

Idaho Board Freezes Future Road Projects

(from ASCE)

The Idaho Transportation Board has voted to end three programs so that it can instead spend the money on keeping the state's existing roads from falling apart. The board voted 5-2 Thursday at its meeting in Lewiston to suspend planned programs beyond 2010. That means the department will not accept applications for projects in 2011 and beyond for enhancement and congestion programs. Transportation planning projects also were eliminated. Board members say flat revenues and increasing construction costs are to blame. Suspending the three programs will add about \$12 million to the \$80 million scheduled each year for pavement preservation. [Idaho Statesman 4/18](#)