

Regional Traffic Management Center

Ensure Safe and Efficient Movement of People and Goods

Overview: A Regional Traffic Management Center (RTMC) is designed and operated to ensure the safe and efficient movement of people and goods on arterials and highways, through early detection, response, and notification of situations that can have an adverse impact on the traveling public. While most often this involves disabled vehicles impeding traffic, other incidents, such as weather conditions, hazardous material spills, or animal strikes, can also significantly impact the overall performance of the region's transportation system. The center provides the capability to integrate incident detections, driver information systems, traffic signal optimization, and incident vehicle deployment into one location, operating on behalf of local jurisdictions, highway districts, and the Idaho Transportation Department.

Description: Construction of a Regional Traffic Management Center in Coeur d'Alene adjacent to Interstate 90 (I-90) that is jointly owned and operated, on behalf of local jurisdictions, highway districts, and ITD to manage traffic and incident management.

Financial Strategy: The Regional Traffic Management Center focuses primarily on I-90, US-95, and major local arterials. As a regional facility, it is eligible to apply and receive funds from at least six (6) Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) national competitive grant and formula programs, as well as grants from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). These grant programs are highly competitive, requiring a substantial amount of information being filed on how the RTMC improves the movement of people and goods, as well as a State and regional commitment to the project. Successful grant applications have typically included a significant regional/local financial contribution in the range of 30%, with States providing a similar amount using State and Federal sources. Because of I-90's national, state, and regional significance, the Local Option recognizes the freeway's importance to local and regional movements of people and goods; however, the primary focus is on I-90 and US-95, which is the responsibility of ITD and Federal grant programs.