

# IDAHO TRANSPORTATION AND FREIGHT LOGISTICS





IDAHO'S ROBUST TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM MORE THAN MEETS THE NEEDS OF OUR BUSINESSES, ENSURING RELIABLE DELIVERY OF RAW MATERIALS AND SHIPMENT OF PRODUCTS TO MARKET.

Most people recognize Idaho as an adventure stop, but may not recognize the benefit of our strategic location for business. Whether shipping product by rail on Union Pacific or BNSF, by water out of the Port of Lewiston, by road on our five interstates, or flying out of one of our seven commercial airports, Idaho businesses have access to various transportation options that reach the Intermountain West, West Coast, Western Canada, and even Asia.

- Five interstates: I-15 through Pocatello, Blackfoot, and Idaho Falls; I-84 through Boise and Twin Falls; I-86 from I-84 in Heyburn to I-15 in Pocatello; I-90 through the Idaho Panhandle; I-184 connecting I-84 to downtown Boise.
- 20 US highways and 30 state highways.
- Seven major airports: Boise, Idaho Falls, Lewiston, Pocatello, Sun Valley, Moscow (Pullman, WA), Coeur d'Alene (Spokane, WA).



DID YOU KNOW?

Idaho has major rail line access to key U.S. seaports in Portland, Oregon, and Seattle, Washington; one-to-two-day shipping to every western state; and nonstop service to 20 major U.S. air hubs. Idaho is definitely in the strategic sweet spot for easy distribution of goods.

Idaho's leadership recognizes that our state's economic performance is directly tied to the quality of our transportation system. In fact, Economic Opportunity is part of the mission of the Idaho Transportation Department. Each year, ITD sets aside special, unallocated funds to promote economic development.

#### Air Access

Idaho is well-connected to the world aviation system. We have seven commercial airports scattered around the state. Boise – Idaho's capital city – has a newly renovated, state-of-the-art facility with service to all major U.S. cities and easy connections to international flights. Nearly 3 million passengers and more than 300 million pounds of cargo transited Boise Air Terminal in 2012.

- Passenger airlines serving Idaho include: Alaska Airlines, Allegiant Air, Delta/Skywest, Frontier, Southwest, United, US Airways
- Cargo airlines serving Idaho include: FedEx and UPS



## Sea Access

The furthest that sea cargo can transit into the western coast of the United States is located on the Colombia River, 465 river miles from the Pacific Ocean at the Port of Lewiston, Idaho. The Port of Lewiston offers full intermodal capabilities and provides the largest crane, warehouse, and grain storage facility on the inland river system.

# **Road Access**

With five interstates, 20 U.S. highways, and 30 state highways, Idaho has a stable transport system to support your shipping needs. The 70 mph truck speed limit on the rural interstate highways helps to move goods in and out of the state quickly.

- Idaho boasts 48% more workers in the 'Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers' category than the national average, keeping our trucking companies working efficiently, on-time and with the frequency your business demands.
- Idaho's competitive edge in the trucking industry is only expected to grow, with 13% projected growth in the next ten years, compared to the national average of 3%.

## Rail Access

Over 1,500 miles of rail bisect Idaho, transiting more than 100 million metric tons of freight each year. Established Class I railroad companies such as Union Pacific and Burlington Northern Santa Fe operate within the state and provide competitive shipping costs. Nine short-line railroads interchange with UP and BNSF to reach Idaho fields and factories for convenient handling of supplies and products.

• Idaho's rail lines are serviced by two primary intermodal facilities. The Salt Lake City ramp is 2 hours from the Idaho border and the Portland ramp is about 5:45 hours from the border.

# Rail Transit Times from Boise

