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### **Annual Report 2014**

#### 2014 Highlights, by Cynthia Gibson Executive Director:

This last year was highlighted by partnerships, community work and real change in Idaho. Early in 2014, Idaho Walk Bike Alliance (IWBA) changed its name and opened a small office in downtown Boise, which is now a block from the Statehouse allowing staff to walk or bike to our partners throughout the City.

IWBA partnered with *Idaho Smart Growth* and *Conservation Voters for Idaho* to travel the state, meeting with advocates and stakeholders about ways to improve walking and biking in their communities. IWBA's goal is to

have sidewalks and bicycle facilities always included in Idaho road projects.

"The City of Bonners Ferry had to do something about Highway 95 which bisects our town. We had to find a solution for all road users, especially children walking to school. Idaho Walk Bike Alliance helped us find the technical assistance needed to take a broader look at all options so our city is safer and friendlier to its citizens and visitors. We could not have found a workable solution without IWBA and we are closer to that solution than we ever imagined." David Sims, Director Boundary County Economic Development Council.

With our partners, IWBA released poll results showing that 77% of Idahoans believe Idaho would benefit from a more balanced transportation system, which includes transit, walking and biking. With the Sonoran Institute



and our partners, IWBA helped bring eight Idaho communities to the Community Mobility Institute in Boise for three days of hands-on training in November. IWBA also

worked with Bonners Ferry to re-configure Highway 95 to be safe for all road users.

The Community Choices for Idaho federal grant program completed its second cycle and ITD received approximately \$11 million more in grant applications than available funds. IWBA continues to strongly

advocate for this valuable program and we are excited to see new non-motorized infrastructure funded by these grants in communities throughout Idaho.



IWBA organized Boise's Walk To School Day in October. Participants included Boise City Council members, representatives of Idaho Transportation Department and Ada County Highway District, State Senator Chuck Winder, and U.S. Senator Jim Risch. A direct result was reduced speed limits and freshly painted crosswalks at two participating schools, as well as a new awareness of children's safety by our decision makers. At IWBA's request, Governor Otter proclaimed October 8, 2014 as Walk To School Day!

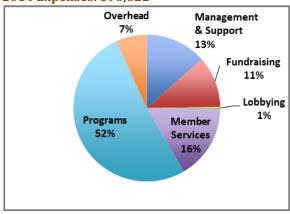
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