DATE: March 11, 2015

TO: ACHD Commissioners, ACHD Director,
ACHD Deputy Directors

FROM: Cody Homan, Project Manager

SUBJECT: 9th & Fulton Pedestrian Signal – Move Construction from FY16 to FY15
ACHD Project No. 815001.004
Consent Agenda Item:
March 25, 2015 Commission Meeting

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The 9th & Fulton Pedestrian Signal project is currently scheduled for construction in FY16. Design plans are complete and no ROW was needed. Bid documents can now be prepared and the project can be put out to bid for construction. Staff recommends moving construction of the project to FY15.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:
This project is a Community Programs project using Core funds. ACHD staff identified the project as an opportunity to improve pedestrian movability and safety in the downtown core of Boise. The two ‘T’-intersections of 9th St & Miller St and 9th St & Fulton St are close, causing confusion on where to cross 9th St when walking from Miller to Fulton or vice versa. A pedestrian signal and cross walk in-between the two intersections (on the north side of Fulton), will allow a safer crossing. This project will improve pedestrian access to commercial and civic destinations including the Boise Contemporary Theater, Foothills School of Arts and Sciences, and the Boise Public Library. The City of Boise and CCDC have been members of the project team and both support this project. Staff recommends moving this up because it is a needed safety project, ready for construction and FY15 funds are available for construction.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:
The FY16 budget amounts are shown above. These same amounts ($149,000) would be needed in FY15 for construction if approved. Because the funds needed exceed the $100,000 threshold allowed for Budget Committee approval, the Commission must approve the request for the construction to proceed in FY15. The Budget Committee recommends utilizing available FY15 funds to construct the project in FY15, and has determined that there are sufficient funds available to complete this project in 15.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:
This project was approved by the Commission as part of the FY15-16 Budget and the 2015-2019 Integrated Five Year Work Plan.
SCHEDULE IMPLICATIONS:
If funds are approved for FY15 construction, substantial completion of the project is set for July 20, 2015 based on a notice to proceed (NTP) date of June 5, 2015.

ALTERNATIVES:
1) Approve moving construction of the project to FY15.
2) Reject moving construction of the project to FY15.

RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends Alternative 1, Approve moving construction of the project to FY15.

cc: Project File
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