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Joint Meeting with the City of Boise, Ada County and ACHD
Ada County Highway District Auditorium
July 31, 2013
12:00 P.M.

City of Boise Attendees: Council Member Elaine Clegg, Council Member TJ Thomson, Council Ben Quintana, Council Member Lauren McLean and Council Member Dave Eberle, Council President Maryanne Jordan. Staff members Jade Riley, Chief of Staff; Paul Woods, Environmental Division Manager; Robbin Finch, Water Quality Manager; Amanda Brown, Assistant to Boise City Council; Amanda Horton, General Counsel; and Karen Gallagher, Transportation Planner.

Ada County Attendees: Commission Chairman Dave Case and Commissioner Rick Yzaguirre. Staff member Larry Maneely, Chief of Staff.

ACHD Attendees: Commission President Sara Baker, Commissioner John Franden, Commissioner Rebecca Arnold, Commissioner Mitchell Jaurena, Commissioner Jim Hansen. Director Bruce Wong and staff members Bruce Mills, Deputy-Director of Engineering Services; Michael Brokaw, Chief of Staff; Steve Price, General Counsel; Craig Quintana, Chief Information Officer; Paul Daigle, Deputy Director of Maintenance; Dave Wallace, Deputy Director of Projects and Planning; Shari Knauss, Chief Human Resource Officer; Darrin Carroll, Stormwater Supervisor; Joan Meitl, Stormwater Quality Technician; Erica Maguire, Stormwater Program Coordinator; Matt Edmond, Senior Transportation Planner; Gary Inselman, Development Services Manager; Terry Little, Traffic Services Manager; Sabrina Anderson, Planning and Programs Manager; Ryan Head, Programs and Planning Supervisor; Jeff Lowe, Senior Transportation Planner; Dale Kuperus, Engineering Manager; Christine Race, Budget Analyst; Amar Pilai, Transportation Modeler and Stacey Workman, Executive Assistant.

CCDC Attendees: Katina Dutton, Development Director

Public Attendee(s): 2 members of the public attended.

At 12:05 PM, ACHD Director Bruce Wong welcomed the elected officials, staff and public for attending the meeting and turned the floor over to Commission President Sara Baker. Commissioner Baker also welcomed everyone and officially opened the meeting for the Ada County Highway District, noting that all ACHD
Commissioners were present. Council President Jordan officially opened the meeting for Boise City, noting all Boise City Council Members were present. Commissioner President Case noted that a quorum of Ada County Commissioners were present, with Commissioner Yzaguirre.

Director Wong showed a video and introduced Darrin Carroll, Stormwater Supervisor and Joan Meitl, Stormwater Quality Technician.

1. **Low Impact Drainage Discussion (Informational Only):**

Darrin Carroll, ACHD Stormwater Supervisor, and Joan Meitl, ACHD Stormwater Quality Technician presented the staff report (see PowerPoint attached).

Council Member Jordan asked a question about the presence of grease barrels in alleyways and to be sure to keep in mind that new barrels may be placed in the future for new development. Ms. Meitl responded.

Council Member Clegg asked a question about the strategy for considering materials for design. Ms. Meitl responded.

Council Member Clegg asked a follow up question in regards to materials and design. Ms. Meitl responded.

Council Member Eberle asked a question how ACHD was going to set standards and measure the amount of water in the drainage areas. Ms. Meitl responded. Mr. Carroll also responded

Council Member Clegg commented on how to incorporate these standards as statutes for new development.

Commissioner Baker commented that the standards would be set by ACHD and put in the manuals. Ms. Meitl also commented.

Council Member Quintana asked a question about cost options for low impact drainage. Ms. Meitl responded.

Council Member Quintana asked a follow up question about who would bear the cost of the proposed drainage option and if there were funding options. Ms. Meitl responded.

Council Member Eberle asked a questions about 3-19 funds. Ms. Meitl responded.

Council Member Eberle further commented that new rules were coming up to be followed up on. Ms. Meitl commented that she would be following up.

Council Member Clegg commented on how the co-benefits need to been shown to all stakeholders and look for ways to quantify those co-benefits.

Commission Jaurena commented that the BLM, Boise District has a demo area and encouraged people to go out to view their operation.

Commission Baker commented that these new standards were a ‘game changer’ for the current ponds to make them more attractive.
Council Member McLean asked a question about the current ponds. Commissioner Baker responded. Commissioner Jaurena also responded.

Council Member Eberle commented that another partner is needed, ITD, and asked a question about the ‘Flying Y’ pond with standing water. Commissioner Jaurena responded.

Council Member Clegg asked a question about what partnerships are needed between ACHD and Boise City Staff. Ms. Meitl responded.

Council Member Thomson asked a question about the long-term plan and impacts of phasing new standards into the county. Ms. Meitl responded.

Council Member Jordan commented on the need to work together to identify barriers associated with integrating these new standards in new road development.

Council Member Eberle commented that he agreed with Council Member Jordan.

Council Member Eberle further commented that he would prefer to have another name in place of ‘LID’. Ms. Meitl responded with ‘Green Infrastructure’. Commissioner Baker agreed. Commissioner Jaurena commented ‘Water Harvesting’

Commissioner Baker asked if there were any more comments or questions.

Commissioner Jaurena commented to reference Arizona’s process and search ‘big book water harvesting’ on the internet for more information.

Council Member Clegg commented on the importance of having the co-benefits spoken of before to show new development the positive side of this concept.

Commissioner Baker commented on the great concept, closed the discussion and welcomed the next presenter.

2. **Downtown Boise Implementation Plan (Informational Only):**

   Matt Edmond, ACHD Senior Transportation Planner, presented the staff report (see PowerPoint attached).

   Council Member McLean asked a question about bicycles entering the North End across State Street. Mr. Edmond responded.

   Council Member Quintana asked a question to explain the term ‘mini round about’. Mr. Edmond responded.

   Commissioner Arnold asked a question about the reasons 13th Street is not being converted to a two-way street. Mr. Edmond responded.

   Terry Little, ACHD Traffic Services Manager further responded.

   Council Member Clegg commented with the agreement to the conversion of 13th Street.
Council Member McLean commented with the agreement to the conversion of 13th Street.

Council Member Jordan commented with the agreement to the conversion of 13th Street and that 13th Street would become a gateway for bicycles off the bench.

Council Member Clegg commented that ‘mini roundabouts’ are over engineered and the same benefit can be achieved, and cheaper, with ‘traffic circles’. Council Member Clegg further commented that ‘mini roundabouts’ take each corner’s parking space and would like to speak further on the matter later.

Council Member Thomson asked a question about bicycles and ACHD’s plans for integrating them and the retiming of traffic lights. Mr. Edmond responded.

Mr. Little also responded to the complexity of retiming traffic lights.

Council Member McLean asked a question regarding dates for bicycle recommendations. Mr. Edmond responded.

Council Member Eberle commented that the construction signs that take a lane out of Main Street is not hindering traffic at all and should be taken away permanently.

Council Member Jordan commented that she agreed with Council Member Eberle and that the closure of the land has not hindered traffic.

Council Member Clegg commented that she also agreed and that she enjoys the construction lane as a bike lane and that could be an option.

Mr. Edmond responded to the comments and commented on the problems with 16th Street bike lane.

Council Member Jordan commented on the ‘mini roundabouts’ loss of parking, and to be sure that the city did not lose any ADA parking.

Council Member Clegg asked a question about traffic counts and volume for share roads on the east side. Mr. Edmonds responded.

Council Member Clegg commented again on the benefit of ‘traffic circles’ vs. ‘mini roundabouts’.

Council Member Eberle asked a question if the CCDC central core plan would be done before 2017. Mr. Edmond responded.

Council Member Jordan commented that meetings held for parking changes should include the entire neighborhood not just the businesses and home affected.

Council Member McLean commented how great everyone is working together from a bicycle and pedestrian perspective.

Council Member Thomson commented on how this project could be done by 2018 and the nice work done by everyone.
Commissioner Franden asked a question about estimates for costs each year. Mr. Edmond responded.

Council Member Clegg asked a question of what portion of the estimated costs is just for the changes, not to included already scheduled maintenance. Mr. Edmond responded.

Commissioner Baker asked if there were any more comments or questions.

Commissioner Baker thanked everyone for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.