Development; design may begin, but construction is not yet programmed (budgeted) in a specific year.
PM	Performance Measure. Refers to either of two sets of performance measures reported in the TIP: one to meet the vision of goals of the regional long-range transportation plan (Communities in Motion) and one that meets federal requirements.
ORN	OTIS reference number (temporary key number).
OTIS	Office of Transportation Investment Systems (Department at ITD).
Rural (R)	For FHWA funding: An area with less than 5,000 in population. For FTA funding: An area with less than 50,000 in population.
Road Weather Information System (RWIS)	A weather station to provide real-time data along roadways.
Right-of-Way (<i>TIP term</i>)	For TIP purposes, it includes elements such as Right-of-Way purchases (RW), Land Purchases (LP), and Utility relocations (UT).
SR2S	Safe Routes to School; a program to improve the health of children by enabling and encouraging them to walk and bike to school safely.
State funding	Transportation funding collected by the State of Idaho for use by ITD and local roadway agencies.
TDM	Transportation Demand Management
TIP	Regional transportation improvement program. A seven-year budget of projects in the BTPO planning area paid for with federal or state transportation dollars and/or that are “regionally significant.”
Urban (U)	For FHWA funding: An area with more than 5,000 in population. For FTA funding: An area with more than 50,000 in population.
US	When used with a number, refers to a US highway (e.g., US-20).