

Regionally Significant Roadway Project Definitions

The Federal Code of Regulations (40CFR93.101) defines a regionally significant project as:

“... a transportation project (other than an exempt project) that is on a facility which serves regional transportation needs (such as access to and from the area outside of the region, major activity centers in the region, major planned developments such as new retail malls, sports complexes, etc., or transportation terminals as well as most terminals themselves) and would normally be included in the modeling of a metropolitan area's transportation network, including at a minimum all principal arterial highways and all fixed guideway transit facilities that offer an alternative to regional highway travel.”

The State of Idaho Administrative Code (IDAPA 58.01.01.566) further defines a regionally significant project as:

“A transportation project, other than an exempt project, that is on a facility which serves regional transportation needs... and would normally be included in the modeling of a metropolitan area's transportation network, including, at a minimum:

- a.** All principal arterial highways
- b.** All fixed guideway transit facilities that offer an alternative to regional highway travel; and
- c.** Any other facilities determined to be regionally significant through Section 570, interagency consultation.”

On January 30, 2002, the Ada County Interagency Consultation Committee on Air Quality Conformity developed the following definition of a “Regionally Significant” project:

"A transportation project in Ada County, Idaho is designated 'Regionally Significant' if:

- (a) the project is for the improvement of either:
 - (i) a principal arterial or higher functional classification; or
 - (ii) a minor arterial which will have a twenty (20) year projected traffic volume of at least 45,000 vehicles a day after completion of the project; and

- (b) the project will add at least one new continuous vehicular lane which either:
 - (i) extends from one intersecting principal or minor arterial to another intersecting principal or minor arterial; or
 - (ii) in the case of an interstate, extends from the on ramp of one interstate interchange to a point beyond the off ramp of the next adjacent interstate interchange.

Regionally Significant Transit Project Definitions

(For the Purposes of Regional Emissions Analyses)

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The State of Idaho Administrative Code (IDAPA 58.01.01.566) further defines a regionally significant project as:

“A transportation project, other than an exempt project, that is on a facility which serves regional transportation needs... and would normally be included in the modeling of a metropolitan area's transportation network, including, at a minimum:

- a.** All principal arterial highways
- b.** All fixed guideway transit facilities that offer an alternative to regional highway travel; and
- c.** Any other facilities determined to be regionally significant through Section 570, interagency consultation.”

On August 31, 2005, the Northern Ada County Interagency Consultation Committee on Air Quality Conformity adopted the following definition of a “Regionally Significant” transit project:

"A transit project in Ada County, Idaho is designated 'Regionally Significant' if the transit project:

- (a) Has the potential to change the vehicle demand of an existing roadway classified as a principal arterial or higher by 400 vehicles per hour, or 4,000 vehicles per weekday;

AND

- (b) Is a transit service or facility that provides services to (or connects) at a minimum:
 - (i) Two counties and;
 - (ii) Three incorporated cities;