

Cole Road Project

Interstate 84 to Franklin Road

Ada County Highway District
Open House May 13, 2015

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- Widen Cole Road to five lanes and add medians where necessary for safety
- Include curb, gutter and sidewalk
- Add bike lanes
- Widen the Cole and Franklin intersection, and realign Cole and McMullen intersection to the west



PROJECT PURPOSE

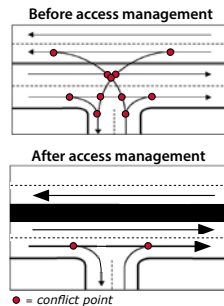
- Improve safety and traffic operations

WHY MEDIANS?

Medians and other access management tools decrease the potential number of accidents for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists.

Vehicle conflicts decrease

By adding a median, conflicts decrease from 11 conflict points to 2 points.



Painted left turn lanes make everyone vulnerable

Painted two-way left turn lanes leave motorists open to conflicting left-turns, where two motorists traveling in opposite directions try to use the same space to make left turns.



As traffic volumes increase, painted two-way turn lane safety decreases and delay increases.

Pedestrian conflicts decrease

Studies have shown that raised medians reduced pedestrian involved crashes by 45 percent and fatalities by 78 percent compared to two-way left turn lanes.*



Illustration source: FDOT

*Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) "Benefits of Access Management" Brochure (www.accessmanagement.info)

WHAT'S NEXT?

- Finalize design (Fall 2015)
- Right-of-way purchases (2016/2017)
- Construction anticipated for 2018

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

All displays and handouts will be posted to ACHD's website, www.achdidaho.org, for review and comment. While your comments are always welcome, they can be best used if received by **May 27, 2015**.

MORE INFORMATION

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