August 5, 2012

TO: ACHD Commissioners, Director and Deputy Directors

FROM: Jeff Lowe, Senior Transportation Planner

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 2006 – Resolution in Support of the State of Idaho Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) Consent Agenda - August 14, 2013, Commission Meeting

Executive Summary
Over the past five years, the Ada County Highway District has been involved in the planning effort for the Idaho Joint Land Use Study (JLUS). The JLUS is a partnership of military leadership, citizens, tribal governments and local agencies working together to identify current and future compatibility concerns with military installations, specifically Mountain Home AFB and Gowen Field.

The purpose of this Resolution is to recognize that the JLUS partners are willing to actively participate in the public process and continue to work to implement the strategies and recommendations of the JLUS.

Facts & Findings
The JLUS was completed in 2010 via a grant from the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) with assistance and support from the Department of Defense, in alliance with military and civilian partners. The partners assessed land use and other compatibility concerns and developed management strategies to address encroachment near military installations. Ultimately, the focus of the study is to meet the communities’ need to accommodate growth, development, and public health and safety, in collaboration with the military’s need to sustain and develop military readiness and mission objectives.

Fiscal Implications
ACHD is not obligated financially in the implementation of this plan. However, to participate in the partnership, staff time will be required, consisting of approximately 4 hours semi-annually for Committee meetings.

Policy Implications
There are no implementation strategies that require the District to adopt new specific procedures or to modify current practices. Adoption of this resolution demonstrates ACHD’s willingness to continue to partner in the implementation of JLUS.

Alternatives
1. Approve Resolution No. 2006
2. Do not approve Resolution No. 2006

Recommendation
Staff recommends that the Commission approve Resolution No. 2006

Attachment(s): Resolution No. 2006
RESOLUTION 2006

BY THE ADA COUNTY HIGHWAY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:
SARA M. BAKER, JOHN S. FRANDEN, REBECCA W. ARNOLD, MITCHELL A. JAURENA,
AND JIM HANSEN.

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE COMMITMENT TO CONTINUING COLLABORATION
AND JOINT PLANNING EFFORT AMONG STAKEHOLDERS IN SUPPORT OF THE STATE
OF IDAHO JOINT LAND USE STUDY (JLUS).

WHEREAS, Ada County Highway District is a county-wide highway district organized
and existing by virtue of Chapter 14 of Title 40 of the Idaho Code, and has jurisdiction and
responsibility for all public highways and public rights-of-way within Ada County, Idaho, except
for state highways and freeways; and

WHEREAS, the JLUS is an ongoing planning process accomplished through the
collaborative efforts of a comprehensive list of stakeholders in a defined area of study in
Southwest Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the JLUS stakeholders include local community and federal officials,
residents, business owners, Native American tribal governments and the United States military;
and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Idaho JLUS is to protect the viability of current and future
missions at Mountain Home Air Force Base (MHAFB), the Mountain Home Range Complex
(MHRC), Gowen Field, and the Orchard Combat Training Center (OCTC), while at the same
time guiding growth, sustaining the economic health of the region, protecting public health and
safety, and private property rights; and

WHEREAS, military installations and operations in Idaho are critical to local, regional,
and state economies; and

WHEREAS, throughout the country, incompatible development has been a factor in the
curtailment or reduction of military training operations; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect the military mission in the State, the health of the
economies and industries that rely on them, and in order to consider the rights of adjacent
private property owners, collaboration and joint planning among the installations, counties and
local communities must occur throughout Southwest Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the military must also acknowledge the rights of private property owners
when evaluating mission expansion or contraction; and

WHEREAS, new development may create compatibility issues, often referred to as
encroachment, which may have significant impacts on community safety, economic
development, and sustainment of military activities and readiness; and

WHEREAS, encroachment is a threat to military readiness and is currently one of the
military’s greatest concerns; and
WHEREAS, collaboration and joint planning among military installations and local communities and agencies should occur to protect the long-term viability of existing and future military missions; and

WHEREAS, working together also enhances the health of economies and industries of the communities before incompatibility becomes an issue; and

WHEREAS, the JLUS stakeholders may actively participate in the public process involving development projects that may have an adverse impact on military operations; and

WHEREAS, each jurisdiction that conducts the public process for new development within its boundaries will coordinate and collaborate on development projects that may have an adverse impact on military operations. To aid in the implementation, each jurisdiction and military institution may develop individual Memorandums of Understanding as needed or desired; and

WHEREAS, the “Idaho JLUS” document was published August 2010 following a 2 year collaborative study and is considered a living document to be used and updated as required by the JLUS stakeholders;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ada County Highway District Board of Commissioners believes that it will be mutually beneficial to work together with other participating jurisdictions, Mountain Home Air Force Base, and the Idaho National Guard to implement the JLUS strategies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ada County Highway District Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of coordination and collaboration to help foster communication and joint planning among military installations and local communities and agencies, which will help protect the viability of current and future missions, while at the same time guiding growth, sustaining the economic health of the region, protecting public health and safety, and respecting private property rights.

Adopted and approved by the Board of Commissioners of the Ada County Highway District on the _____ day of August, 2013.

ADA COUNTY HIGHWAY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

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