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Subject: RE: Competitive Grants with USDOT

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Fantastic, appreciate your help!

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Hey Simon – Apologies for the delay! I’m looping in my FHWA / FTA folks to check on these statuses.

Will be in touch soon
Hannah

From: Nickerson, Simon (Risch) <Simon_Nickerson@Risch.senate.gov>
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Hi Hannah,

I hope you're doing well. We came across an article which noted that DOT is working to finalize as many discretionary grant agreements as possible by March 31, particularly those that align with current administration priorities and can quickly obligate funding. We wanted to check on

the status of several specific grant projects of interest. Below is a list of the Key Numbers (KN) from the Boise MPO for which we are seeking an update:

- 24762
- NEW7
- NEW6
- 24763
- NAM06
- NAM07

KN	Project	Sponsor	Funding	Amount	Obligated ?	Year of funds	Comment
24762	Notus Collector Street Rebuild, Design Only, Notus	Notus	RAISE	\$1,401,000	No	2025	2024 grant award, Agreement not yet signed
NEW7	Safe Pedestrian Intersection Prioritization for Enhanced Road Safety, COMPASS	COMPASS	SS4A	\$345,000	No	2025	Direct to COMPASS. Agreement not yet signed
NEW6	Safety Assessment, Northside Boulevard and 2nd Street South, Nampa	Nampa	SS4A	\$290,000	No	2025	Direct to Nampa. Agreement not yet signed
24763	Transit - Electric Buses and Towne Square Mall Transit Center, VRT	VRT	FTA 5339 (b)	\$19,351,000	Partial	2025-2028	Agreement not yet signed - the Low/No program is supposed to be

							released from review.
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**Coming soon -
adding as new
projects**

NAM0 6	Pathway, Constitution Way and Juniper Street, Design Only, Nampa	Nampa	ATIIP	\$500,000	No	2025	Agreement not yet signed
NAM0 7	Railroad Overpass, Robinson Boulevard and Greenhurst (design only)	Nampa	RCE	\$1,512,250	No	2025	Agreement not yet signed - project is released from review.

Additionally, our colleague in Senator Crapo's office, Carson Tester (CC'd), reached out a few weeks ago inquiring about some other projects by the Idaho Transportation Department and hadn't heard back yet. Here are those projects:

City of Rexburg - *Reconnecting Rexburg: Planning & Designing Connections Across US Highway 20* (\$2,000,000 awarded {with \$500,000 Rexburg match} via the FY2023 Reconnecting Communities Program). There is a signed FHWA agreement but may not be obligated funds for the project.

ITD District 5 – *US-30 Rocky Point Wildlife Crossing Project* (\$20,876,000 awarded {with \$5,544,000 State match and \$1,300,000 NRCS/IDFG} via the FY2024-2026 Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program). No FHWA agreement has been signed and FHWA funds have yet to be obligated for the project.

ITD HQ Lab – *Innovations for Concrete and Asphalt Mixtures in Idaho* (\$52,878,400 awarded via Low Carbon Transportation Materials Program, Inflation Reduction Act Section 60506) was a zero-match grant. No FHWA agreement has been signed (although the process had begun in the prior administration) and FHWA funds have yet to be obligated for the project.

Mountain Rides Transportation Authority – *Wood River Valley Mobility Corridor Improvements* (\$12,424,000 awarded {with \$3,106,000 State match TECM funds} via

FY2022 RAISE Grant Program). FHWA agreement was signed but FHWA funds have yet to be obligated for this project.

Could you please provide the latest status for each of these projects?

We appreciate your help and look forward to your update.

Thanks,

Simon Nickerson

Legislative Aide

U.S. Senator James E. Risch (R-Idaho)